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Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ POWER RATES TO FALL IN SEPTEMBER

Local power rates will slide lower next month. As a result of lower fuel charges from TVA to AUB, the September rate will lower the average AUB residential utility bill by about \$3.60 based on the use of 1160 kilowatt hours of energy.

◆ ATHENS HOSTS 25,500 VISITORS

The City of Athens says the official attendance numbers for the eclipse showed there were a total of 25,500 non-residents inside the Athens city limits with 10,487 of those inside the Athens Regional Park. There were people documented from more than 35 states and 20 foreign countries inside the park. The McMinn County Airport was jammed with 100 planes which flew in for the eclipse. As you can see, planes were lined up along the runway.



The photo to the right was sent to us by Durant Tullock and shows part of the eclipse crowd in Etowah.

More Local News

◆ FATAL WRECK ON CONGRESS PARKWAY

A 39-year-old Sweetwater woman died Tuesday after plowing her SUV into the rear of a tractor-trailer on N. Congress Parkway at Lawn Street. The cab of the south-bound tractor was in the median, waiting to turn onto Lawn Street, and the trailer, with the left turn blinker active, was still in the left lane, waiting for the northbound traffic to clear. The victim never slowed the SUV and was reported dead at the scene. Her name was not released by Athens Police.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Cloudy. High 83.

Wednesday Night - Cloudy.

Low 59.

Thursday - Sunny. High 82.

Thursday Night - Clear.

Winds light & variable.

Low 58.

More Weather at: wysi.com

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• **TOMORROW - Loudon - 10:45-1:30**
• **FRIDAY - Sweetwater 10:45-1:30**
• **SATURDAY-Loudon Riverfest @ Legion Park - 5pm till Dark**



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More Eclipse Photos

The photo to the right was taken by TVA and shows the solar eclipse above the cooling towers at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant near Spring City.



Obituaries

- ♦ **Geneva H. Logan**, age 76, of Etowah, died Monday at her home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Chattanooga National Cemetery, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Dallie Jo Oresik**, age 84, of Decatur, died last Saturday at her residence. A Remembrance of Life Service will be conducted on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the North Ocoee Chapel of Jim Rush Funeral Home in Cleveland.
- ♦ **Dollie Mae Coleman Shell**, age 72, of Riceville, died Monday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks rose the most in a week, led by strong gains in the technology and consumer discretionary sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 196 points or 0.9% to 21,900. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 24 points or 1.0% to 2,453, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 84 points or 1.4% to 6,297.

◆ AUB ISSUES STATEMENT ON BROADBAND

Athens Utilities Board issued a statement late Tuesday saying that the internet technical issues have now been resolved at the McMinn County Clerk's office in the new Courthouse Annex. A special data line that ties the clerk's office into the state's database had failed earlier. General Manager Eric Newberry says that the data line was repaired and tested Tuesday night.



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