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Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ POWER RATES TO RISE IN JULY

The cost of electricity will edge up slightly in July as compared to June due to a rise in generation fuel costs for TVA. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says July will be the first month since August 2014 that local rates will exceed nine cents per kilowatt hour. Scarbrough also points out that June through September are summer rate months, and those months have a higher base rate from TVA than do the winter, fall, or spring months. Scarbrough says homeowners can lower electricity use by limiting opening and closing doors, using curtains for windows to reduce heat from the sun, and checking all doors and windows to have proper weather stripping.

◆ UPDATE ON FATAL HIGHWAY 163 CRASH

State Trooper Travis Ryans said in his initial report on the wreck last Friday on Highway 163 that killed a Tellico Plains man that seatbelts might have made a difference. However, Trooper Ryans says further investigation revealed that David Harris was wearing his seat belt at the time of the wreck, but the seat belt broke due to the impact. Trooper Ryans says the pickup truck Harris was driving was an older model truck, and the seat belt broke at the point where it was bolted to the floor.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ According to new numbers from the Energy Department, the cost to fill up the gas tank continues to increase. The national average price of regular unleaded fuel is now at \$2.40 per gallon. The average is up about 2 cents more in the past week, but it's 44 cents below what drivers were paying a year ago at this time.

◆ The Shanghai Disney Resort is scheduled to open its doors to visitors this week. History is being made as this will be the first Disney park in mainland China.

◆ Noor Mateen, the 30-year-old wife of the shooter at the Orlando gay club massacre, is being considered for possible criminal charges. A law enforcement official said that she may have known something about the incident in advance but claims she tried to talk her husband out of the assault.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The next Athens Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" will be held tomorrow, June 16th, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The event will be hosted at Life Care Center of Athens at 1234 Frye Street.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education holds its monthly meeting tomorrow, June 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street, Athens.

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Leadership McMinn Graduates

The Leadership McMinn Class of 2016 recently held their graduation at the McMinn County Airport with a theme of "Take Flight." Leadership McMinn is sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, and is designed to develop, train, motivate and recognize future leaders in McMinn County. The 2016 class participants were Erin Blankenship, Jordan Curtis, Matt Dannel, Kerri Prince, Jona Garrett, Michael Herr, Justin Hicks, Erin Holbrook, Alise Ionashku, Beth Jackson, Natalie Kelly, Sherry McKee, Alex Mora, Gene Owenby, Brandon Shell, Pamela Taylor, Tracey Wright, and Lisa Dotson (program director).

(Photo by Lisa Dotson)



Obituaries

• **Wilburn Rucker**, age 77, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks dropped as concerns over a British exit from the European Union continue, and the U.S. Federal Reserve began their two-day meeting. Stocks closed low for a fourth consecutive day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 57.66 at 17,674.82. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3.74 at 2,075.32, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 4.89 at 4,843.55. Crude oil prices fell \$0.42 to \$48.46 per barrel.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ An "Incredible Baby Shower" will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Etowah Community Center. The event is for women who are pregnant, just had a baby, breast-feeding, or planning on starting a family in the near future. The free event is sponsored by the Etowah Community Center, the HOPE Center, the McMinn County Health Department, and the Tennessee Department of Health WIC Program.
- ✓ The UT Extension Office-McMinn County will offer classes on "How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk (ette)" starting June 21st from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Niota Library. The classes are free, but are limited to 15 participants. To register, call the library at 568-2613.

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