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Thursday, March 19, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Spring Brings Lower Power Rates

Local electric power rates will fall a bit in April as the spring rate season takes effect along with lower fuel charges from TVA. April and May (along with October and November) are deemed "transition" rate months in TVA's rate scheme and have the lowest base rate of the year.

AUB OBSERVES GAS UTILITY WORKERS DAY

AUB joined utilities across the nation to observe Gas Utility Workers' Day yesterday, March 18th. March 18th is the date of a Texas school explosion in 1937 that led to the widespread odorization of natural gas. The AUB Natural Gas department consists of 10 employees. (Shown below)



More Virus News

- ✓ The NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet & Auction scheduled for March 21st has been postponed. The new date will be announced later.
- ✓ UT Extension-McMinn County has decided to suspend all face-to-face educational events and group meetings through April 30th. This includes arthritis exercise, diabetic cooking school, Tai Chi practice days, diabetes prevention program, and FCE club meetings.
- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts is suspending all March programs, including the Old Time Country Radio Show that was scheduled for March 27th.
- ✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University has decided to move classes online for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Residence halls will remain open for students who wish to stay on campus. In addition, staff offices, the dining hall, the library, bookstore, and more will remain open.
- ✓ The Western Sizzlin Steak House in Athens has closed until further notice effective Wednesday at 4 p.m. The owners say they look forward to seeing and serving their customers again in the very near future.
- ✓ Food City is opening at 7 a.m. and designating 7 to 8 a.m. for seniors and those customers with underlying health conditions. Ingles Supermarket in Athens is closing at 10 p.m. each night to give employees more time for cleaning, sanitizing, and restocking.

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RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Closed until further notice. We want to thank all of our wonderful customers for their outpouring support during this time and to our amazing and hard working staff. We look forward to seeing and serving our customers again in the very near future. Thank you. **Western Sizzlin - Athens**



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HIWASSEE CHAPTER

more details to follow
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NOTICE

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Very warm with clouds & sunshine. Possible rain & t'storms. High 78.

Thu Night: Warm & cloudy. Low 64.

Friday: Cool with possible periods of rain. High 69.

Fri Night: Cloudy with possible showers. Low 53.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Alice Roberson Cooke**, age 90, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Bubbles Newman**, age 89, of Englewood, died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah.

◆ MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Athens Utilities Board is temporarily suspending disconnections and late fees for non-payment for customers experiencing financial hardship by the coronavirus threat until April 3rd. They will continue to leave reminder notes on past-due accounts per regulatory requirements, but will not disconnect services during this timeframe. While services will not be disconnected during this period, utility bills will continue to accrue. If you are under financial hardship, you should call the AUB office before your due date in order to make a pay agreement. Normal activities and fees per AUB policies will resume on Monday, April 6th.
- ✓ Mid East Community Credit Union has closed the lobbies in both the Athens and Decatur branches. The drive-thru at Athens will operate as normal.

◆ SHOOTING REPORTED AT BLUE COVE

- ✓ The McMinn County Sheriff's department is investigating a shooting that happened Wednesday afternoon at Blue Cove on CR 116. A male was found with a non-life threatening gunshot wound and was taken to the hospital for treatment. Sheriff Joe Guy says that the investigation is continuing and more details will be released later.

Ribbon Cut for Faith & Family

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, Faith and Family Home Care, LLC, located at 130 E. Washington Ave. Chamber friends joining the celebration are pictured: (L-R) Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomat), Mickey Croft (Faith and Family owner), Chastity Croft (Faith and Family), Brittini Wright and Chris Anderson (Chamber Diplomats), Barbara Young, Michelle Wicker, and Debbie Hatcher (Faith and Family), Tonya Hipps and Scott Mashburn (Chamber), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Tina South (Diplomat), Brenda Lowe (Mortgage Investors Group), Connie Woodcock and Lisa Rhea (Diplomats) (Photo by Julie Simbeck)



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\$30 REGISTRATION FEE AFTER 4/10/2020

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