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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ AUB RATES TO CLIMB IN JUNE

Although the official start of summer won't arrive until late in June, TVA's summer rate season begins June 1st. AUB says that will push local power rates up slightly compared to May. TVA's rate schedule has three seasons. Summer is June through September and has the highest seasonal base rates. Winter is from December through March. The remaining four months in spring and fall are considered "transition" months and have the lowest base rates.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The U.S. 11 Antique Alley Yard Sale is officially underway today through Sunday, also sellers began setting up as early as Tuesday. Motorists should use extra caution when driving up and down Highway 11 and be on the lookout for vehicles slowing down and even coming to a stop in the roadway at times. Also, watch for vehicles pulling away from the scene of yard sales.
- ✓ If you see lots of people doing yard work, painting, or washing vehicles at various agencies today, they are volunteers participating in the United Way's annual Day of Caring.

National - World News

◆ A special counsel has been appointed by the Department of Justice to investigate Russian interference into last year's presidential election. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein has appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller to "oversee the previously-confirmed FBI investigation of Russian government efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election, and related matters."

◆ The United States Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday that department leaders will meet this week in Europe to discuss expanding the current ban on laptops aboard international flights to the U.S.

◆ At least one person is dead and 25 injured after a suspected tornado caused massive damage to a mobile home park in north-western Wisconsin on Tuesday. Injuries ranged from minor to major and about forty mobile homes were destroyed at the Prairie Lake Estates in Barren County, Wisconsin.

◆ President Donald Trump will travel to four countries over eight days beginning Saturday, May 20th, for his first foreign trip as president.

Michael's of Athens will be opening at 11am on May 20th, 2017 for McMinn County High School's Graduation



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A REALLY "COOL" MOVE

A huge crane was brought into Downtown Athens on Wednesday to lift and set in place a new air conditioning unit for the new Courthouse Annex across from the Courthouse. Traffic on Madison Avenue was blocked for several hours while the crane did its work.

(Photo by Dick Pelley)



Obituaries

♦ **Charles D. Smith**, age 89, of Nashville, and formerly from Etowah, died Monday. After serving in the Navy, he worked with the railroad. He and his late wife, Jo Anne Watts Smith, operated the Hitching Post Restaurant for over 30 years. Graveside services will be held at 12 noon Friday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Anna Marie Hooper Anderson**, age 90, of Athens, died Monday at Sweetwater Hospital. She served as a substitute teacher for many years. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks plunged and volatility mounted as renewed political turmoil in Washington cast doubt on whether President Donald Trump can push forward with a pro-growth agenda that had helped drive stocks to repeat record highs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 372.82 at 20,606.93. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 43.64 at 2,357.03, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 158.63 at 6,011.24.

MORE RESTAURANT INSPECTION SCORES

Here are the results of the most recent inspections at restaurants in Englewood, Niota, and north McMinn County:

Dixie Pig BBQ, Highway 411 N., Englewood - 99

County Line Snack Bar, CR 308, Sweetwater - 98

Sugar Shack, Niota - 97

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