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Local and State News

◆ POWER RATES TO INCREASE IN OCTOBER

The Directors of Athens Utilities Board have proposed an increase in power rates to offset an increase in TVA's power rates. The amount of the increase will be about 1.6%. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says that the increase is simply a pass through of TVA's rate increase. The impact would be about a \$2 increase for the typical residential customer. Even with the base rate increase, TVA's fuel charge for October, which tends to fluctuate every month, is much less than it was a year ago, which means that power bills will be about 5.5% less overall, compared to October of 2012.

◆ TEEN KILLED IN BRADLEY COUNTY CRASH

A 13-year-old girl from Bradley County, Ciara Alexis Pagan, died from injuries last Friday night due to a car crash on Bryan Circle. Ciara was a rear seat passenger in a Ford Mustang driven by Shawn David Toll, age 38, of Bryan Circle, who was injured and taken to Erlanger Medical Center. Two other teenagers were in the car, one was injured and taken to Skyridge Medical Center and the other refused any treatment. Toll lost control of the car in a curve and hit a utility pole. It was the 5th traffic death in Bradley County this year.

◆ GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES SAFETY GRANTS

The Athens Police Department will be receiving about \$27,000 to improve safety on Athens streets. The Athens Rural Fire Department will receive two grants worth \$15,930 and the Calhoun Police Department will receive \$5,000.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ At least 68 are dead after Islamic terrorists attacked an upscale mall in Nairobi, Kenya. The President of Kenya says that two of his relatives were among the victims; his nephew and his nephew's fiancé were both killed in the attack.

◆ In his first public comments since last week's shootings at the Washington Navy Yard, a defiant National Rifle Association executive vice president Wayne LaPierre called for more armed security on U.S. military bases.

◆ A pair of suicide bombers blew themselves up amid hundreds of worshippers at a historic church in northwestern Pakistan on Sunday, killing 78 people in the deadliest-ever attack against the country's Christian minority.

◆ A suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt among Sunni mourners attending a funeral in Baghdad on Sunday, killing 16 people and wounding 35 others. It was the latest episode of Iraq's near-daily violence.

◆ With the 2016 election a little more than three years away, Hillary Clinton says she is in no hurry to make a decision about running for president. Clinton said the seemingly endless speculation about her possible run is tiring, both for her and for America.



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WEATHER

Monday - Patch A.M. fog, otherwise Sunny. High-upper 70's.
Monday night - Partly cloudy. Low-upper 50's.
Tuesday - Partly sunny. 20% rain. High-near 80.
See our Zoom Radar at:
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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut for New Business

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for a new local business; Big Bear Carpet Cleaning. The new business is owned by Ryan and Krystal Newton. They're on Facebook at *BigBearCarpetCleaning* and their phone number is 744-4595. In the photo: (Left to Right) Chamber Diplomat Melissa Campbell; Chamber President & CEO Rob Preston; Owners Krystal, son Colton, and Ryan Newton; Chamber Diplomats Brenda Lowe and Vicky Bown.



Obituaries

Martha Jean Roberts Hoke, age 89, of Athens, died Saturday at NHC of Athens. She worked with the Grumman Corporation until her retirement. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangement.

Jeffery L. Matthews, age 51, of Niota, died Friday at his home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at New Bethel Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD: MCHS 19 Oak Ridge 28;

McMinn Central 14 Polk County 21; Meigs County 6 Rockwood 47; Walker Valley 14 Bradley Central 38; Tennessee 17 Florida 31; Tennessee Titans 20 San Diego Chargers 17. Athens resident Eric DeGrave was at the TN-FLA game and sent us this photo showing the Big Orange crowd in the Florida "Swamp".



TODAY IN HISTORY-SEPTEMBER 23

1800 - American educator William McGuffey was born. He wrote a book called "McGuffey's Reader" which was used by almost all schools for many years in teaching children to read.

1806 - The Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

1846 - The planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

1930 - Singer Ray Charles was born. He went blind at the age of 7. His hit records included "I Can't Help Loving You" and "Georgia On My Mind."

1943 - Singer Julio Iglesias was born. One of his biggest hit records was "My Love."

1950 - Congress adopted the U.S. Internal Security Act, requiring all Communists to register. The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled the law as unconstitutional.

Just In Case You Missed It: Here's a photo of a full arc rainbow that was visible over most of Athens Saturday afternoon. The photo was taken on Tellico Avenue looking east.

