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✓ AUB says the overall power rate for April will rise a bit compared to March based on a higher fuel charge from TVA. At the same time, TVA's "transition rate" for April will actually fall a little compared to March's rate. As a result, AUB's residential customers will see a slight increase in April.

✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library is now circulating Wi-Fi- Hotspots to library card holders. Each hotspot provides free Internet access through Verizon Wireless and can connect multiple devices. Hotspots may be checked out for a seven day period. There is no charge to patrons for this service if the device is returned undamaged and on time.

✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a meeting on Monday, March 22nd, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. To join, call 745-7782.

◆COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 3-18

796,624 cases, up 661. 11,681 deaths, up 23. Tennessee: **ACTIVE COUNTY CASES DEATHS** McMinn 6,079 up 2 94 93 Meigs 1,287 up 3 23 16 Monroe 5,485 up 7 83 92 Polk 1,846 up 2 45 24 Bradley 142 13,575 up 18 415 Rhea 42 4,209 up 4 74 up 1

Car Flips on County Road 422

The driver of this 2003 Mitsubishi lost control, hitting a power pole and rolling over, on Wednesday evening around 6:30 on County Road 422, Englewood. The driver escaped injury. The Englewood Rural Fire Department responded. McMinn County Deputy Josh Hyde investigated the accident.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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Obituaries

- Stephen Eugene Crisp, age 26, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. He was a graduate of McMinn County High School where he was a member of the band. He played piano at Niota Methodist Church. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- Ronda Michelle Williams Boyd, age 54, of Athens, died Wednesday at her residence. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 22nd, at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- Billy Joe "Bill" Hughes, age 79, of Niota, died Wednesday at Starr Regional of Athens. He retired as foreman in the gas division of AUB after 39 years of service and then worked part time at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home for many years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs, with visitation from 3 to 7 p.m.
- Shirley J. Amos Arnwine, age 73, of Niota, who passed away on Tuesday, January 19th and who's memorial service was planned for Sunday March 21st at Marshall Hill Baptist Church has been postponed. A new date will be set later and will be posted on the funeral home website www.companionfunerals.com
- Margaret (Pixie) Murphy Marshall, age 75, of Madisonville, died Wednesday. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Friday (3-19) at First United Methodist Church of Madisonville. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.
- John T. Shugart, age 59, of Etowah, died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- Gilda Barber, age 87, of Etowah, died Thursday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

Church News & Events

- Athens First Baptist Church will have two Easter Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Everyone is invited.
- Athens Lutheran Church at 710 Forrest Avenue will continue midweek Lenten Services on Wednesday, March 24th, at 7.
- East Athens Baptist Church will have special Holy Week services starting on Sunday, March 28th, at 10:45 a.m. when the Young Musicians' Choir sings and the Sanctuary Choir, along with Joe Nelson, will sing, "Listen to the Hammer Ring." On Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir will perform "Living Hope."
- The Hymnsmen will be in concert at Beulah Chapel Nazarene Church on Highway 68 west of I-75 exit 60 at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, March 21st. All are welcome to attend.
- The Athens Area Ministerial Association will have community Holy Week services at noon Monday through Friday, March 29th-Friday, April 2nd. The location is Market Park pavilion in Downtown Athens. The services will last a half-hour and will feature music, prayer, and a message from a local church pastor.
- Solid Rock Baptist Church on Highway 11 in Calhoun will have an Easter Drive-Thru, "From the Manger to the Cross," from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 2nd and 3rd.
- Christian singer Steventhen Holland will appear at Ascension Life Church in Athens at 7 p.m. on April 9th for a night of praise and worship. The evening is presented by Full Circle Medical Center for Women. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$10.

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Sunday: Lots of sun and

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