### WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Cloudy. 70% rain, possibly heavy. High 77. Wed. night - Cloudy. 70% rain, possibly heavy. Low 65. Thursday - Cloudy. 70% rain, possibly heavy. High 75. Friday- Mostly cloudy. 60% rain. High 80. More Weather at: wyxi.com

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# **State & Local News**

### **♦ LOCAL POWER RATES TO FALL IN OCT.**

Local electric power rates for October will drop by about 1.7% compared to current September power rates despite a base rate increase from TVA that takes place effective October 1st. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says despite the TVA rate increase, the effective rate paid by AUB power customers will be lower because October is a "transition" month which has lower base rates compared to summer and winter base rates.

# **◆ MOST CRIMES IN ATHENS DROP IN 2018**

A comparison of crimes in Athens for the first eight months of 2018 to the same period in 2017 shows a drop in crimes in most categories this year. There have been 467 thefts so far in 2018, compared to 472 for the same period last year. There were nine robberies in the first eight months of 2018, compared to 13 through August of last year. There have been seven sex offenses so far this year, compared to 11 for the same period last year. Police had issued 1650 citations for moving violations through August of this year, compared to 2889 for the same period last year. Crimes were up slightly in three categories. There have been 135 assaults this year, compared to 131 last year. There have been 53 vehicle thefts this year, compared to 51 last year. Burglaries have shown a jump this year, standing at 110 through August. Last year, there had been 83 burglaries through August. Traffic accidents are also up: 231 this year versus 214 last year.

# National & World News

- ◆ Bill Cosby was sentenced on Tuesday to three to 10 years in a state prison by a judge who described him as a "sexually violent predator." Cosby was led out of the Norriston, Pennsylvania, courtroom in handcuffs shortly thereafter.
- ◆ Thousands of people continue to be forced to evacuate in the Carolinas due to rising rivers after Hurricane Florence. A tropical wave off the Carolina coast could become a tropical depression and brush the Carolinas with some heavy rain through Wednes-

### **♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- The Athens Civitan Club's 9th annual Golf Tournament will be held October 8th at Ridgewood Golf & Country Club. For information, call 423-829-5219.
- ✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Nicki Davis, a student about to graduate from Women at the Well. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and ONLINE.
- ✓ The East TN District Senior Olympic Track & Field Games scheduled for today at McMinn County High School have been postponed due to inclement weather. They have been rescheduled for, Tuesday, October 2nd at McMinn County High School. If you have questions, call 423-745-6830 and ask to speak with Tina, Melody, or Morgan.





Please call to inquire about classes.

October 13 (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM) Ruching Quilt Class by Linda Roy Cost \$35

Battle of Athens Exhibit Opening @ 2:30 PM Pumpkintown- Free tours (10 AM - 4 PM)

October 20 (9:30 AM - 3:30 PM) Cost \$45 Easy Arch Quilt Class by Tone Haugen-Cogburn

> October 24 (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM) AQS Session by Tony Lewis, Free

October 31 (2:30 PM - 4:30 PM) Stop by for "Photos & Treats", wear your costume





# **COMING SOON**

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# **OBITUARIES**

- Katie Sue Campbell, age 84, of Riceville, died last Friday at Erlanger Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Glenn Porter, age 82, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- Patricia Darnell Thompson DeBord, age 58, of Etowah, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
- **Donna Marie Dockins Wilson,** age 51, of Decatur died Monday at Memorial Health Care Systems in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. prior to the service.
- Lou Ann Rogers Buckner, age 80, of Etowah, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks ended the day mixed ahead of the expected Fed rate hike. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 70 points to 26,492. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4 points to 2,916, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 14 points to 8,007.

# **Schools Get Security Funds**

Governor Bill Haslam and Commissioner of Education Candice McQueen have announced that all 147 school districts in Tennessee will be sharing in \$35 million to improve safety and security. Earlier this year, school facilities and safety procedures for all school systems statewide were reviewed in an effort to determine the security needs at individual schools. The school districts will receive \$25 million in one-time funding to address vulnerabilities and risks and \$10 million in recurring grant funding for ongoing safety and prevention programs. The money can be used for enhanced door locks, improved visitor screening procedures, shatter resistant glass, and salaries for school counselors, child psychologists, and new school resource officers. Below is a list of school systems in the Athens area and the amount of money they will receive.

**McMinn County Schools:** \$135,500 in non-recurring grants and 184,700 in recurring grants with a \$49,200 local match

**Athens City Schools:** S41,160 in non-recurring grants and \$56,100 in recurring grants with a \$14,940 local match

**Etowah City School:** \$10,170 in non-recurring grants and \$13,900 in recurring grants with a \$3,730 local match

**Meigs County:** \$53,900 in non-recurring grants and \$63,600 in recurring grants with a \$9,610 local match.



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