

MET Com Placed into Conservatorship

The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) has placed Decatur-based Mid East Tennessee Community Credit Union--known as MET Com--into conservatorship. Member services will continue uninterrupted at METCom's main office in Decatur and its branch office on West Madison Avenue in Athens.

From time to time, the National Credit Union Administration places a credit union into conservatorship in order to resolve operational problems that could affect that credit union's safety and soundness. Conservatorship means the NCUA has taken control of the credit union. During a conservatorship, the credit union remains open; members may transact business, and accounts remain insured. Conservatorships can have three outcomes:

- The credit union can resolve its operational problems and be returned to member ownership.
- The credit union can merge with another credit union, or
- The NCUA can liquidate the credit union.

Liquidation means a credit union has been closed. However, a liquidated credit union may be purchased by another credit union, so that members will be able to continue receiving financial services. If a credit union is liquidated and is not purchased by another credit union, the NCUA will oversee the liquidation, manage assets, settle members' insurance claims, and sell the closed credit union's assets. METCom was opened in 2009.

Former Banker Takes New Job

Matt Dannel, a former Athens banker, has joined FirstBank Investment Partners as a Vice President and financial advisor. He is the son of Mike and Michelle Dannel of Athens. Before joining FirstBank, he served as as vice president and financial advisor at a large regional bank.



COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Athens City School Board will host a joint meeting with the Athens City Council on Monday, April 29th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Athens City Schools Administration Building on Crestway Drive.

✓ The East Tennessee Nursery at 9063 Highway 411 in Delano will have an Arbor Day tree sale and free tour of the Tree Nursery Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. End of the season bare root seedling trees will be for sale. Pines are 2 for \$1 and hardwoods are \$1 each. The trees average between 1 foot to 3 feet tall.

✓ The Athens Parks Department announces that "Puttin' in Prof" with TWU's golf team will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. The event is open to putt-putters of all ages and skill levels and will be held at the Prof Powers Park Putt-Putt Course. Players may bring your own putters, or putters will be available to use during the event. Free golf clubs--including a variety of woods and irons--will be given away while supplies last.





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Obituaries

• James Joshua Croft, Jr., age 96, of Madisonville, died Thursday. He was a minister and pastored several different churches. He served in World War II and retired from Alcoa, where he was known as Preacher Croft. Funeral services will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. prior to the service.

• Mary Patton "Pat" Brown, age 96, of Athens, died last Friday, April 19th. She was born in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and moved to Athens more than 30 years ago. A graveside service was held last Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge.

Donald "Don" Edward Casteel, age 78, of Athens, died Thursday at his home. He was a veteran of the Air Force. He retired from McKeehan Chair Company. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.
Charles "Charlie" Bain, age 81, of Reliance, died Wednesday at his home. A celebration of Life and Homegoing will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service
Wilma Bridges, age 77, of Englewood, died Thursday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 ✓ A support group for those who are grieving a loss is being held every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Athens Nerve & Spine Institute, 620 N. Congress Parkway. Space is limited to 10. Call 746-4544 to make a reservation.
 ✓ The Etowah Masonic Lodge #653 is having a Fundraiser Breakfast

✓ The Etowah Masonic Lodge #653 is having a Fundraiser Breakfast on Saturday from 7 a.m. until they run out of food. There will be eggs, bacon, ham, grits, biscuits and gravy, coffee and orange juice. The address is 222 9th Street, Etowah.

✓ **CANCELLATION:** The live gospel benefit concert in appreciation of Grace and Mercy Ministries director Tanya Murphy, scheduled for Saturday at Athens City Middle School, has been cancelled.

Church News & Events

- Journey Home and Thomas Brown will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens Saturday at 5 p.m. Donations will be accepted for Alice Lankford who lost everything in a fire.

- Solid Rock Baptist Church will present the Easter play, "He is Alive," this Sunday at 6 p.m.

- Celebrate Recovery meets each Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Star Pickett at 506-4851.

- Revival services will be held at Union Hill Baptist Church May 6th - 10th. Brother Bob McCurry will be preaching Monday and Tuesday. Brother Daniel Stewart will preach Wednesday through Friday. There will be special singing nightly.

- The Wellspring Mennonite Church will host the 50-voice Elnora Bible Institute (EBI) Choir from Indiana for an evening of inspirational a cappella music on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. The church is located at 265 County Road 608.

- First Baptist Church of Athens First School Preschool is offering a six week summer session for 3 and 4 year olds. The 3-day-aweek "Super Summer" runs from June 11th to July 25th. Call the church office at 745-5441. Mrs. Nancy Davis a well-known former Kindergarten teacher in the Athens City Schools has joined the staff of First School Preschool as a curriculum specialist and teaching coach.

