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AAA - Gas Prices Remain Stationary

Barely budging since June, the national average for a gallon of gas squeaked out a two-penny increase to \$3.52 since last week. The national average has hovered around \$3.50 per gallon since June 26th.

Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson stated, "Oil prices have fallen quite a bit lately. In April, a barrel of oil was in the upper \$80s, but today, it is \$10 a barrel cheaper. That might mitigate any upward pressure on pump prices."

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand rose unexpectedly from 8.78 million b/d to 9.45 last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks fell from 233 to 227.4 million barrels. Gasoline production rose last week, averaging 10.2 million barrels per day. Higher gasoline demand but lower oil costs may keep pump prices relatively stable for now. The average gas price in Tennessee has fallen by five cents since last Thursday.

Church News & Events

- The Etowah Christian Ministerial Association (ECMA) will be giving away backpacks again this year at the L&N Depot in Etowah on Saturday July 27, from 10 AM til 12 NOON. Participating Churches will be there to furnish the free school supplies to fill the backpacks.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910) 200-2905
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

Linda Darlene Smith, known affectionately as Darlene, passed away peacefully on July 23, at the age of 71. Darlene exhibited a fun-loving spirit and an independent nature that stayed with her throughout life. She planned countless family activities giving the opportunity to create innumerable memories that the family will cherish forever. She loved the family tradition of Christmas in the mountains. Darlene attended Church Alive Ministries where she served in various capacities. Her ministry expanded beyond the U.S. as she made several mission trips to Jerusalem and Mexico. Visitation by friends and loved ones will be held Friday, July 26 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home – Athens, TN. A Celebration of Life Reception will be held Saturday, July 27 at Light of Life Faith Ministries at 3:00 p.m.. Services of loving memory entrusted to M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Athens, TN.

Anna Rymer passed away on Tuesday, July 23. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 26 in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Reliance. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Carole Weigel Finnell, 86 of Meigs County, passed away on Monday, July 22. She was a member of Bethsadia Baptist Church, a 1955 graduate of Meigs County High School and a school bus driver for 37 years. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, July 26 in the Goodfield Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Finnell Family.

Nissan Rogue Named “Coolest Thing Made in Tennessee”



The votes are in, and The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that Nissan Rogue, made in Smyrna, has been voted the winner of the inaugural Coolest Thing Made in Tennessee contest.

The winner was announced Thursday at the official contest luncheon and Smart Solutions for Smart Factories Expo at The Commons at PIE Innovation Center in nearby Cleveland, Tennessee.

The Tennessee Chamber and Tennessee Manufacturers Association, in partnership with the University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services, Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association, and Smart Factory Institute Tennessee, launched this light-hearted competition earlier this summer. The contest sparked a wave of excitement across the state, drawing over 100 submissions from a diverse array of innovators and manufacturers. Participants ranged from high-profile brands like M&M'S® Peanut Better Minis, and Little Debbie Oatmeal Creme Pie to emerging local enterprises showcasing Tennessee's rich tapestry of creativity and craftsmanship.



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What Day is It?

Today In History - July 26

1775 - A postal system was established by the 2nd Continental Congress. The first Postmaster General was Benjamin Franklin. He was paid \$1,000 a year, equal to \$40,801.95 today.

1788 - New York became the 11th state. New York City used to be the capital, but in 1796 the capital was moved to Albany.

1945 - Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party. He was succeeded by Clement Attlee.

1947 - President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1964 - Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa and six others were convicted of fraud and conspiracy in the handling of a union pension fund.

TODAY IS:

- National Coffee Milkshake Day
- National Aunt and Uncle Day

Community News You Can Use

- The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a public input meeting regarding the intent to apply for the BlueCross Healthy Place Grant for Ingleside on Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. at Athens City Hall in the conference room. The Healthy Place playground would be located at the Ingleside Recreation Complex at 615 Forrest Avenue, directly behind the skate park and pool. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at (423) 744-2704.
- The Tennessee Department of Revenue is hosting a FREE Webinar to discuss 2024 legislative updates on July 30 at 10 am Eastern. Revenue staff will provide updates on tax-related legislation that passed during the most recent legislative session. Register for the webinar [HERE](#)

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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A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Southern Restoration and Rentals, located in Riceville.

Southern Restoration and Rentals provide reliable, heavy equipment rentals with a focus on honesty and hard work. With a diverse fleet of machinery, they cater to various construction and infrastructure needs—from excavators to skid steers, they ensure top-notch equipment is maintained to the highest standards. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, county officials, family and owner, Travis Crisp, of Southern Restoration and Rentals, across from Riceville school.

Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Photo

McMinn County Home Sales for June

6/3/2024	\$170,000	Niota Road, Englewood
6/3/2024	\$154,000	County Road 461, Englewood
6/4/2024	\$50,000	Jackson Street, Etowah
6/4/2024	\$225,000	County Road 750, Athens
6/5/2024	\$900,000	County Road 750, Calhoun
6/6/2024	\$212,000	County Road 675, Riceville
6/7/2024	\$ 60,000	County Road 130, Athens
6/10/2024	\$285,950	Crescent Cir, Niota/Athens Pike, Etowah
6/11/2024	\$136,000	County Road 124, Athens
6/11/2024	\$592,900	Walter St., Athens
6/12/2024	\$138,000	Georgia Avenue, Etowah
6/14/2024	\$235,000	Crescent Cir. Niota
6/18/2024	\$297,000	County Road 213, Athens
6/20/2024	\$309,900	County Road 891, Etowah
6/21/2024	\$278,500	Miami St., Athens
6/21/2024	\$365,000	County Road 750, Athens
6/21/2024	\$637,500	Iowa Ave, Etowah
6/21/2024	\$295,500	County Road 604, Athens
6/25/2024	\$570,000	County Road 128, Athens
6/25/2024	\$140,000	Sherwood Ave, Athens
6/26/2024	\$352,000	County Road 550, Englewood
6/26/2024	\$220,000	Fairway Dr, Athens
6/27/2024	\$480,000	County Road 536, Etowah
6/27/2024	\$955,000	County Road 264, Niota
6/27/2024	\$185,000	Co Rd 750, Athens
6/28/2024	\$205,000	Hill St., Etowah
6/28/2024	\$85,000	Lawson St., Athens
6/28/2024	\$228,000	County Road 112, Athens
6/28/2024	\$309,900	County Road 213, Lot 12, Athens
6/28/2024	\$128,000	County Road 270, Niota
6/28/2024	\$360,000	County Road 875, Etowah
6/28/2024	\$195,000	Jackson St, Athens
6/28/2024	\$124,900	Walker St., Athens

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Arrest Reports

Jerry Demay, 68 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$90,000.

Robert Kosher, 41 of Athens, was arrested by the THP for Driving Under the Influence. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Daniel Watson, 47 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Driving Without a License, No Insurance, Violation of Registration Laws, Possession of Schedule II, IV, and VI drugs, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$11,000.

Darrell Bergin, 59 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$4,354.80

Micheal Ritchy, 21 of Madisonville, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Possession of a Schedule VI substance, Evidence Tampering, Driving on a Suspended License, Theft Under \$1,000, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Prohibited Weapons. Total Bond: \$14,000.

Brittany Malone, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for State Violation of Probation from Meigs County. No Bond.

Donald Fairbanks, 51 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry. No Bond Assigned.

Edwin Calhoun, 64 of Athens was arrested by the MCSO for Driving Under the Influence. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Branton Tucker, 32 of Englewood, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving Under the Influence. Bond not listed.

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John Anderson, 35 of Athens was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry, Assault, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$12,000.

Tommas Mealor, 40 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Domestic Assault. No Bond Reported.

Rex Keyes, 37 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$21,000.

Adam Tinger, 34 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Failure to Appear, Forgery, and Theft. Total Bond: \$9,000.

Jacob Monroe, 27 of Englewood, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Assault, Sexual Battery, Domestic Assault, Assault, and Theft between \$2,500 - \$10,000. No Bond Assigned.

Devin Collier, 28 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,858.40

Samuel Carpenter. 20 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving on a Restricted License, Manufacturing, Sale, or Delivery of Schedule II Fentanyl, Casual Exchange/Possession of Methamphetamine for Resale, Possession of Schedule II Oxycodone, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$38,000.

James Presswood, 51 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for

unlawful Possession of a weapon, Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$8,000.

Noel Weidner, 32 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Casual Exchange/Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Tampering with Evidence. Total Bond: \$9,000.

Cody Ricker, 35 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Casual Exchange/Possession of Meth, Tampering with Evidence, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$9,000.

Audriana Downing, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Evading Arrest, Resisting Stop, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Driving on a Restricted License, Altering Title/License Plate, Five Counts of Unpaid Child Support, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Violation of Probation State. Total Bond: \$39,686.

Whitney Yarber, 29 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving on a Suspended License, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Violation of Probation (Monroe County), and Fugitive from Justice. Total Bond: \$77,000

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