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Friday, April 15, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ GET THOSE FISHING POLES READY!

The 18th annual free Kids Fishing Derby will be held next Saturday, April 23rd, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Athens Regional Park. The event is for boys and girls 12 and under. There will be over \$2,000 in prizes, including two tagged trout, one worth \$500 and the other worth \$250. Participants do not need a fishing license to participate, but must bring their own rod and reel. All participants must register on site and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The TWRA will stock the lake with over 800 rainbow trout a few days before the derby.

◆ AUB POWER RATES TO FALL AGAIN IN MAY

AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says power rates have not been this low since October 2013. Scarbrough says rates will drop again in May. The May rates will be one percent below the current April rates and six percent below where they were a year ago. He says the reason for the low rates in May is the fact that May is a "transition" month and transition months have the lowest base rates each year. He also says TVA's fuel cost adjustment for May has gone down.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The public is invited to attend an Open House this coming Monday, April 18th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the McMinn Memorial Nursing Home and Rehab Center. You can learn about skilled nursing care, meet the staff, and see the \$2 million renovation project.
- ✓ The McMinn Historical Society will have a Pancake Breakfast tomorrow from 7 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's in Athens.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Governor Bill Haslam has vetoed the bill that would have made the Bible the official Tennessee state book. Haslam cited an opinion by the state's attorney general that the bill might violate the U.S. Constitution. Republicans plan to try to override the veto.

◆ Rescue crews are frantically searching to find survivors who may be trapped beneath the rubble of collapsed buildings after a powerful 6.5-magnitude earthquake tore through southern Japan near Kumamoto city on the island of Kyushu.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The employees of Waupaca Foundry invite everyone to a free Community Fun Day Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the L&N Depot. There will be hot dogs, music, a bounce house and slide, horse shoes, a magician and more.
- ✓ The McMinn Living Heritage Museum Guild's annual Trash and Treasure Sale will be April 26th through the 30th. Donated items will be received April 18th-22nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 23rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Sale will be held this year at the former American Bedding Company building at 276 Dennis Street.
- ✓ The Athens Civitan Club's 36th Annual Special Olympic Track & Field Event will be held Saturday at McMinn County High School. Registration for athletes begins at 9 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.
- ✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library will be offering a free class on Excel this Monday, April 18th, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Excel spreadsheet program can help you organize your finances, schedules, and much more. Call 745-7782 to register.

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Church News & Events

- ~ The Oak Grove Male Singers will appear at Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene on Highway 68, six miles west of Exit 60 at Sweetwater, Saturday, April 16th, at 6 p.m. A love offering will be received. Everyone is welcome.
- ~ Kyla Roland will sing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens on April 23rd, at 11 a.m.
- ~ The Niota United Methodist Church Women will have a Chicken Supper on Saturday, April 23rd, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Chicken Breast, two sides, roll, dessert, and drink for \$7.00. Dine In or Carry Out.
- ~ Pastor Larry W. Saunders and the members of Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ will celebrate their 15th church anniversary on Sunday, May 1st. The service will begin at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road in Athens.
- ~ The First Annual Decatur Area Prayer Breakfast will be held on May 4th at Decatur First Baptist Church. The breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. and ends at 8 a.m. You are invited to join in praying for our national, state, and local leaders. Enjoy a breakfast buffet, special music by Brad Harris, and an inspiring message from Dr. Tony Crisp. Tickets are \$8 each. For tickets, call Sheila Idol at 462-5057 or go by Debra's Florist.

Obituaries

- **Mabel Dennis**, age 97, of Riceville, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Patrick "Paddy" George Mahood**, age 85, of Niota, died Saturday at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native of Dublin, Ireland and a resident of McMinn County since 2003. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Ziegler funeral Home with visitation from 4-6 p.m.

HONORS FOR BELL & HOWELL

State Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville and state Rep. Dan Howell of Bradley County are the recipients of the "Legislator of the Year" Award from the Tennessee Development District Association. The two lawmakers are pictured holding their awards. Others in the photo are Beth Jones, Polk County Mayor Hoyt Firestone, Bradley County Mayor Gary Davis, Marion County Mayor David Jackson, and McMinn County Mayor John Gentry.




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Mon-Fri
at 3 p.m. &
Saturday
from
12:10 p.m.
to 2 p.m.



WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Cloudy. 20% rain. Highs - upper 60's to lower 70's.

Friday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40's.

Saturday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60's to lower 70's.

Sunday - Sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 70's.

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