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Thursday, February 19, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

- ◆ **TVA CALLS FOR POWER REDUCTION**  
 Temperatures are forecast to dip into single digits in the Athens area. TVA, AUB, VEC, and other utilities are asking customers to voluntarily reduce power use as much as possible. They suggest you turn off lights, appliances, and electrical equipment when not in use. Lower your thermostat to 68. Postpone using hot water and avoid using electric clothes dryers. The voluntary reduction is needed to help avoid power interruptions on the grid.
- ◆ **SEVERAL HELPED BY WARMING CENTERS**  
 Two churches in McMinn County provided warm shelter, food, and a place to spend the night for people who were without electricity Tuesday night. Union McMinn Baptist Church fed 27 people, but no one stayed the night. Englewood Church of God had four people who spent the night. The McMinn County Emergency Management Agency Director, Tom Trotter, says there were originally more than that, but they went home when their power was restored. Both of the churches were open again on Wednesday.
- ◆ **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**  
**Athens City Schools** will be closed for the rest of the week. Teachers should report on Friday for in-service from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **McMinn County** and **Meigs County** schools have decided to remain closed for the rest of the week due to the weather. **Fairview Christian Academy** will be closed the rest of the week. **Etowah City School** and **Christ's Legacy Academy** will be closed on Thursday.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ President Obama has rejected the notion that groups like ISIS are operating from a religious foundation, labeling them simply as terrorists, adding that the United States is at war with those who have "perverted Islam." The president added: "We are not at war with Islam. We are at war with people who have perverted Islam."
- ◆ The University of Massachusetts Amherst has overturned a controversial ban that would have prohibited all incoming Iranian students from participating in certain graduate engineering and natural sciences programs. The idea was to prevent the students from acquiring the knowledge that could advance Iran's nuclear program.
- ◆ A 500-pound fireball meteor going 45,000 miles per hour, caught by NASA Meteor Watch cameras, illuminated skies above Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York early Tuesday. NASA believes the meteor came from an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
  - ✓ The McMinn County Election meeting that was cancelled Tuesday has been rescheduled for today at 12 noon.
  - ✓ A pancake breakfast to support Boy Scout Troop 624 will be held this Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's of Athens.
  - ✓ The Athens Parks Department has partnered with the nationally acclaimed Doyle Baseball Academy to offer top level training for local youth on March 21. America's No. 1 Camp will instruct baseball and softball players ages 6 to 15 in hitting, throwing, and fielding during the one-day school. The school will be held from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at Athens Regional Park. Tuition is \$45 per player. To register for the school, call Jamison Sliger at 744-2704.

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**WEATHER**

**Thursday - Mostly Sunny.** High 18 to 21. Wind chill -10 to +5  
**Thursday night - Partly cloudy.** Low 9 to 12. Wind chill -5 to +5  
**Friday - Mostly cloudy.** 40% snow mostly in the morning. High 30 to 32. Snow or rain mix Friday night. Low near 30.  
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### Winter Wonderland Scenes

The ice that froze on tree limbs, branches, power lines and just about everything else left a winter wonderland in the Athens area. The photo below of an early-blooming Mock Orange Bush was taken by Stephen Pell in his yard.



### Obituaries

• **Kay M. Lowe**, age 68, of Niota, died Sunday at her residence. She was retired from Thomas and Betts. A private family service will be held at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.

• **Kenneth R. Akins**, age 77, of Benton, died Wednesday morning. He was a well known chicken farmer and a former TSSAA softball umpire. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

#### NOT ALL BIRDS GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

Jennifer Hardison sent us this photo of a beautiful cardinal perched on ice-covered branches in the Athens Highlands.



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This photo was made off County Road 319 near Niota. The sun shining directly through hundreds of ice-encrusted tree branches turns the ordinary into something completely spectacular. (MORNING FAX™ staff photo)