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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ POWER RATES TO EDGE UP IN JULY

Local power rates will be going up in July. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says a slightly higher TVA fuel charge is the reason. He says the higher fuel charge will add about \$2.30 to the average residential AUB customer using 1160 kilowatt hours. Scarbrough says you can shave some of the cost from your bill by lowering the setting on your water heater by 10 to 20 degrees and by keeping your air conditioner on 74 instead of 68.

◆ COLLECTING DATA ON STORM DRAINS

The Athens Public Works Department advises that stormwater data is currently being collected across the city. The City of Athens Geographical Information System Technician is working along city rights-of-way in an effort to map stormwater drains, culverts, catch basins, and retention/detention ponds. The current area of data collection is the Ridgeways subdivision and North of Cedar Springs Road.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Meigs County's first Tennessee Catfish Festival will be held today through Sunday. The Catfish Festival will feature a catfish fishing tournament, lots of catfish to eat, and three nights of music in Downtown Decatur at 6 p.m. as the Downtown Summer Nights concert series kicks off in Decatur. A Miss Catfish Pageant will be held Saturday morning in Downtown Decatur.

National & World News

◆ The Georgia prison inmates who had been on the run after one of them shot and killed two Georgia State correctional officers were captured in Tennessee. Donnie Russell Rowe and Ricky Dubose were taken into custody after a car chase in Tennessee. They were captured in Rutherford County about 250 miles from Madison, Georgia, where they allegedly stole a pickup truck.

◆ A blimp, owned by AirSign, an aerial advertising firm based in Florida, crashed Thursday morning in a field about a half-mile from the U.S. Open at the Erin Hills golf course in Wisconsin. The U.S. Golf Association said the pilot was injured. The blimp crashed shortly after refueling.

◆ On Thursday, the Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill to slap new sanctions on Russia and prevent the White House from making any changes without congressional review. The bill mainly imposes new sanctions on Iran, and targets any individual or company that aids the country's ballistic missile program and Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ There will be no Sounds of Summer Concert at Market Pavilion in Athens this Saturday night. The next concert will be on June 24th with music by Nicole "Coley" Jones and Ascension Band.

✓ The McMinn County Commission will hold its monthly meeting next Monday, June 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

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Church News and Events

~ A reception honoring Dr. Carlos Peterson's retirement after 48 years of ministry will be held on June 25th at 2 p.m. at Christ Community Church in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.



~ Each summer, the Athens Area Ministerial Fellowship sponsors a ONE CHURCH Celebration Picnic at Athens Regional Park. The purpose of the picnic is to bring together the various communities of Black, White, and Hispanic churches. This year's picnic will be held on Friday, June 23rd, at 6 p.m. Table service and drinks will be provided. You need to bring your favorite dish and some to share. For more information, call 745-1403 or 435-5867.

~ Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah will have their next Community Harvest Share on Friday, July 7th, at 2:30 p.m. Because of the great turnout last time, they will strive to have even more free vegetables on July 7th.

~ The annual Camp Meeting will be held June 18th through 23rd at MDT Church, 245 County Road 677, Riceville. The Sunday night service starts at 6 p.m. and the weeknight services are at 7. There will also be morning services Monday through Wednesday at 10.

~ The monthly singing night at Nonaburg House of Prayer will be June 24th. The singing will feature music by Willing Vessels from Alabama.

Obituaries

♦ **John Wesley Jones**, age 77, of Athens died Thursday at NHC of Athens. He was retired as a Master Sergeant from the U.S. Army, having served in the Army for 16 years, the Air Force for 4 years, and the National Guard for 3 years. He later worked in the maintenance department at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church of Cleveland. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Sunday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Clarence W. Moore**, age 84, of Meigs County, died Wednesday at his home. He was an Army veteran. He worked as a mechanic at various car dealerships, TVA, Union Carbide, and the State Highway Department. He also drove a school bus for Meigs County schools. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hickory Flatt Baptist Church, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Vonnie Lingerfelt Voyles**, 92, of Edgewater, FL, formerly of Athens, died June 11th. She had worked at Fisher Hosiery Mill, Beaunit Fibers, and Athens Stove Works. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Clearwater Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

LISTEN TO THE MOCKINGBIRD

Jennifer Hardison always has her camera at her side, and she sent us this photo of our state bird, the Mockingbird. Enjoy! You'll have to use your imagination about "listening."



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