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Friday-March 21, 2014

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ ELECTRICITY RATES TO FALL A BIT

Power rates for Athens Utilities Board customers will fall slightly in April. The April rate will mean a savings of about \$2.00 for the average residential customer. Spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the decrease is primarily because of AUB's seasonal rate structure coupled with lower fuel costs from TVA.

◆ ATHENS POLICE/FIRE REPORT FOR FEB.

Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler tells the Athens City Council that there were 62 thefts, 13 assaults, 10 burglaries, five motor vehicle thefts, three robberies, and one sex offense in Athens last month. Officers issued 363 citations for moving violations. There were 57 traffic accidents in February, with 15 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 35 calls in February. The calls included seven vehicle accidents, one residential fire, one vehicle fire, two grass fires, and six false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$111,000. Most of that was due to a fire that affected three apartments at 211 Moses Circle.

The Council proclaimed April 2nd as "Blink Out" Day. That's the day of the annual Mock Wreck at MCHS to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving on Prom night. "Blink Out" stands for Because Life Is Never Known.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ President Barack Obama sent a video message to Iranians saying there is a chance of reaching a nuclear agreement with Iran if Tehran takes verifiable steps to assure the West its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

◆ A 16-year-old boy bypassed security in the middle of the night and climbed a ladder to the spire of 1 World Trade Center, the nation's tallest building, where he apparently took pictures. He was arrested on Sunday and charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass.

◆ Two Ukrainian warships were seized by pro-Russian crowds and Ukraine said its troops were being threatened in Crimea as the European Union considered new sanctions against Russia for its annexation of the Black Sea peninsula. Tensions remain high despite the release of a Ukrainian naval commander held by pro-Russian forces.

◆ Roy Orbison's three sons, have helped create a new song by their father that will appear on the 25th anniversary reissue and expansion of Orbison's final album, "Mystery Girl." It will be re-released May 20th with "The Way is Love" one of nine previously unheard songs. Orbison's sons are all musicians but never really got to play music with their dad, until now.

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Fish Fry

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Athens, Tennessee

Friday-March 21, 2014

Church News and Events

- The Haiti Medical Mission Team of First Baptist Church of Decatur, is sponsoring a spaghetti lunch this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Carry-out will be available.
- The men of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church in Athens will have a Men's day breakfast Saturday at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Hugh Dixon from Knoxville. He is also pastor of Cox Chapel Church in Athens. Tickets are \$5.00. For more information, call 423-716-8349.
- There will be a Prom Shop at Christ Community Church, 14 S. Congress Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. There will be free formal wear for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom, school dance, or banquet. The Prom Shop is open to high school, home school, and 8th grade students.
- A silent auction, bake sale, and hotdog lunch will be held at Freedom Baptist Church on Velma Road in Athens from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday to help pay medical expenses for Sandra Tackett, who has been diagnosed with Chiari Malformation and Tethered Spinal Cord Syndrome.
- The youth of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will have a BBQ Chicken Dinner Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$10. The church is located at 800 Decatur Pike, Athens.

Obituaries

Charlotte Lavaughn Patterson Watson, age 68, of Sweetwater, died Thursday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Catherine Parson Wyatt, a resident of Etowah Health Care for past 11 years, died on Thursday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Omer Gerald Ingram, age 76, of Etowah, died Tuesday at his home. He was retired from J.M. Huber Corporation. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Mars Hill Cemetery with Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah in charge of arrangements.

MCHS BAND WINS HONORS

The McMinn High School Band won all Superior ratings at the Middle TN Area Concert Festival held on March 13th. Also, McMinn Indoor Percussion won 1st place at Carolina Indoor Percussion competition last weekend at Carter High School.



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