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Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Athens, Tennessee

### AUB June Power Rates

For the first time, Athens Utilities Board's (AUB) monthly power rate will push past 10 cents per kilowatt hour next month based on increasing fuel charges from TVA. June marks the beginning of the summer rate season for TVA distributors such as AUB. AUB's base rate for the summer months is still at less than seven and a half cents, at \$0.07412 per kilowatt hour. But TVA's fuel charge for the month is coming in at \$0.02858, which pushes the final rate to \$0.10270. AUB's Wayne Scarborough says, "This month, the fuel cost from TVA, coupled with the fact that we are moving from transition rates into summer rates, will push our final rate past that 10-cent mark." Surging natural gas prices are the culprit for the latest boost in cost. The price of natural gas, which TVA uses to fire some of its power generation facilities, has nearly doubled since the lows of the pandemic's early phase two years ago. Monthly fuel charges are up some 10 percent this year versus last. This will likely add about \$3 to \$5 to a typical AUB electric bill compared to one year ago. About 83 cents of every dollar that AUB's power division collects go to TVA for wholesale power.

### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is held at the Ag-Central Farmers Co-Op located at 920 Congress Parkway North, Athens. The public is welcome, you do not need to be a member to attend.
- ✓ The Meadow Branch Landfill will be hosting an Informational Meeting for the public this Wednesday, May 18th, at the Athens Regional Park at 2405 Decatur Pike. The time is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Reminder: The Athens Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens across from the courthouse. Everything sold at the Farmers Market is grown or produced by local vendors from our area. For more information, check out the website: [picknproducts.org/](http://picknproducts.org/)

### Graduation Schedules for Area Schools

McMinn Central High School will hold their graduation this Friday, May 20th, at 7 p.m. at the McMinn Central Gym.  
 McMinn County High School will hold their graduation this Saturday, May 21st, at 9:00 a.m. at the football field.  
 Meigs County High School will hold both graduation and class night on Saturday, May 21st, at 9 a.m. at their football field.  
 Fairview Christian Academy will have graduation at 6 p.m. Friday, May 20th at the Fairview Baptist Church Auditorium.  
 Christ Legacy Academy is holding graduation on Friday, May 20th, at 6 p.m. at East Athens Baptist Church.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT** U.S. equities were slightly lower. Energy stocks led the market. The consumer discretionary sector declined the most. The 10-year Treasury yield pulled back, after hitting a three-year high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 26.76 to 32,223.42. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 15.88 to 4,008.01, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 142.21 to 11,662.79..

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

- ♦ **Robert M. Ketchersid, Sr.** aka "Uncle Bob", age 80, passed away Monday at his home. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Harold Dean Bohannon**, age 71, of Athens, passed away on Friday, May 13th, at his home. He was a native and life long resident of Athens. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a 3rd generation farmer. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, at the Bohannon family cemetery located on the family farm. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Ruthie Faye Bivens Warner**, age 94, of Athens passed away Saturday, May 14th, at her home. She was the first registered Dental Assistant in McMinn County, having served with Dr. Robert Wolfenden for over 30 years. Prior to that she was a beautician. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday. Funeral services will follow at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens.
- ♦ **Mary Jane Machen Davis**, age 84, of Etowah, passed away Sunday, May 15th. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday in Green Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Ethel Ruth Coleman Ratledge**, age 90, of Athens, passed away Friday, May 13th, at Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville. She was a retired cashier at the White Store. There is no formal visitation or funeral services at this time. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Betty Beatrice Sharitz Duncan**, age 91, of Georgetown, Texas, passed away Monday at her home. The family is having a private celebration of life before she returns to Tennessee for interment. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Obituaries - Continued

- ♦ **Johnny A. Grubb**, age 81, passed away Thursday, May 12th. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Lynn Tracy Brown**, age 83, of Englewood, passed away on Monday, May 16th. He was a native of McMinn County. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Committal services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens.
- ♦ **Braden Hood Jackson**, age 22, of Decatur passed away Sunday, May 15th. He was currently an Apprentice Lineman at Service Electric Company. A funeral service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be in the Beta Cemetery at 11 a.m., Friday, May 20th.
- ♦ **Cheryl Renee McDaniel Winters**, age 67, of Athens, passed away Saturday, May 14th, at her home. She was a native of San Diego, California and a resident of McMinn County. She had been associated with Athens Furniture Company and Denso Manufacturing. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Thursday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. prior to the graveside service.
- ♦ **Frank Allen Bowen**, age 74, of Coker Creek, passed away on May 5th. He was born in Tennessee and moved to Ohio during his childhood. He worked and retired as a long-time employee of UPS after serving in the U.S. Army. He moved back to Tennessee in 1983. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1792** - The New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree on what is now Wall Street.
- 1946** - President Harry S Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.
- 1954** - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.
- 1973** - The Senate Watergate Committee opened hearings into the break-in at Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate Building in Washington.
- 1987** - Thirty-seven American sailors were killed when an Iraqi missile struck the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf. Iraq said its warplane fired the missile by mistake.
- 1992** - Orchestra leader Lawrence Welk died at age 89.
- 1998** - New York Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

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