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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens Utilities Board reports that for the last five years, AUB has had the lowest power rate among all similar-sized distributors in the Tennessee Valley and among all neighboring distributors. This year, AUB ranks fourth out of 153 valley distributors and in the top three percent of all of TVA distributors in terms of cost competitiveness.
- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Society and Archives will have its December meeting this coming Sunday, Dec. 5th, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. Social time at 1:30 and the meeting will be at 2 p.m. Vice President Tyler Boyd will give a brief "catching up" talk.
- ✓ Meigs County's Downtown Christmas Festival will be held this weekend. Saturday activities will feature a Santa Dash 5K Run, a Christmas Cruise-In, Christmas Tree lighting at 5:30 p.m., food and craft vendors, and a live nativity scene from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The Decatur Christmas Parade will be Sunday at 2 p.m.
- ✓ The Englewood Christmas Parade is tonight at 6:30. The Niota parade is Saturday at 2 p.m.

Starr Regional Lights the Tree

The lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens took place on Tuesday night during a ceremony complete with cookies, hot chocolate and hot cider.

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Obituaries

♦ **Paul Joel Breedwell, Jr.**, age 54, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Tennova Health Care - Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. He was employed by Denso. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Ziegler funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Meigs County Memorial Gardens.

♦ **Gerhard "Gerry" Borstelmann**, age 78, of Athens, died this past Monday. He grew up in Queens, New York, and became a New York City police officer. He helped protect the Beatles when they came to New York. He later moved to Athens where he became a Certified Public Accountant. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with a short service to follow.

♦ **Patricia Ann Perry Hester**, age 65, of Englewood, died Wednesday at her home. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Sullins Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 12-02

Tennessee: 1,321,030 cases up 2,458. 17,296 deaths up 100.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,782 up 20	95 up 15	142
Meigs	2,238 up 2	17 up 1	32 up 1
Monroe	9,978 up 7	95 up 1	134 up 1
Polk	3,263 up 4	28 up 1	33
Bradley	22,708 up 29	198 up 14	229 up 5
Rhea	7,145 up 25	72 up 20	99

Church News & Events

- Athens First Baptist Church will have the annual "Hanging of the Green" service this Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 5 p.m. The Senior Adult Choir will be leading the worship in song time.

- Union-McMinn Baptist Church will have a Live Nativity on Friday and Saturday, December 10th and 11th, from 6 to 8 p.m. The church is located off Niota Exit 56 on County Road 316.

- The East Athens Baptist Church will have its annual "Hanging of the Greens" service this Sunday at 7 p.m. The Youth Choir and Young Musicians choir will share in anthems of praise.

- The 17th Annual Etowah Community Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 9th, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Etowah. The concert features the Etowah Town Band, Etowah Community Handbell Ensemble, and Instrumental Ensembles.

- There will be a Christmas Concert featuring Felix McCullough, **3 Play** featuring Ron Clayton on Sax, Chalmer McDermott on Drums, and soloists Linda Humphrey and Samuel Wiseman. The concert will be at the Cooke Ministry Center, 714 Walter Street, on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

- Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene will host Jason & Kristen Robinson for a Christmas concert at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, Dec. 5th. The church is on Hwy. 68, 6 miles west of I-75 Exit 60.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- Athens Church of Christ will have a Griefshare ministry on Dec. 7th from 6 to 8 p.m.. Call 745-0554 for more information.

- Mt. Harmony Baptist Church of Riceville is having revival services Dec. 3 thru 5th at 7 p.m. Mike King is the Evangelist.

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