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Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ **ATHENS POLICE/FIRE REPORTS FOR FEB.**

The Athens City Council heard the police and fire department reports for February at their Tuesday night meeting.

Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported there were 55 thefts in the city in February. There were 16 assaults, four burglaries, four motor vehicle thefts, three sex offenses, and one robbery. Police issued 323 citations for moving violations. There were 66 traffic accidents, with 11 injuries. There are three vacancies on the police department.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 58 calls in February. Ten of those calls were to vehicle accidents, nine were to commercial business places, and there were 18 false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$394,100. Of that amount, \$330,000 came from a motor home fire on I-75 at exit 49. Losses from a fire at Seaton's were \$15,000, and losses from a fire which damaged several apartments at the McMinn Villa housing project, 212 Westside Avenue, totaled \$47,000.

◆ **POWER RATES TO FALL IN APRIL**

Athens Utilities Board reports that the price of power in April will drop slightly. The reason is a move from TVA's winter season base rate to what is known as the "transition season" base rate. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the difference will save the average AUB customer about \$2.00.

National & World News

◆ More than two years into the fight against ISIS, the U.S. is set to convene the largest gathering of the coalition on Wednesday. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will host the gathering as foreign ministers from all 68 countries in the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS descend on Washington. This is the first time representatives from every country have met since December 2014.

◆ Passengers travelling on certain airlines from countries in the Middle East and Africa to the United States will no longer be allowed to carry-on some electronic devices with them. The United Kingdom is also banning many electronic devices from being carried on certain flights.

◆ For nearly 40 minutes, President Trump met with the Republican conference behind closed doors, delivering what his aides described as a final sales pitch ahead of Thursday's expected House floor vote on the American Health Care Act (AHCA).

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ The Benton MacKaye Trail Association is needing volunteers to help maintain the trail through Tennessee. The Tennessee Overhill has 110 miles of the trail that runs through their area. The next work opportunity will be March 25th in Polk County. If you are interested in taking part, contact Gerald Hodge, Jr., at Tennessee Overhill at 263-7232.



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Wed Night - Cloudy. Low 37.
Thursday - Cloudy. High 62.
Thurs Night - Cloudy. Low 45.
Friday - Cloudy. High 68.

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What's That In the Tree?

You never know what you may see in a tree. Richard Newman was out for his morning walk recently in Veterans Park when he noticed something up a tree. He thought it was just a squirrel, but on closer examination it turned out to be an opossum. That would have been mighty tasty in somebody's stew pot, but Richard just took a photo and left him alone.



◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Meigs Middle and High School Concert Choirs will present their annual *Spring Festival of Choirs, Handbells, and Guitars* concert this Thursday, March 23rd, at 6 p.m. in the Meigs High School Gym. More than 270 choir students will sing, ring, and strum.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will meet on Thursday, March 23rd, at AgCentral. The topics will be installing package bees and spring hive management.

Obituaries

- ◆ **Inis Daugherty**, age 85, of Athens, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ◆ **Jeretta June Shirk Moses**, age 77, of Benton, died Tuesday at Health Care Center of Standifer Place in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 237.85 at 20,668.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 29.45 at 2,344.02, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 107.70 at 5,793.83.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Anyone affected by the November tornado is invited to learn TRE exercises free of charge. They are designed to calm the body and leave you feeling peaceful and energized. The next class is this Saturday, March 24th, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Cleage-Brown building on Washington Avenue in Downtown Athens. Call or text 368-0489 to reserve a spot.
- ✓ Relay for Life will hold a Pancake Breakfast this Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's in Athens Tickets can be purchased at Jones Chapel United Methodist Church, Starr Regional Medical Center, or Sanford Baptist Church. One-hundred percent of the proceeds go to fight cancer.



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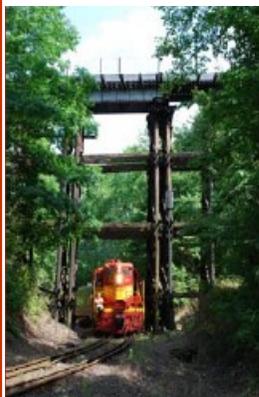
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