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Friday, July 21, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ **AS SUMMER HEATS UP, POWER RATES GO DOWN**
 Summer's heat is here along with the shirt-soaking seasonal humidity so common in the Southeast. But, there is a glimmer of good news. AUB says the local power rate will decrease in August based on a slightly lower monthly fuel charge from TVA. The lower August rate versus July will shave about \$2.80 off the average residential customer's bill based on using 1160 kilowatt hours of energy. However, with the heat of August, AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says many homes will use more than 1160 kilowatts. He says you can take simple steps to save on summer-time bills such as closing curtains to block the sun, lowering the setting on your water heater by 10 to 20 degrees, and keeping your air conditioner on 74 instead of 68.

◆ **CLARIFICATION ON U-TURNS**

The Athens Police Department has asked us to clarify the laws about U-Turns. Police say ALL U-Turns in Athens are illegal. However, motorists can use cross-overs on divided streets like Congress Parkway and Decatur Pike west of Congress Parkway to change directions provided there is no traffic light. That is not considered to be a U-Turn because it involves making two left turns. At intersections with a traffic light, such as in front of the Sonic Drive-In, it is illegal to make a U-Turn. You can go west on Decatur Pike past the light and turn around at the first cross-over.

National & World News

◆ Arizona Sen. John McCain is at home recovering from surgery to remove a clot from his left eye. Subsequent tissue pathology revealed that a primary brain tumor known as a glioblastoma was associated with the blood clot. The senator tweeted that he greatly appreciates the outpouring of support, and that "Unfortunately for my sparring partners in Congress, I'll be back soon, so stand-by!"
 ◆ O.J. Simpson was granted parole Thursday after almost nine years in prison for a Las Vegas robbery. He could be released from Lovelock Correctional Facility in Nevada as early as Oct. 1.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The Etowah Arts Commission will present "ArtSummer Nights" from 6 to 10 tonight at Savannah Oaks Winery in Delano. Attendees can dance the night away to The Randall Bramblett Band. There will also be a dinner and a silent auction. Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds benefit the Etowah Arts Commission.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will present "Hattitudes," a summer luncheon and fashion show. It will be next Saturday, July 29th, with lunch starting at 12 noon. Tickets are \$30.



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Church News and Events

~ Pastor Kevin Harris and Everlasting Life Christian Center will have a back to school event on Saturday, July 29th, with free backpacks filled with school supplies. Applications may be picked up at the Etowah Community Center or the church. There will be licensed cosmetologist present to cut hair.

~ Union McMinn Baptist Church in Niota will have a Back to School Bash on August 5th at 2 p.m. The Bash will include a Back to School message by Bryan Coffey, a performance by REDEEMED, a meal, free school supplies, and a Blessing of the Backpacks.

~ The Carters, Danny and Patsy, will be singing at Union Hill Baptist Church on Sunday, July 30th, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 258 County Road 659, Athens.

~ Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens will have the Appointed Quartet singing at 10:45 a.m. on August 6th.

~ Marshall Hill Baptist Church in Niota will have a one-day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be classes for all ages.

~ A benefit to raise money for medical expenses for Deacon Robert W. Arnwine from Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be held at the church on Saturday, August 5th, at 5 p.m. Various Gospel groups and community leaders will be participating. The church is located at 711 County Road 275, Niota.

~ A "Take the Pews to the People" week will be held at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Loudon July 25th-30th.

Obituaries

♦ **Sergeant First Class Peter Bruce McGuire**, age 65, of Athens, died Monday. He was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served in the Tennessee Army National Guard for 29 years. A celebration of life service will take place at the National Guard Armory in Athens this Saturday with visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. with the service to begin at 6 p.m. Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Dickie (DJ) Hardin**, age 70, of Athens, died July 4th. In the obituary we published yesterday, the date of the service was inadvertently left out. The service will be Saturday, July 29th, at 2 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Athens.

♦ **Bill L. Thompson**, age 78, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care of Athens. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked at CSX for over 20 years. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

♦ **Polly Pickel Anderson**, age 90, of Decatur, died Thursday at Maple Court Assisted Living in Powell, TN. She was a former Meigs County Circuit Court Clerk. Funeral services will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

♦ **Charles Lee Henegar**, age 85, of Southgate, Michigan, formerly of Athens, died July 5th at his home in Southgate, Michigan. He worked for 30 plus years as a trucker for Imlach Movers/Atlas Van Lines. He is survived locally by his brother, Jim Henegar, and his wife Pat, of Athens. Solosy Funeral Home of Lincoln Park, Michigan was in charge of arrangements.





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