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Local & Area News

TWO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WARM PLACE

Two members of the homeless community in Athens took advantage of the Metro Transport "Samaritan House" offer for a warm place to sleep Tuesday night as the temperatures plunged to the upper teens. The facility planned to be open again Wednesday night if needed.

♦ MAIN STREET WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

The Tennessee Main Street Program and the National Main Street Center are working with Main Street Athens to develop a plan for approved economic development in downtowns across Tennessee. As part of the initiative, a survey of the Athens community is being conducted with interested residents and businesses. You are invited to take a few minutes to answer 12 simple questions. You can complete this on-line survey through this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCLSXWM

All responses are confidential and will be collected by the National Main Street Center. Results of the survey will be provided to the Athens Main Street Program in the coming months.

AUB's New Journeyman Lineman

Abe Aziz is Athens Utilities Board's newest journeyman lineman

and the utility's most recent employee to receive advanced certificate an within his field of work. Aziz began his career with AUB in the Wastewater Division in 2013. Just over a vear later, AUB was looking for an apprentice lineman, and Aziz decided to try for the job. The apprentice program is five years of hands-on learning



in the field and in classes. He spent several weeks in Alabama at the Bellefonte nuclear facility practicing safe climbing techniques. In the Photo: (L to R) Line Foreman David Rayl, Lineman Aziz, Director of Operations Kevin Goins, & Power Superintendent David St. John.

OPENING in December - New Insurance Agency in Sweetwater-Athens Market. Great Opportunity for a Licensed Insurance Agent. Contact Dick 423-507-7644.





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Obituaries

• **Rankin L. Rodgers,** age 76, of Sweetwater, died Friday, November 1. At his request there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks edged higher with concerns of the outlook for a possible U.S.-China trade deal. Defensive sectors performed well. Energy and financial sectors lagged. Inflation data came in slightly above expectations. Treasury prices increased. Interest rates dropped.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 92 points or 0.3% to 27,784. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3 points or 0.1% to 3,095, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 4 points to 8,482.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City School Board will host a joint meeting with the Athens City Council on Monday, November 18th, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Athens City Schools Administration Building at 943 Crestway Drive.

✓ This Friday, November 15th, is Celebrate America Recycles Day. Keep McMinn Beautiful reminds you to celebrate by bringing your recyclables to the Recycling Center, 118 Rocky Mount Road, Athens.

Englewood Water Tower Update

The Englewood Water Tower Preservation Committee has opened a fund with East Tennessee Foundation which will support the efforts to restore the Englewood Water Tower. The water tower was built in 1937 using funds provided by the Works Pro-

ject Administration Program, part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. Due to its 144-foot height, the tower can be seen for miles from various locations and has become the icon for the Town of Englewood. It is currently being considered for the National Register, and if selected will become the first Tennessee water tower on the Regis-



ter. A Town Hall meeting to formally announce the project and fund will be held at 6 p.m. today (Nov. 14th) at the Englewood Community Building. Everyone is invited to attend. Contributions will be accepted at the meeting. All contributions will be tax deductible. For more information, call Beth Sizemore at 829-5331. (Photo by Blake McCaslin)

