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Athens, Tennessee

Tuesday-January 14, 2014

Local and State News

◆ McMINN DROPS TO #6 IN METH LABS

A new report on methamphetamine production in Tennessee has McMinn County ranked number six in the number of meth labs in 2012, the last year for which data is available. Anderson County led the list with 130 meth labs, Hamilton County was second with 85 labs, Shelby County was third with 76, Putnam County had 66 labs, Warren County reported 63, and McMinn County had 62 meth lab incidents in 2012. The report says meth production in Tennessee remains at high levels. It also says the number of meth labs have declined in the only two states that have laws requiring prescriptions to buy medications containing pseudoephedrine. Those states are Oregon and Mississippi.

◆ A BIG THANK YOU ISSUED FROM AUB

Athens Utilities Board is saying "thank you" to everyone who acted last week to reduce power consumption. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says TVA's system was strained almost to the point of requiring electrical circuits to be shut off when the temperature plunged to 1 above zero last Tuesday morning. TVA put out a call to AUB and other power distributors across its 7-state region for voluntary load reductions. Scarbrough says not long after AUB and other distributors asked customers to turn off lights and unused appliances, televisions, and chargers, TVA saw the actions directly in their power operations center. Scarbrough says the cumulative effect of everyone doing what they could, even if only a little, made a real difference.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Southwest Airlines pilots that mistakenly landed at the wrong Missouri airport were grounded Monday, less than a day after they touched down at a small airfield that gave them only half as much room as normal to stop the jet. The airliner had come dangerously close to the end of the runway, where it could have tumbled down a steep embankment if it had left the pavement.

◆ During Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign, her aides kept a meticulous "political hit list" containing the names of members of Congress who had "burned her" by endorsing Barack Obama according to an upcoming book on Clinton's political "rebirth". The list includes ratings for each member on a scale from 1 ("most helpful") to 7 ("most treacherous").

◆ The ban on tap water for parts of West Virginia has been lifted, ending a crisis for a fraction of the 300,000 people who were told not to drink, wash or cook with water after a chemical spill tainted the water supply.

◆ In Sweden, an experimental procedure has raised some ethical concerns. Nine women have successfully received transplanted wombs donated from relatives. The women were born without a uterus or had it removed because of cervical cancer and will soon try to become pregnant with their new wombs.

◆ Target Corp began a major public relations effort to apologize to customers for an unprecedented cyber attack on its network. They were vague in providing details about what they knew and when.

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WEATHER

Tuesday - Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 50's.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain in the evening. Chance of snow showers after midnight. Lows in the lower 30's.
Wednesday - Mostly Cloudy. 30% chance of snow. High 38.
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Tuesday-January 14, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Remi Lauren Anderson was born January 7th at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Jonathan and Heather Snell Anderson of Cookeville. Both parents are originally from Athens.

McMINN CO. HOUSE MAKES NATIONAL REGISTER

A McMinn County house is one of eight Tennessee sites to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. The M.A. Helm House on County Road 657 near the Clay Hill community was built in 1858. The wood porch on the house dates to the early 20th century. A potato house, brick smoke house, and spring house still stand on the 50-acre property. M.A. Helm was a well-known businessman in Athens and lived in the house until he sold it in 1874. The yard was noted for its beautiful boxwoods.



Obituaries

Roy Lee Wilson, age 81, of the Idlewild Community near Athens died Sunday at Erlanger. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S.A.F. and the National Guard, and had worked at Bowater for 40 years. A funeral will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Smith.
Dolores Price Masengil, age 83, of Lookout Mountain (and a lifetime resident of Englewood) died Sunday at her residence. She was the Englewood Librarian from 1976-1997. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Geneva L. Anderson, age 69, of Cleveland died last Saturday at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Wade "Joey" Hubbard, age 41, of Loudon County died unexpectedly on January 6th at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. He was the brother of Sherry Wiseman of Athens. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marjorie Ellen Watson, age 70, of Etowah died Sunday at Starr Regional-Etowah. She had worked at Athens Stove Works and at Krystal, and was a CNA. Private graveside services will be held Wednesday with visitation Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bordwine.

Janice McManaman Fairbanks, age 66, of Athens died last Saturday at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

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TODAY IN HISTORY- JANUARY 14th

1741 - Benedict Arnold, the American Revolutionary War general and traitor, was born. Arnold was in command of West Point in 1780 and devised a scheme to surrender the fort to the British. The plan was exposed before it could take place. Arnold escaped to New York City, where he became a general in the British army.

1914 - Henry Ford began the assembly-line method of building cars on this date. The first car to roll off the line was the famous "Model T" Ford.

1963 - Democrat George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

2005 - A European space probe sent back the first detailed pictures of the frozen surface of Saturn's moon, Titan.

2008 - Republican Bobby Jindal, the first elected Indian-American governor in the United States, took office in Louisiana.



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