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Electricity Rates on the Rise - AUB Blames TVA



On August 22, the TVA Board of Directors approved a 5.25 percent base rate increase to fund ongoing construction and energy development. AUB will pass this TVA increase onto their ratepayers effective October 1. AUB claims to not be raising our

local rate, but are simply passing along on the increase to the customer. The final result will, however, be the same. The rate move will raise the monthly power bill of a typical household using 1,200 kilowatt hours of energy by about \$4.35. AUB General Manager, Eric Newberry, stated that staff have worked to keep AUB on "solid financial footing" but claims to not be able to "control TVA and their...power increases." September will see AUB rates have a slight decrease as "transition rates" take effect and replace the summer rate. Transition rates are the lowest of the year, with a base of \$0.08009 per kilowatt hour. The fuel charge for October will decrease from \$0.02211 in September to \$0.01958 per kilowatt hour.

"This is normally a time where ratepayers see some of the lowest rates of the year, however, with the recent 5.25% rate increase by TVA, rates will stay close the same as they were in the summer," stated AUB's Amy McDonald.

Community News You Can Use

- McMinn County 4-H Chicken Show and Sale will take place on Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. at AgCentral Co-op. Three breeds of laying hens will be available: Rhode Island Red, Brown Star, and Barred Rock. All buyers are welcome. For more information, call 423-745-2852.
- McMinn County Voting Machine Technicians & Harp Enterprise will be setting and testing the voting machines for Early Voting & Election Day on Thursday, September 26th at 8:30 am in the Conference Room & Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in a called meeting on Monday, September 30th at 5:00 pm in the Conference room for the purpose of setting election calendar, locking provisional ballot bags and any other election business to come before the board.



◆ This week, *Hope From the Well* will feature **Robin Nation & Connie McIntosh**. *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

Charles Marcus "Marc" Preskitt, 63, of Englewood, TN, passed away surrounded by his family at home on Sunday, September 22. A Funeral Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 28, 2024 at St. Joseph the Worker, Madisonville, TN. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 27th in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Interment will follow the Funeral Mass in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Mother Son Dance Tickets on Sale Oct. 1



The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department will begin selling tickets on October 1 for the 32nd Annual Mother-Son Dance, scheduled for November 2, 2024, at McMinn County High School. The event starts at 6:30 p.m., with only 500 tickets available, priced at \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Parks and Recreation office. Photography packages are available for \$14. All tickets will be sent digitally and must be scanned at the door.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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"The Parks and Recreation Department is excited and honored to host the Mother-Son Dance. "We will be ushering in another special night for the Athens community as mothers and sons create lifelong memories and continue the city's tradition," stated Matthew Siniard, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Complimentary refreshments, souvenir gifts for sons, and door prize drawings will be provided. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call (423) 744-2704.

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Activities at Pumpkintown 2024



If you're looking for something to do on Saturday, October 12th, look no further than Pumpkintown 2024 in beautiful historic downtown Athens, Tennessee. "We have a saying here in Athens and McMinn County that if you can't find something to see, do, experience or eat while you're in our little town, it's not our fault", states Friendly City Festival's president Meredith Willson. Pumpkintown has become one of the region's favorite festivals in the last 21 years with plenty of activities for young and old. The festival hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. These activities and more, help festival goers celebrate history, heritage and culture: The Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow is dedicated to the memory of Scott Crisp, a beloved committee member of Pumpkintown until his untimely death in 2016. The beat of the native drum and the notes of a flute will lead you down to Market Park where you will experience tribal dancers, Native American crafts and participate in the famous potato dance! Another fan favorite is the McMinn Regional Humane Society's Adopt-a-Thon/Doggie Costume Contest. Registration for the costume contest begins at 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 at Market Pavilion which is followed by the infamous Mutt Strutt at 10:45. Contest winners will be announced at the

Market Pavilion Stage at 11:45. For more information, visit www.mrhumane.org. The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's 37th Annual Quilt Show entitled "Quilted Creations" will be available to Pumpkintown attendees free of charge during festival/Museum hours. This award winning show produced by the Heritage Quilt Guild will feature more than 100 quilts in a variety of categories. For more information, visit livingheritagemuseum.org or contact at 423/745-0329. CASA Corridor of East Tennessee is hosting two fund raisers this year at Pumpkintown- the Parrot Party Run and Play for CASA as well as the popular Celebrity Dunk Tank. CASA recruits and trains volunteers to act as advocates for children in the court systems of McMinn, Meigs and Rhea Counties. The 5k/Fun Run will take place at Eureka Trail at 8:00 a.m. and registration information is available at www.casacorridor.org. Well known community members such as Vice Mayor Larry Eaton and State Senator Adam Lowe along with other notable community members will be standing by for you to take your shot at the Celebrity Dunk Tank to help raise awareness for abused and neglected children in our community. History buffs and laypersons alike don't want to miss the popular Downtown Historical Walking Tour. Led by The History Honchos-aka Sheriff Joe Guy, County Mayor John Gentry and community leader Paul Willson-you can take a trip back in time through an informative and entertaining journey of Athens the way it was. Highlights include African-American business locations, TWU campus and The Battle of Athens little known facts. You can meet up with The Honchos at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Washington and Jackson Streets. Another highlight of Pumpkintown is Pumpkin Plinko. On North Jackson Street, one of the largest Plinko games in the world is set up by Athens Parks and Recreation Department where young and old alike roll balls down the street through a maze of pumpkins. The object is to score a perfect 30 to win a big prize. A perfect 30 takes a lot of pumpkin luck - come try yours out! Be sure to stop by The Arts Center on North White Street to check out the phenomenal new space and get your creative juices flowing with pumpkin painting starting at 10:00 a.m. until they run out of pumpkins! Free parking is available with a short walk from there to the festival. In addition to all of the above, Pumpkintown will feature shopping at local merchants, live entertainment on two stages, a host of children's activities including pony rides, bounce houses, reptile zoo, petting zoo and over 250 arts, crafts, info and food vendors. Pumpkintown is a free to the public production by Friendly City Festivals made possible by the generosity of the following sponsors: The City of Athens Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, McMinn County Tourism Board, VEC Customer Shares, Tennessee Overhill Association, TVA, Tennessee Arts Commission, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Athens Kiwanis Club, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, Starr Regional Medical Center, Mayfield Dairy Farm, DENSO, Dynasty Pools and Spas, Humana, Valley Oil, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies and Warren Jackson CPAs. Media sponsors include The Morning Fax, The Daily Post-Athenian, WCLE Mix 104.1 FM. For more information on Pumpkintown 2024, please contact Meredith Willson at 423/887-3544 or by email at meredithw2009@comcast.net. Check out the Friendly City Festivals Facebook page or www.friendlycityfestivals.com for vendor maps and general information. *Source: Friendly City Festivals/Meredith Willson*

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Travis Boyd, 31 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,152.90

Dustin Lance, 26 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Shoplifting and Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$3932.45

Robert McDavid, 40 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Reckless Endangerment, Public Intoxication, and Vandalism. No Bond.

Brittany Walton, 35 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Charles Davis, 43 of Madisonville, was arrested by the Athens PD for Simple Possession/Casual Exchange of Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$14,000

April Young, 23 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Allen Randolph, 48 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Assault and Failure to Appear. No Bond.

Terry Lee, 45 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving Under the Influence, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Manufacturing, Sale, Delivery, and/or Possession of Fentanyl, Legend Drugs. No Bond.

Jess Sisson, 46 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation and Evading Arrest. Total Bond: \$4,000.

Teresa Cole, 51 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.



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