

# Local & Area News

#### CHUCK BURRIS NAMED ATHENS MAYOR



Veteran City Council member Mayor Chuck Burris (left) has been chosen by his peers to serve as the Mayor of Athens for another two years. Bo Perkinson (right) was



elected to serve as Vice Mayor. Also at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, the VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award was presented to Sandy Moore, who has served as Executive Director of Keep McMinn Beautiful since 2014. She has announced her desire to step down at the beginning of the year.

### ◆ LOCAL POWER RATE TO EDGE UP

Local electric power rates will move up in December as we move from the "transition" base rate period into the first of four winter rate months. As a result, AUB says the average household will pay about \$2.70 more per month. AUB advises customers to plan now on ways to keep warm air inside and cold air outside. Simple steps include adding additional insulation to attics and crawl spaces, weather stripping around doors and windows, and setting thermostats at 68 or 70.

### **National & World News**

◆ The two warring parties in Yemen have agreed to come to peace talks in Sweden. The Yemeni government, militarily backed by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, will participate in "consultations" with the Houthi rebels, a religiouspolitical movement aligned with Iran. The Houthis announced they would halt rocket attacks against Saudi Arabia and UAE. It's estimated at least 10,000 civilians have been killed. Starvation and diseases like cholera are widespread, and 14 million people are on the brink of famine.

• California wildfires have left 82 people dead and nearly 700 people are still reported missing.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Kay Woods, a student at Women at the Well. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5 or AM 1390 and ONLINE

THE MORNING FAX WILL NOT PUBLISH TOMOR-ROW. WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

SATURDAY:





Wednesday, November 21, 2018 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

### **Obituaries**

• **Kenneth Hutton**, age 81, of Delano, died Monday. He served as a licensed minister and pastor for over 40 years in the United Pentecostal Church International. He served in the Navy from 1955-1963. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

• **Betty Freeman**, age 88, of Etowah, died Tuesday. She was born in McMinn County, lived in Michigan for 25 years, and then moved back to McMinn County. She and her husband ran the Easy Pawn pawn shop for many years. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.

• Stella Mae Womac Hamilton, age 80, of Calhoun, died Tuesday at her home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lower Spring Creek Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks fell as retail and energy stocks led the way lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 552 points or 2.2% to 24,466. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 49 points or 1.8% to 2,642, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 120 points or 1.7% to 6,909.

## **New Shop Opens Downtown**

The ribbon was cut recently for Sullivan's on Jackson, a new clothing and jewelry shop located at 115 N. Jackson St. Pictured, left to right: Brianna Hanson and Luke Shepherd (Chamber Diplomats), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Ronald Moses (Owner's Uncle), Lyndsi Tallman (Future Daughter-in-Law), Spencer Sullivan (Owner's Son), Laura and Tony Sullivan (Owners), Holly Sullivan (Daughter), Eddie Moses (Uncle), Barbara Underdown (Laura's Mother), Lisa Dotson (Main Street), Kim York (Diplomat), Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Becky Wattenbarger (Chamber Board Chairman) (Photo by Kay Simmons)



