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Thursday, September 17, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Police/Fire Department Report

The Athens City Council got a report on police and fire department activity in August at Tuesday night's council meeting.

Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 43 thefts, 16 assaults, 12 burglaries, 6 motor vehicle thefts, and two robberies. Officers issued 118 citations for moving violations. There were 61 traffic accidents in the city with 24 injuries. There are currently 6 vacancies on the Athens police force.

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 99 calls in August. The fire department responded to 56 EMS calls. In addition, there were four building fires, three passenger vehicle fires, and 10 calls to motor vehicle accidents with injuries.

The City Council voted to purchase two new fire engines at a cost of \$1.3 million total; delivery expected in 12 to 18 months.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 177,087 cases, up 1,856. 2,151 deaths, up 24.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	994 up 32	852	118	24
Meigs	208 up 1	172	33	3
Monroe	962 up 7	853	93	16
Polk	370 up 3	343	16	11
Bradley	2,767 up 20	2,582	169	16
Rhea	751 up 6	679	61	11 + 2

Legionnaire of the Year

The American Legion Post 68 in Athens recently named its Legionnaire of the Year. The award went to Artie Dowe. The photo shows Dowe (seated) receiving the award from Chad Post.

(Picture by Commander Dick Pelley)



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Thursday: Cloudy. Rain in the a.m.. High 76.
Thu Night: Overcast. Possible showers. Low 64.
Friday: Sun mixed with clouds. High 76.
Fri Night: Partly cloudy. Low 56.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Shirley Ann Cranfill Morris**, 82, of Athens, died Monday at CHI Memorial Hospital. She worked as a medical assistant for several years with Dr. Carroll in the old Epperson Hospital. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Friday in Sweetwater Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Deborah "Debbie" Lynn Tallent Medeiros**, 63, of Riceville, died Monday at her home. She had worked for Whirlpool. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday in Hammonds Cemetery, with visitation from 9 to 10:45 a.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Thomas C. Watson**, age 85, of Athens, died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Deborah René (Debi) Thompson**, 49, of Athens, died Monday at her home. There will be no formal visitation or funeral services at this time. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Bobby J. Kyle, Sr.**, 77, of Benton, died Monday at his home. He retired from Bendix-Allied Signal-Honeywell of Cleveland. He also served in the Army National Guard. Funeral services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Companion of Cleveland, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

◆ CENTRAL KNIGHTS BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Knights middle school baseball program will be holding tryouts on Saturday, Sept. 19th, for the 2021 spring season. The tryouts will take place at Bicentennial Park (aka Landfill Park). The tryouts will be conducted as a "Pro Style" workout and will start at 11 a.m. sharp and end by 1 p.m. at the latest. There will be a Varsity and a Junior Varsity team. The baseball program is for 5th-8th graders. The team will be coached by Jeff Shaw, Jimmy Flowers, Eric Lindsey, and Donnie Cowart. Questions? Call 506-7902 or 368-8853.

Another Downtown Bright Spot

The law office of Carter, Harrod, and Willhite is the recipient of this month's Beautification Award presented by Main Street Athens and The Trophy House. The law office is located at One E. Madison Avenue. It was founded by the late David Harrod in 1988. The photo shows members of the firm, L-R: Melissa Edgmon (legal assistant), Joyce Cagle (bookkeeper), James Mitchell (partner), Bridget Willhite (partner), and Lynn Morrison. Trooper, the office mascot, is front and center. (Photo by Lisa Dotson)



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Fundraiser for American Cancer Society
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Critters For A Cure in McMinn County supporting the American Cancer Society is back. COVID thought it could chase us away, but not a chance. Look for more information next week or go to the Critters For a Cure - McMinn County, Facebook Page.



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