

Local & Area News

WELL KNOWN APD OFFICER TO RETIRE

A true veteran of the Athens Police Department is retiring. Captain Rob Davis is leaving the force after 43 years of service to the citizens of Athens. His career began in April of 1975 when he

became an auxiliary officer with the Athens Police Department. A few months later, in July, he was hired as a full-time patrol officer. He would go on to progress up the ranks, become a sergeant, lieutenant, and eventually captain. When Davis started, officers had to buy their own handgun. There were no walkie-talkies and no computers. The police cars were painted "Athens



City Blue." Current Police Chief Cliff Couch says it is an understatement to say that the police department will lose an enormous amount of knowledge when Davis leaves. Couch says Davis "has lived through changes in the profession that my generation of officers read about in the academy. He is the closest thing we have to an Athens Police Department History book." The City will host a retirement reception for Captain Davis on January 4th, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The community is invited to attend.

PEDESTRIAN FATALITY IDENTIFIED

The victim in Monday morning's pedestrian fatality has been identified as Timothy David Oden, 37 of Athens. See page 2 for obituary information.

National & World News

• A jury recommends that the man who rammed his car into a crowd of people in Charlottesville, Virginia during the 'Unite the Right' rally in 2017 should spend life in prison plus 419 years behind bars. The judge in the case will ultimately hand down the sentence.

◆ Two nuns accused of embezzling at least \$500,000 in tuition, fees and donations from a Southern California Catholic school have been removed from public ministry.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The City of Athens has hired a technology manager. He is Steven Croft. His job will include maintaining and developing the city's computer system and keeping it secure from malware and cyber attacks.

✓ A reminder, property taxes must be paid by the end of December in order to take a deduction on your 2018 income tax return.

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

WEDNESDAY: ETOWAH 10:30-2:00

THURSDAY: LOUDON 10:30 - 2:00

FRIDAY: SWEETWATER 10:30-2:00





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Obituaries

• Merna Ruth Swayne Jaquish, age 83, of Athens, died from complications of cancer last Sunday. She had taught 6th grade in Manchester, TN and was also the assistant principal. Merna enjoyed playing the dulcimer and after moving to Athens she was one of the founders of the dulcimer group "Harmony and G.R.I.T.S." A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., with a celebration of life from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• **Timothy David Oden**, age 37, of Athens, died Monday, from injuries sustained in a Pedestrian/Auto accident. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were mixed on news of renewed trade talks between the U.S. and China. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 53 points or 0.2% to 24,370. The consumer staples sector was the best performer while the financial services sector lagged as the yield curve continues to flatten.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1 point to 2,634, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 11 points or 0.2% to 7,032. In bond markets, the 30-year Treasury yield closed lower at 3.12% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished higher at 2.88%. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$1.62 to \$1,242.84, and the price of crude oil rose \$0.72 to \$51.72.

"For Unto Us..."

For the past 28 Christmas holidays, motorists driving along Green Street near Veterans Park have been seeing a Nativity Scene. Libby Johnson started putting up the display in December of 1990. She says she got tired of seeing a display featuring Santa at what was then called Sunset Park, so she asked the owner of the big white house next to the park if she could put up a Nativity Scene in her front yard. Libby says one year someone stole the Baby Jesus doll. Another year, someone complained about a nativity Scene on city property. The complainer was quickly informed that the display is on private property. Libby says if the property is sold, the deed requires the new owner to set up the nativity scene each year.



