

### **Athens Teachers of the Year**

Congratulations to Mrs. Joyce Dumont, North City Special Education teacher, for being selected as the Athens City Schools System Wide and 5th-8th Grade Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. Mrs. Laura Fulbright, City Park Kindergarten teacher, was se-



Year. They will now be entered in the Southeast CORE Teacher of the Year competition for the State of Tennessee. Shown left to right: Andrew Kimball, (Supervisor of Federal Programs) Dr. Melanie Miller, (Director of Schools) Mrs. Dumont, Melody Armstrong, (Supervisor of Curriculum) and Angel Hardaway. (North City Instructional Coach)

## AUB Says to Cutback on Gas Use

Athens Utilities Board and other utility companies across Tennessee are under what is known as an "Operational Flow Order" to curtail the use of natural gas. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says there is apparently a shortage of natural gas due to a gas pipeline explosion in Middle Tennessee over the weekend. Scarbrough says AUB has not been told how long the curtailment will last. In the meantime, AUB is asking customers to conserve natural gas by refraining from using any decorative items such as natural gas fire logs, cutting back on the use of gas cooktops and ovens, and adjusting thermostats to a lower level.

#### **MORE TEACHER OF** THE YEAR PHOTOS

The photo on the right shows Andrew Kimball, Dr. Melanie Miller, Laura Fulbright, (City Park Kindergarten teacher) Kristine Walden, (City Park Principal) and Melody Armstrong.







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# **MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT**

• U.S. stocks fell sharply, continuing Friday's sell-off. All sectors ended lower on concerns over the Federal Reserve's pace of interest rate increases and a possible government shutdown. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 508 points or 2.1% to 23,593. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 54 points or 2.1% to 2,546, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 157 points or 2.3% to 6,754.

### **ALEXANDER WILL NOT RUN AGAIN**

Senator Lamar Alexander says he will not run for re-election in 2020. He says it is time to give someone else the privilege as serving as senator. Alexander is the only Tennessean every popularly elected both Governor and U.S. Senator. He is chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library will help you build your computer skills. Tonight, December 18th, is Kindle Help Night. The class starts at 5 p.m. Among other things, you will learn how to check out e-books for free.

✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University will offer a one-hour course in innovation. TWU is offering ten free spots for the community to audit the course. For information, call Anne Montgomery at 423-252-1119.

## **Gifts for Foster Kids**

Resolute Forest Products has partnered with the McMinn County Foster Care Association for many years to give Christmas presents to children in foster care. This year, Resolute employees purchased gifts for 54 children. Pictured from left are Association representative Fay Hicks, Resolute Executive Assistant Beth Bush, Association representative Peggy Carroll, and Resolute retirees Donne Roberts and Ken Keaton.



