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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ SUSPECT CLAIMS TO BE VEC EMPLOYEE

Volunteer Energy Cooperative say a person recently tried to gain access to a customer's home by claiming to be an employee of "the electric company." VEC President/CEO Rody Blevins says VEC employees can be identified by their uniforms and the VEC photo identification card they are issued. Their vehicles are also identifiable by the VEC logo. He also says VEC employees do not perform work inside homes and will never ask to enter your home.

◆ TENNESSEE TO START ENERGY REBATES

Tennessee will begin giving rebates soon to people who purchase energy-efficient air conditioning and heating equipment. Tennessee is one of the last states to roll out the federally-funded rebates.

◆ AUB TO REPLACE UNDERGROUND LINES

Athens Utilities Board will begin replacing aging underground power lines and transformers in the Ridgeways Subdivision off Matlock Drive starting next Tuesday, July 6. Multiple crews will be working at various points in the subdivision. The new power lines will be inside three-inch conduit and some trenching will be required. There will also be brief power outages during the work. The work will take about 60 days. AUB workers will meet with homeowners to explain the impact on their property.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Hurricane Alex bore-down on Mexico and southern Texas Wednesday, flooding roads and forcing thousands of people to evacuate from fishing villages. Rough seas generated by Hurricane Alex pushed more oil from the massive spill onto Gulf Coast beaches as cleanup vessels were sidelined by the faraway storm's ripple effects.

◆ The Senate voted unanimously on Wednesday to confirm David Petraeus as the new commander of the troubled war in Afghanistan, pinning U.S. hopes on a four-star Army general who helped turn around the conflict in Iraq.

◆ The stock market ended a painful second quarter, dropping again after another disappointing report on the jobs market. The Dow Jones Industrials Average closed at 9,774.02; down 96.28 points.

◆ CNN's Larry King is hanging up his microphone after 25 years as host of "Larry King Live." King, who is 76, estimates he has done 50,000 interviews during his 53-year broadcasting career. He says he always tried to ask short questions and let his guests do the talking. He once said he never learned a thing "while I was talking."

◆ Tennessee remains one of the fattest states in the nation. A new report says more than 30% of people living in the Volunteer State are obese. Mississippi continues to be the #1 state for obese people.

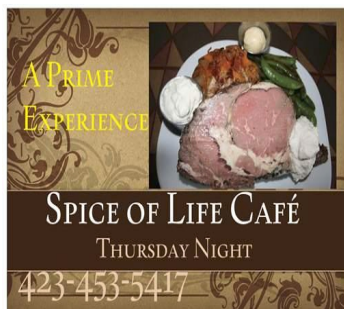


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Outstanding Home School Student

John Offutt of Athens was honored recently by the Mid-East Tennessee Home Education Association as the Outstanding Homeschool student from McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk counties. John is the son of David and Julie Offutt. He will be attending Bryan College this fall, majoring in music. The photo shows John being congratulated by Eddie Bohannon, Mid-East Tennessee Home Education Association Area Coordinator. Looking on proudly are John's parents, Julie and David Offutt.



Obituaries

Norma Ruth Shelton Wade, age 71, of Riceville died Tuesday at her residence. She retired from Riceville Elementary School after 30 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Wreck On Highway 30

The drivers of both vehicles were taken by iCare ambulance to Woods Memorial Hospital following a two-vehicle crash at Highway 30 and County Road 527 Wednesday morning. The driver of the truck stated that the driver of the car pulled onto Highway 30 in front of her.



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