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TVA: Power Will Cost More

There has been some concern regarding power costs in our area. Wayne Scarbrough at Athens Utilities Board (AUB) says, "It is key to keep in mind that Athens Utilities Board has not raised your power rate. The AUB rate for July is exactly what it was in June, at \$0.07412 per kilowatt hour. In fact, it will be identical in August and September as well." The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), which generates a portion of the region's power using natural gas, is experiencing record-breaking costs in this area and TVA's fuel charge is causing the increase in power costs. AUB saw an approximate 10% increase from TVA from June 2022 to July 2022 in the fuel cost adjustment charge for both residential and commercial customers. The war in Ukraine plays a key role. Experts say that European countries are looking to natural gas supplied by the United States and other countries to reduce or eliminate their reliance on Russia's natural gas. This decreases the natural gas supply here in the U.S. and drives the price higher. Scarbrough offers several suggestions where customers can take simple actions around the home to reduce their use: 1) Turn up thermostats to 75 to 78 degrees. 2) Use curtains, awnings, or other coverings for windows to reduce solar heat gain from the sun. 3) Avoid using the oven between 2pm and 6pm. Use your microwave instead. 4) Use weather stripping on doors and windows to preserve cooled air and keep it inside the house. 5) Use ceiling fans.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Etowah Rural Fire Department reported that on Monday afternoon there was a large brush fire that burned half an acre of land in Etowah. Land owners were burning a pile of stumps when the wind kicked up, spreading the fire to a nearby field. The Etowah Rural Fire and Rescue Department says homeowners should remember to always keep an eye on a brush fire even if you think it is controlled.

♦ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 06/26/22 - 07/02/22

There were 2,397 cases (per day) and 13 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: <u>COUNTY</u>	2,131,198 Total Cases CASES	26,722 Total Deaths DEATHS
McMinn	17,195	265
Meigs	3,495	59
Monroe	15,119	249
Polk	4,876	80
Bradley	34,263	423
Rhea	10,251	161

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.



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Obituaries

• Peter Albinas Paliulis, age 72, of Loudon, passed away Tuesday, July 5th at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a native of Chicago, IL, and a resident of Loudon since 2017. He worked as an automobile salesman. There will be no formal services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• Linda Mae Runion Vallejo, age 71, of Athens, passed away at her home Wednesday, June 29th. She retired from Tri-County Center of Athens. A service celebrating her life was held Sunday, July 3rd. Companion Funeral Home was in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Major indexes closed higher. The market gains accelerated in the afternoon after the Federal Reserve reiterated its strong commitment to combating high inflation. The 10-year yield rose. Oil hovered around \$98/barrel. European stocks jumped after a deep sell-off over the last week. Asian markets were lower. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 69.86 to 31,037.68. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 13.69 to 3,845.08, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 39.61 to 11,361.85.

Today in History

TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 7th

1865 - Four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

1898 - President William McKinley signed a joint resolution of Congress authorizing the annexation of Hawaii. Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959.

1937 - Japanese and Chinese troops clashed, beginning the struggle that led to World War Two in that part of the world.

1940 - Ringo Starr, singer and drummer with the Beatles, was born. His biggest hits as a solo artist were "Photograph" and "You're Sixteen."

1941 - U.S. forces took up positions in Iceland, Trinidad and British Guiana to forestall any Nazi invasion, even though the United States had not yet entered the Second World War.

1952 - The Republican National Convention, held in Chicago, nominated Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Sen. Richard Nixon for vice president.

1976 - President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

