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State and Local News

◆ ATHENS TO BECOME A "GIG CITY"

Athens is on its way to becoming a "Gig City." Athens Utilities Board has signed agreements with Volunteer Energy and the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga that will bring high-speed fiber-optic broadband internet service to businesses and industries in the Athens area. AUB is leasing fiber optic lines between Athens and Ooltewah. The one gigabit broadband signal is coming from EPB in Chattanooga. AUB says it has no immediate plans to offer one gigabit service to residential customers.

◆ GOVERNOR SIGNS MORE BILLS INTO LAW

Governor Bill Haslam has signed legislation that requires all of Tennessee's law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies to ban racial profiling. Supporters say the measure is in response to a series of incidents involving white police officers killing unarmed black men over the last year.

The governor also signed legislation that helps homeowner associations keep repeat offenders out of their communities. The "Neighborhood Protection Act" allows homeowner associations or neighborhood watch groups to ask a judge for a restraining order against criminals who have committed multiple crimes in the neighborhood.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Smoke filled the cabin of a Delta Air Lines jet that had departed from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Thursday causing the plane to be diverted to Charleston, South Carolina, from its original destination, LaGuardia Airport in New York. Delta followed procedures to divert "after a performance issue with one of the Boeing MD-88 aircraft's two engines was observed."

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ September Song will be in concert tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at The Arts Center in Athens. Tickets are \$12 and \$8. For more information, call 745-8781.
- ✓ Athens Public Works Director Shawn Lindsey will join the Leadership McMinn Class to lead people on a tour of the Rails to Trails Project this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Meet at 1300 East Madison Avenue across from Fairview Road.
- ✓ The Athens Federal Foundation will award \$96,045 to charitable organizations in the area during 2015. Grant applications will be available June 1st at any Athens Federal Community Bank office. Last year, the Foundation awarded \$89,783 to 25 local non-profit and charitable organizations.



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WEEKEND WEATHER

FORECAST

Friday - Sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 80's.

Friday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60's.

Saturday - Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 80's.

Sunday Night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60's.

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Church News and Events

- St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah will hold a Community End of the School Year Celebration tomorrow from 4 to 7 p.m., with food, live music, games, and inflatables.

- A group of seniors from the Fairview Christian Academy recently traveled to the Dominican Republic for their senior mission trip. They participated in village Bible clubs, distributed tracts, and helped do general maintenance around a church. Pictured below, back row, l-r: Mary Beth Ranck, Greg Ranck (FCA School Administrator), Immanuel Gerecke, Xavier Holcomb, Will Hall, Abigail Newberry. Front, l-r: Abby Ranck, & Missionaries: Allie Hale, Gary Hale, Maria Smith, Wes Smith.



Obituaries

• **Luther "Pete" Skinner**, age 82, of Athens died Thursday at his daughter's home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #43 of Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks advanced following a two-day sell-off, as investors continue to process corporate earnings reports and economic news. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 806.57 million shares traded. Advancers outnumbered decliners by roughly a 3-to-2 margin. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 82.08 at 17,924.06. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 7.85 at 2,088.00, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 25.90 at 4,945.54.

MORE CHURCH NEWS

- Athens Lutheran Church will have a Family Fun Game Night at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8. Various family fun games and snacks will be provided. Also, tomorrow, Athens Lutheran Church will have a free sewing clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring any of your clothes that you need help in mending. The church is located at 710 Forrest Avenue in Athens.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - May 8

1541 - The Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River.

1884 - Our 33rd President, Harry S Truman, was born in Lamar, Missouri.

1886 - The popular beverage called Coca Cola was first made. The ingredients were mixed by John Pemberton at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta.

1917 - Kenneth Taylor, the man who paraphrased the Bible into the popular "Living Bible," was born.

1945 - President Truman declared V-E Day, the end of World War II in Europe.

1970 - The album "Let It Be" by the Beatles was released.

1978 - David Berkowitz pleaded guilty in Brooklyn to the "Son of Sam" killings.

1999 - The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet.