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Athens, Tennessee

## Strange Taste In Water

**FROM ATHENS UTILITIES BOARD:** Over the past few days, a few Athens Utilities customers have called in saying their water has a funny taste to it. Etowah Utilities recently put out a news release about the same issue. "This taste that some sense in the water is apparently due to Hiwassee River water, which supplies AUB some of the treated water that is distributed on our system," said AUB's Wayne Scarbrough. "This is not a new issue by any means. There is not a problem with the water from a health standpoint in any way. But there is, for some, a strange 'earthy' taste," he said. This taste is apparently the result of seasonal changes in the Hiwassee River or in the lake that feeds it. "The seasonal changes can include algae growth or simple water turnover, as colder water falls and warmer water rises, which can bring on the strange taste some people sense and some don't," he said. "That is what we've been seeing on our water system, particularly with customers who live closer to the pipe that transports treated water to Athens from the Hiwassee Utilities Commission (HUC), which gets its water from the river. But some customers who live on the same road taste nothing," Scarbrough said. "We've seen the same thing at AUB. We have had several people to taste water that we have collected from different points on the system. Some taste a little something while others sense no difference in the current water and water from their past experience," Scarbrough said. The water that comes to Athens Utilities from HUC is perfectly safe to drink, even if you do sense that slight 'earthy' taste. The water has been fully treated and tested by HUC and meets all safe drinking water standards. "We feel certain that this odd taste some can sense in their water will go away soon with the seasonal change and the flow of the Hiwassee River getting back to normal," Scarbrough said.

## 23rd Annual Kids Fishing

◆ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Free Kids Fishing Derby, for ages 12 and under, will be held Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Athens Regional Park large lake. Registration will begin at 7 am with fishing from 8-11:30 am. Prizes include a tagged fish worth \$500, along with fishing tackle and other prizes, including additional cash fish. Participants do not need a fishing license to participate, but must bring their own fishing pole and bait, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To be eligible for prizes, participants must be able to cast and reel in their catch, without assistance, until the fish is on land. Tagged fish, including the \$500 fish, must be caught during the event to be redeemed for prizes. TWRA will be stocking the lake with rainbow trout prior to the derby. Once the lake is stocked, the lake will be closed for public fishing until after the fishing derby. Anyone fishing while the lake is closed, will be subject to fines. After the derby, all TWRA rules will apply including fishing licenses and trout stamps. "We are so excited to host our annual fishing derby! The pond at Athens Regional Park is a great place to get acquainted with fishing and gives kids the chance to have fun in their local park. This is a great opportunity for young and first-time fishers to spend quality time with their parent or guardian learning how to fish," said Program Coordinator Derek Phillips. "The \$500 fish and a plethora of other prizes to be won, make this event exciting for the angler, parents, and everyone in attendance. Even if you are not fishing, this is an awesome event to watch." The Athens Regional Park is located at 2405 Decatur Pike in Athens, TN, conveniently off Exit 49 at I-75. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2704 or email the department at [recreation@athenstn.gov](mailto:recreation@athenstn.gov) or visit the website at [athenstn.gov](http://athenstn.gov)



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## Obituaries

◆ **Sharon Ann Bishop Davis**, age 72, passed away May 1<sup>st</sup> after battling ALS. She was a resident of Athens. She graduated with honors from Polk County High School, Tennessee Technological University (BS), and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (MS). She had a great principal and many wonderful teachers and professors that helped her reach her goals. She taught sixth grade English for most of her 45 years at Englewood Elementary School and was known for her grammar songs and chants and formula poems with multi-media art illustrations. She received Teacher of the Year awards from McMinn County and Murray County, Georgia. She requested a private family graveside funeral. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Matthew Bowen Priest**, age 29, of Englewood, passed away. He was a recent graduate of Miracle Lake Christian Training Center. He was a 2012 graduate of McMinn Central High School and was employed at McMinn Memory Gardens. A Celebration of Life will be held at 6:00 pm, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Englewood. Visitation will be from 4-6 pm Thursday prior to the service at the church, Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Gilbert Allen Wicker**, age 84, a longtime resident of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in an Athens hospital. He was born in Athens. He was a graduate of McMinn County High School and retired from Thomas and Betts. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy after faithfully serving his country. Visitation will be Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at Companion Funeral Home in Athens. A service celebrating his life will follow the visitation at 4:00 pm Friday at Companion. The interment and committal service will follow in the Meigs Memorial Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

## Today Is National.....Day

World Press Freedom Day, National Montana Day, National Textiles Day, National SAN Architect Day (Storage Area Network (SAN) Architects manage America's IT infrastructure). National Raspberry Popover Day, National Bike to School Day, National Chocolate Custard Day, National Paranormal Day, National Two Different Colored Shoes Day, National Specially-Abled Pets Day, National Garden Meditation Day, and National Lumpy Rug Day. National Interpreter Appreciation Day and National Skilled Trades Day are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in May.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT** Weakness in regional banks dampened sentiment ahead of major central banks rate decisions. The rescue of First Republic Bank over the weekend failed to ease financial-stability concerns. Energy and financials led the losses. Bond yields dropped. Anxiety over the U.S. debt-ceiling discussions also helped bonds rally. WTI Crude Oil closed at 75.46 bbl. At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 367.17 to 33,684.53. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 48.29 to 4,119.58, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 132.09 to 12,080.51.

◆ **HOPE FROM THE WELL:** This week on "Hope From the Well," the guest will be Jessica Mizell, graduate and intern of Women At The Well. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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