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Athens, Tennessee

Police/Fire Reports for Feb.

The Athens City Council received the monthly reports for February activity from the police and fire departments at its meeting this past Tuesday evening.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 33 thefts in February, 8 assaults, 4 motor vehicle thefts, and 3 burglaries. There were 39 arrests for drug violations. Officers issued 145 citations for moving violations. There were 67 traffic accidents in Athens during February, with 5 injuries. There is currently one vacancy on the police department.

- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 154 calls in February. Seventy-two of the calls were for rescue and emergency medical service. Seventeen were to fires. There were 35 false alarms.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS FLASHING ON RAILROAD AVE.

The new traffic signals located at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Tellico Avenue have been placed in the yellow flash mode. They will remain on yellow flash until Friday, March 27th, at 10 a.m. At that time, they will be switched to operational mode. You should be aware of the signals and be prepared to stop.

Virus Closing Update

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will conduct drive-through REFILLS ONLY clinics for existing patients until further notice. Patients should remain in your vehicle and provide a written list of medications to refill with name and date of birth. The clinic will be open for refills from 2:30-4 p.m. on Tuesdays March 24 and 31, and April 14 and 28.

✓ Choate Printing in Etowah is closing its doors to public foot traffic. They will continue to serve their business clients if they will call it in or email what you want printed.

✓ James Tax Service will not be doing face-to-face tax returns for the immediate future, but you can drop them off. Once they are prepared you will be called with the option to pick them up or have them mailed to you.

✓ The Athens Civitan Club is postponing the 40th Annual Special Olympics Track and Field Games that were to take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at McMinn County High School. They hope the event can be held later in the year.

✓ The Beanery in Downtown Athens is closing temporarily. They will re-evaluate at the end of the month.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **B. Christine Triplett Newman**, age 89, of Englewood, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Debra Brown**, age 65, of Athens, died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Neal Womac**, of Riceville, died Thursday at Morning Pointe of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 189 points or 1.0% to 20,088. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 11 points or 0.5% to 2,410, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 161 points or 2.3% to 7,151.

◆ MORE VIRUS CLOSINGS

- ✓ The Athens Municipal Court has suspended the following court dates of March 23rd, March 25th, March 30th, and April 1st. Any individuals with court scheduled for any of those dates may call the Athens Municipal Court Clerk's office at 744-2700 ext. 2 to reschedule or wait for notice of a new court date to be sent.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce has decided to close its office for the coming week, March 23rd-27th. However, they will be checking their emails and phone messages for any immediate needs that may arise.

Church News & Events

- Obviously, most churches have cancelled their worship services and other activities until further notice due to the coronavirus outbreak. Check with your church. The Holston Conference has asked all Methodist churches to cancel services until further notice. The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio (FM 94.5/AM 1390) at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- Lane's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Niota has cancelled the annual Choir Day on March 29th. A new date will be announced later.
- Pope Avenue Baptist Church will host John Lenoir on March 29th at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 301 Pope Street in Athens.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ will be having a Friends and Family Day service this Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Edgar King will be the guest speaker.
- At this point, the Athens-McMinn Ministerial Association is planning to hold Community Midday Holy Week services Monday through Friday, April 6th-10th, at 12:05 p.m. Lunch/refreshments are served following each service. Monday's service is at Keith Memorial UMC. Tuesday's service is at East Athens Baptist Church. Wednesday's service is at St. Mark's AME Zion Church. Thursday's service is at Athens Christian Church, 802 W. Matlock Ave. Friday's service is at Trinity UMC.



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