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Wednesday-July 18, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ AUGUST UTILITY RATES TO BE LOWER

TVA says it will cut the wholesale rates for electricity by 2 percent in August. Local utility companies will pass that savings along to their customers. Athens Utilities Board spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the typical residential customer will see a decrease of about \$1.90 in their monthly power bill in August compared to July.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:


- ✓ The Meigs County-Decatur Chamber of Commerce will present the 2nd Annual Ladies Social and Fashion Show this Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Decatur Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Call 334-5496 or 506-6589.
- ✓ The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program will be offered starting Tuesday, August 7th, to Thursday August 30th, at the Etowah Community Center. The program will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It is a low-impact, joint-safe exercise specifically for people with arthritis. The program will be taught by UT Extension Agent Sarah Kite, who is an Arthritis Foundation certified instructor. Classes are free. Call 263-6575 or 745-2852 to reserve your spot in the class.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke gave a gloomy assessment of the economy in a report to Congress Tuesday, but gave no hint that the central bank might offer new monetary stimulus. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 78.33 at 12,805.54.
- ◆ The accounting firm Ernest and Young has released a study showing that President Obama's proposed tax hikes on the wealthy could cost the economy more than 700,000 jobs.
- ◆ A gunman wielding an assault rifle opened fire early Tuesday at a bar in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, wounding 17 people.
- ◆ Congressman Chuck Fleischmann is the leader at this point in campaign money for Tennessee's Third District Congressional race. Fleischmann says he ended the month of June with over \$730,000 cash on hand. He says that is over three times the amount of money that Scottie Mayfield has raised.
- ◆ County commissioners in Campbell County, Tennessee, have rejected a resolution to allow snake handling in churches. Snake handling is illegal in Tennessee. Andrew Hamblin, pastor of Tabernacle Church of God in LaFollette, wants to change that law. He talked to his state representative, who said he would need a resolution from the county commission in order to take the issue to the legislature. The county commission voted no.



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### Big Snake Drops Power in Athens

Most of the City of Athens was without electricity Tuesday afternoon, when a large snake ventured into the 13,000 volt portion of the North Athens substation and was blown-up. The explosion was heard over much of North Athens which opened-up the bus breaker and shut off power to about 5800 customers. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough sent us a photo of the remains of the snake.



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### Obituaries

**Elizabeth Temple James**, age 91, of Etowah died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

**Adoracion Alcazar**, age 91, of Athens, formerly of Metarie, La., and a native of Costa Rica, died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Catholic Church, with receiving of friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Jacob Whiting (top) and Nathan Turner got their first practice run down the big hill yesterday at the All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Jacob will compete in the Super Stock Division and Nathan will compete in the Stock Division. Live reports continue this week on WYXI RADIO AM-1390 with the championship series to be held on Saturday. Photos provided by Athens Parks Dept.



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