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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ COUNCIL TO VOTE ON BEER SALES

The Athens City Council will take an initial vote this evening on whether to allow beer sales at special events in Athens, such as Pumpkintown and the Sounds of Summer concerts. Event organizers, Tim Hughes and Meredith Willson, are asking the Council to change the city's beer code to allow beer sales at festivals and other public events. The proposed ordinance would allow beer permits to be issued only to non-profit, charitable, or political organizations. The Council would review and vote on each application to sell beer at an event. Council members will vote on the first reading of the ordinance tonight at 6 p.m.

◆ AUB POWER RATES FOR JANUARY

Athens Utilities Board says that power rates for January will go down, but only by a tiny amount; about 1/10th of a cent per kilowatt hour. Meanwhile, winter begins this Thursday, December 21st at 11:28 a.m. Eastern. That usually means higher energy use and higher wintertime electric bills. AUB says there are some steps you can take to save energy and money. First, keep your thermostat at 68 degrees and dress warmly indoors. Use inexpensive weather stripping on doors and windows to eliminate drafts and keep doors and windows closed at all times possible. Also, ensure there is adequate insulation in your attic; put an insulating blanket on your water heater and clean or replace your HVAC system filters every month.

National & World News

◆ At least three people died and dozens were injured after an Amtrak train on the inaugural run of a new route derailed near Tacoma, Washington on Monday morning.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Niota fire department celebrated Christmas with local families recently. Throughout the year the fire department worked to raise money to provide a meal, food baskets and gifts for underprivileged families in the local community. The families in attendance were urged to remember the gift of salvation offered

by Jesus. After all Jesus is the reason for the season. Photo courtesy of Travis Newberry.



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Edwin Ray Clendenen, Sr.**, age 84, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He retired from Bowater with 45 years of service. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army. A funeral service will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Julius Spigner Roberson**, age 95, of the Cumberland Hills community near Englewood, died Sunday at East Tennessee Health Care in Madisonville. A funeral service will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at McNeese-Morris Funeral Home in Mantachie, Mississippi. The family will receive friends beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of local arrangements.

WALL STREET SETS NEW RECORD HIGHS

U.S. stocks finished higher Monday following the unveiling of the final tax legislation late last week. If all goes smoothly, Republican law makers expect the legislation to be voted on in the next few days and to have a bill ready for President Trump by the end of this week. There have been 70 record closes so far. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 140 points or 0.6% to 24,792. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 14 points or 0.5% to 2,690, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 58 points or 0.8% to 6,995.

AFCB Debuts New Choir

Athens Federal Community Bank recently formed a Community Choir and last week they performed at the new Dominion Senior Living Center and at Athens Place. The choir is composed of current employees and retirees. The top photo shows the new choir and the bottom photo shows a resident at Athens Place, 96-year-old Tony Dunn, speaking with Sandy Lambert of the Etowah Branch and Athens Federal President & CEO Jeff Cunningham.



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