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Local & State News

◆ AUDIT SAYS TVA WAS OVERCHARGED

An audit says a contractor, Bechtel Power Corp., overcharged TVA by more than \$6.8 million to help finish construction on the Unit 2 reactor at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. The Chattanooga Times Free Press says TVA's Office of Inspector General claims Bechtel overcharged for overtime, meal expenses, craft labor costs, and an incorrect rate for a veteran construction program. Bechtel disagrees with the findings. TVA says it is negotiating with Bechtel over proper payments.

◆ FORGETY TO SERVE ON WELLNESS CAUCUS

State Rep. John Forgety of Athens has been named to serve on a new Wellness Caucus created by members of the Tennessee General Assembly. The caucus consists of 37 members from both the House and Senate who will study and propose new solutions to important health and wellness issues in communities across the state. Rep. Forgety says "as a former coach and physical education instructor, health and wellness have always been very important aspects of my life."



Is It Coach Greg Schiano?

Multiple news outlets, including ESPN and USA Today, are reporting that Ohio State University defensive coordinator Greg Schiano is in line to be named the new UT Vol head football coach. Schiano was head coach at Rutgers for 12 years with a 68-67 record. He was coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, with a record of 11 wins and 21 losses. Many Vol fans are not happy with the possible choice of Schiano. Among other things, they're upset over reports that he knew about the child sex abuse scandal at Penn State while he was an assistant coach there. Meanwhile, the Vols ended their season by losing to Vanderbilt, 42-14.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Etowah Rescue and Rural Fire will be accepting applications for the Christmas for Kids. Applications can be picked up on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 5 to 8 p.m. through December 16th. You must have proof of residence, proof of income, and a working telephone number.
- ✓ The guest on Chamber Chat, the Athens Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, will be Adrian Schmidt with U.S. Cellular at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI, AM-1390, FM 94.5 & [Here](#).

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Jay Carrol Thomas**, age 53, of St. Petersburg, Florida (and formerly of Athens), died Nov. 18th. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3.
- ♦ **Thomas Lee Raper**, age 74, of Riceville, died Friday at UT Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Nancy Wilkins Dooley Burn**, age 88, of Athens, died Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with visitation from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the church parish hall. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Judith "Judy" Rose Baker Pickett**, age 75, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died November 21st. She grew up in Etowah, where her father was a coach, high school principal, and later superintendent of schools for McMinn County. She worked as a chemical laboratory technician in Charlotte, taught second grade in Etowah, and then taught school in Charlotte for 34 years. Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Howard Thomas Williams**, age 75, of Etowah, died Thursday at his home. He worked construction as a concrete finisher. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Maple Springs Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Dorothy Jane Pugh Creps**, age 93, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional of Athens. Services were held Sunday at Athens Lutheran Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.

More Obituaries

- ♦ **Dr. Robert J. Shearer**, age 79, of Etowah, died Saturday at his home. He was a dentist for 35 years. He retired from the Army National Guard as a full colonel. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Green Hill Cemetery, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Heather Standridge Barnes**, age 47, of Riceville, died Saturday at UT Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Viola "Sip" Hyde**, age 83, of Delano, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

HIGHWAY 411 WRECK INJURES THREE

A Thanksgiving night wreck on U.S. 411 south of Etowah caused slight injuries to the driver and sent two passengers to Erlanger. The car overturned and went down an embankment around 9 p.m. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded, along with the McMinn County Sheriff's Office and State Troopers Alex Barger and Gordon Roberts.

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