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Thursday-May 15, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ **JUNE POWER RATES TO INCREASE**
 With the arrival of the summer TVA rate schedule, utility bills for AUB customers will rise in June. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the average residential customer's bill will be about \$5 more than the May bill. Scarbrough says April and May are deemed "transition" months by TVA, but June through September are summer rate months which are the highest of the year.

◆ **ETOWAH IS NAMED A "PLAYFUL CITY"**
 Etowah has been honored as a 2014 Play City USA designation for the second time. KaBoom! and the Humana Foundation named 212 cities across the U.S. as Playful Cities. The communities are chosen for their efforts to make it easy for kids to enjoy balanced and active play. In the past year, Etowah has put a big emphasis on improving its playability by installing new equipment at the City Playground, by resurfacing tennis courts, and offering a wide variety of Summer Camps and programs.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
 ✓ Registration for the Fizz! Boom! Read! Summer Reading Program at the Englewood Public Library is now underway. The program is for children ages 0-12 and begins on June 2nd. The finale will be Movies Under the Stars on June 26th. For information, call Library Director Rachael Jones at 887-7152.
 ✓ There are Zumba Gold classes at the McMinn Senior Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. For information, call 745-6830.

National & International News

◆ Flames engulfed suburban homes and shot up along canyon ridges in the worst of a half-dozen blazes that have broke out in Southern California during a sweltering heat wave. Thousands of residents have had to flee from the fires and so far, around 30 homes have been destroyed.

◆ Burisma, a little known energy company based in Cyprus, has added two new members to its board of directors. Devon Archer was added last week. He was the college room-mate of Secretary of State John Kerry's step-son and was Kerry's finance co-chair during his presidential campaign in 2004. The other new board member is Hunter Biden, the son of Vice President Joe Biden. Burisma has vast natural gas holdings in Ukraine, including exploration permits in an area recently annexed by Russia.

◆ At least 245 coal miners have been confirmed dead in a mine explosion in Turkey. Nearly 450 other miners were rescued.

◆ The National 9/11 Museum will be dedicated today in New York City and will be open to the public beginning May 21st. The museum harbors both personal possessions and artifacts that became public symbols of survival and loss. Portraits and profiles describe the nearly 3,000 people killed by the Sept. 11 attacks and the 1993 trade center bombing.

◆ Mobs burned and looted scores of Taiwan-owned factories in Vietnam following a large protest by workers against China's recent placement of an oil rig in waters disputed and claimed by Vietnam. The mob apparently thought the Taiwan-owned factories belonged to Communist China.

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May 18th - 4:30 p.m.
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TWC'S EXEMPLARY TEACHER

The United Methodist Church has awarded the 2014 Exemplary Teacher Award to Tennessee Wesleyan College's Stephanie Huskey, an assistant professor of exercise and sports sciences. The award recognizes her contribution to her students and the TWC academic community. Along with a certificate, Ms. Huskey received a \$500 check from the United Methodist Church. She was a 2000 graduate from Tennessee Wesleyan.



Mountain Foot Race Planned

Almost 200 runners will participate in a 24-hour, 100 mile-long foot race in the Cherokee National Forest starting at noon on Friday and ending on Saturday around noon. The starting point is at the Olympic Whitewater Center on U.S. 64 in Polk County and the end point is at Parksville Lake. Runners will climb a total of 16,000 feet and follow old logging roads and trails and will run at night. The trails have been marked with reflective tape. Spectators are welcome. You can see a video clip and a map of the course by clicking [HERE](#).

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ McMinn United FC will hold competitive soccer tryouts in the coming days at the McMinn Soccer Complex on McMinn Avenue in Athens.

U9-U10 boys & girls tryouts will be next Monday, May 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

U7-U8 academy teams, boys & girls, tryouts will be next Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

U11-U12 boys & girls tryouts will be Monday, June 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

U13-U15 boys tryouts will be Tuesday, June 3, 5-6 p.m.

U16-U18 boys tryouts will be June, 6-7 p.m.

For more information, call Naomi Clarke at 453-5689

✓ The next Canning Colleges will be at McMinn Co. High School on Tuesday, May 27, at 6 p.m., and Thursday, May 29, at Meigs Co. High from 6-8 p.m. Call 745-2852 or 334-5781 to register.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - May 15

1859 - Pierre Curie, co-discoverer of radium, was born in France. He and his wife, Marie, shared the Nobel Prize for Physics for discovering radium.

1918 - The world's first regular air mail service was established between Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York. The aircraft used was a Curtiss "Jenny" biplane.

1948 - Hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

1972 - Alabama Governor George Wallace was shot and critically wounded at a presidential campaign rally in Laurel, Maryland.

WEATHER: Thursday - 80% T'storms. High-62. Thurs. night - Clear & colder. Low-44. Wednesday - Sunny. High-66. See Zoom Radar at: www.wycl.com

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