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Thursday, February 12, 2015

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State & Local News

◆ CHARGES FILED IN MANVILLE SHOOTING

A Madisonville man has been charged with attempted 1st Degree Murder following a shooting incident at the Johns Manville Industrial Plant near Etowah. McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says his office received a call Tuesday afternoon saying that Danny C. Thompson, 69, had come to the plant, approached a contractor employee identified as Richard Garren, drew a handgun and fired at him. The gunshot missed Garren. Witnesses say Thompson then left in a beige SUV. Detectives learned that a long-standing dispute over family issues had existed between the two men. Sheriff Guy located Thomas' SUV at his home on County Farm Road near Madisonville. Thomas surrendered without incident. Sheriff Guy was able to retrieve the firearm used in the shooting. It was a 45 caliber handgun with one spent shell still inside. Thompson was booked into the McMinn County Jail and released on \$50,000 bond.

◆ MARCH ELECTRIC RATES TO DROP

Athens Utilities Board reports its electric power rates will be falling again in March. Spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the drop is a result of a lower TVA fuel charge for March. March is the last of TVA's four winter-season rate months.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Craig Stephen Hicksman, 46, was charged in the shooting death of three honors students in North Carolina. Hicksman had clashed with the victims before. He was charged with three counts of first-degree murder and ordered held without bail Wednesday morning.

◆ Hundreds of thousands of Iranians gathered in the streets of Tehran on Wednesday to celebrate the Islamic Revolution chanting "Death to America". Thousands of signs read "Down with the U.S." and "Down with Israel."

◆ Wilfrido Cardenas Hoffman, 31, a Venezuelan who pleaded guilty to making random threatening phone calls to residents of Newtown, Connecticut, shortly after the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in December 2012 will be sentenced Thursday. Hoffman, 31, faces up to five years in prison after federal prosecutors said he used a voiceover IP app to place more than 90 phone calls from his home in Venezuela to 47 telephone numbers in Newtown.

◆ Tennessee has a state flower, a half-dozen state songs, a state bird, a state tree, and even a state amphibian. Now, state Representative Jerry Sexton says it's time for Tennessee to have a state book. Sexton has introduced legislation to designate the Holy Bible as the official state book.



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WEATHER

Thursday - Chance of flurries in A.M. High lower to mid 30's.
Thursday night - Mostly clear. Lows 14 to 17.
Friday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 30's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Claxton VFD Gets Grant

The Etowah United Fund recently awarded a funding grant to the Claxton Volunteer Fire Department. The Etowah United Fund was organized over 50 years ago by a group of business leaders to assist organizations in the Etowah area. The photo shows Claxton Fire Department members Alan Dyke and Daniel Chesnow with United Fund member Thom Johnson.



Obituaries

- **Isabell Rice**, age 88, of Tellico Plains died last Friday at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. this Sunday at Myers Funeral Home in Tellico Plains, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m..
- **Hugene (Gene) Casteel**, age 68, of Englewood died Tuesday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Elizabeth Land**, age 84, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Starr Regional of Athens. Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Sunrise Cemetery. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 6.62 at 17,862.14. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 0.06 at 2,068.53, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 13.54 at 4,801.18.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ This Friday, Feb. 13, is the last day of loose leaf pickup in the City of Athens. If you have leaves at your curbside, call 744-2745 today to get put on a work list to have your leaves vacuumed up.
- ✓ The Gem Players present the mystery comedy, *Murder for Dummies*, on February 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and on Feb. 22 and March 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah. General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Tuesday, Feb. 24, is a special "tax break" night with tickets \$10 at the door. The plot concerns a bookkeeper who decides to set up the perfect murder by preparing a "special" glass of tea for his victim.

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