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State & Local News

◆ BE READY FOR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

- Norfolk Southern plans to perform maintenance and repair work to the railroad today, weather permitting. The railroad crossing at Railroad Avenue and Georgia Avenue will be affected during the work which could take a day or two.

- As part of TDOT's work to widen Highway 30, crews will be relocating and connecting a new wastewater main at the intersection with Elizabeth Street. The area to be affected is Elizabeth Street from Highway 30 (White Street) to the parking lot entrance of the East Side Shopping Center. The closure will be from Wednesday, Sept. 26th to Monday, October 1st, during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night. Access to the East Side Shopping Center businesses will remain for Elizabeth Street and Highway 30 and access to Don Armando's will be via Highway 30 only.

◆ UTILITY RATES TO INCREASE

Athens Utilities Board's directors are considering three rate increases. One is a 1.5% increase by TVA in its wholesale rates which will be effective October 1st. The other two rate actions being considered by AUB would increase power rates just under one percent and would phase-in an increase in natural gas rates over the course of 18 months. Both of the AUB local rate actions, if approved, will be effective November 1st. The power rate increases will add about \$3.00 to the average residential bill. Natural gas users will see an increase of about \$2.00 per month.

National & World News

◆ Brett Kavanaugh, the president's Supreme Court nominee, spoke out Monday in an interview with Fox News, saying, "I've never sexually assaulted anyone" and insisting, "I'm not going anywhere." Kavanaugh's accuser, Christine Blasey Ford is telling lawmakers that "fear will not hold me back from testifying" against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Ford wrote committee chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley a letter offering to both publicly testify and tell lawmakers in person her side of the story.

◆ A 74-year-old man has been found alive in an apartment building in Washington, D.C., five days after it was nearly gutted by fire. The man was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. His identity has not been released.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Cleveland State Community College at 2580 Ingleside Avenue in Athens will host a Medic Blood Drive Wednesday, Sept. 26th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will open its doors at 2:30 p.m. today, Sept. 25, at Christ Community Church at 14 South Congress Parkway. The clinic is for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties who do not have health insurance.

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission machine technicians and Harp Enterprise will be setting and testing e-slate voting machines for the Nov. 6th election this Thursday, Sept. 27th, at 5:30 p.m. in the McMinn County Election Commission office.

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Obituaries

♦ **Nathan Renfro**, age 46, died Friday. He taught social studies to 7th and 8th graders at Etowah City School. He was also a musician and had played bass in many bands in the Cleveland area over the years. A Celebration of Life service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Ernest Franklin Jenkins**, age 64, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Decatur Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jenny Rebecca Johnson Tudor**, age 42, of Decatur, died Friday at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Hammonds Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks mostly fell today on news that China canceled trade talks with the U.S. which were planned to start later this week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 181 points or 0.7% to 26,562. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 10 points or 0.4% to 2,919, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 6 points or 0.1% to 7,993.

Ribbon Cut For WoodmenLife

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, WoodmenLife. Shown in the photo is WoodmenLife representative Teri Freeman (holding scissors), joined by family members and WoodmenLife employees and officers, as well as Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Chamber President/CEO Rob Preston, and Chamber Diplomats Heather Trew of Morning Pointe Athens, Karen Raby of Simons Bank, and Luke Shepherd of Companion Funeral & Cremation Services (Photo by Kay Simmons)



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