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Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ POWER RATES TO DROP IN NOVEMBER

Athens Utilities Board says local electric power rates will fall slightly in November as a result of lower TVA fuel charges. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the decrease will be small, averaging less than a quarter for residential customers. Scarbrough advises homeowners to plan for the winter weather by ensuring that your heating system is tuned up for optimal efficiency, clean or replace air filters, check all windows, doors, and other openings to see if repairs, insulation or weather stripping may be needed to help keep cold air out and warm air in, and consider setting your wintertime thermostats to 68 degrees.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Municipal Building. Among the items on the agenda are consideration of a proposed sales tax ordinance and consideration of a proposed resolution to lower the property tax rate should city voters approve a sales tax increase next March.

✓ Tickets to the 2015 Mother-Son Dance sponsored by the Athens Parks Department are still on sale. The dance will be Nov. 7th at McMinn High School. Tickets are at the Parks Dept. office.



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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ According to U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, hobbyist drone operators will soon need to register their devices with the federal government. A framework for a national drone registry should be established by mid-November, with some rules in place by mid-December.

◆ Police are still searching for a gunman who opened fire at a Florida zombie-themed convention. One person died and four others were hospitalized

◆ Sanafi al-Nasr, a senior al-Qaeda leader has been killed in a coalition airstrike in northern Syria. He was a top leader of the al-Qaeda branch known as the Khorasan Group.

◆ Henriette Reker, the leading candidate for mayor of Cologne, Germany has won the election a day after she was stabbed. She remains in stable condition after she was stabbed in the neck in a knife attack during a campaign event.

◆ Two shark attacks occurred Saturday on two separate beaches of Oahu, Hawaii. This is the third shark attack in eight days in that same area.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were little changed as investors digested economic reports and disappointing earnings data. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 14.57 at 17,230.54. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.55 at 2,033.66, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 18.78 at 4,905.47.

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Tuesday night - Clear. Lows in the lower 40's.

Wednesday - Sunny. Highs in the lower 70's.

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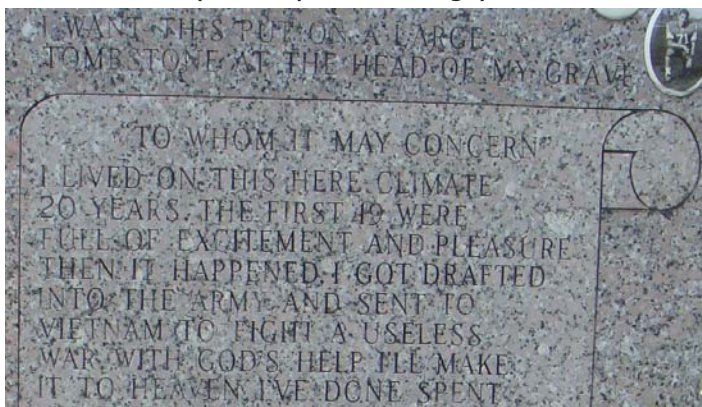
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Unusual Gravestone Epitaph

The Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association has been surveying cemeteries in McMinn, Monroe, and Polk counties. Among other things, they have been looking for unusual epitaphs on the headstones. Executive Director Gerald Hodge, Jr., says they have not found any particularly unusual epitaphs. He did mention the grave of SPC Danny Roberts who was killed in Vietnam at the age of 20. His final request was for a big tombstone containing the engravings of a letter he wrote while in Vietnam. His grave is located in Shady Grove Cemetery on Mecca Pike. SPC Robert's picture is on the front and back of the stone. The letter is engraved on the back. (Photo by Gerald Hodge)



Obituaries

- **Julia E. Norwood Elkins**, age 90, of Athens, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Athens. She owned and operated her own business as a hair dresser in her home for many years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Joyce Mae Hooper Shafer**, age 63 of Sweetwater, died Saturday, October 10th at a local hospital. A celebration of her life will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Serenity Funeral Home.
- **Kathy Sue Walters**, age 61, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. She was born in Ohio and spent the last 22 years in Monroe County. A Celebration of her Life will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at O.A.A. (Outreach Across America) Worship Center in Madisonville with visitation from 6-8 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in her home state of Ohio. Serenity Funeral Home and Cremation Center of Etowah is in charge of local arrangements.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Dr. Martha Maddox at Tennessee Wesleyan College is organizing another European trip open to students and the entire community. The trip goes to Germany, Austria, Italy, and Switzerland and will be June 8-18, 2016. Informational sessions will be held October 28th at 12 noon in the Glen Lowe Dining Room in the Sherman Fine Arts Building and on November 3rd at 5 p.m. in room 110 of Elliott Hall on the TWC campus.

TODAY IN HISTORY - October 20

1811 - Fulton's steamboat, "New Orleans", built in Pittsburgh, sailed down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. It was the first steamboat in western waters. Passage on the "New Orleans" was \$30.

1818 - The U.S. and Canada agreed to establish the 49th parallel as the official boundary between both nations.

1913 - Country singer Grandpa Jones was born. His real name was Louis Marshall Jones. His hit records included "T For Texas" and "The All-American Boy." He was a regular on the TV show "Hee Haw." He was also a member of the Hee Haw Gospel Quartet.

1930 - One of the most memorable of all radio shows, "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes", was first heard on the NBC Red network. Its debut entry, "The Speckled Band", featured William Gillette in the role of the famous detective. Gillette introduced Holmes to New York audiences as early as 1899 ... on the stage, not the radio, of course.

1931 - Baseball star Mickey Mantle was born. He hit 536 home runs during his career with the New York Yankees.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Jerry Wallace who lives in Northern McMinn County. Jerry is a regular listener to WYXI RADIO and enjoys our "Musical Parade" program which airs each weekday at 3 p.m. On a recent program we featured music by some well known "guitar pickers". Jerry came by our studios a few days later and showed us his "Wallace 12-String" model that was built by his brother David, the craftsman and owner of Wallace Guitars of Niota. Jerry said that Jim Ed Brown, Sonny James, Duane Eddy, and Wesley Crider have all picked on his guitar.

