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Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ ATHENS POLICE/FIRE ACTIVITY REPORT

The members of the Athens City Council got the reports on police and fire department activity for November at their Tuesday night meeting.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch's report said there were 74 thefts in Athens in November, 18 burglaries, 13 assaults, and two motor vehicle thefts. Officers issued 176 citations for moving violations. There were 93 traffic accidents with 22 injuries. The police department currently has two vacancies.

- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth said firefighters responded to 56 calls in November. Twelve calls were to motor vehicle accidents, 12 calls were for medical assists, 10 were false alarms, and there was one building fire. Fire losses totaled \$20,000.

### ◆ AUB SAYS POWER RATES TO RISE IN JAN.

Athens Utilities Board says local electric power rates will move up in January as a result of higher TVA fuel costs. The average household using about 1,200 kilowatt hours of energy will pay about a dollar more in January versus December. AUB suggests lowering your thermostat to 68 or 70 and changing your air filters.

## National & World News

◆ Nearly 13 months after the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history was carried out at a Las Vegas music festival, the Justice Department has issued a final rule banning bump stocks, amending current regulations surrounding the devices and making clear that guns with "bump stock devices" are effectively machine guns.

◆ President Trump signed a memorandum on Tuesday establishing the U.S. Space Command as the military's 11th unified combatant command.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The SETHRA Commodity Distribution in McMinn County will take place Thursday, Dec. 20th, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Highway 30 between Athens and Etowah.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will host Storytime with Santa this Friday at 4 p.m.

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Kevin Mendall, pastor of Grace Community Church in Cleveland and a board member. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5 or AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#)

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Robert Edward Cranfield**, age 46, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a truck driver and had driven for Clifford Hampton, Erosions Solutions, and LambCon to name a few. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Charles Edward Raburn**, age 88, of Cleveland, died Saturday. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years. A celebration of life service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland, with visitation from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Gloria Jean McMinn**, age 70, of Athens, died December 11th at Erlanger Medical Center. She was an employee of Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Laura Jane Plemons**, age 50, of Athens, died Monday at her home. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks finished the day higher as investors await the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 83 points or 0.4% to 23,676. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.2 points or 0.01% to 2,546. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 30 points or 0.4% to 6,784.

## DENSO Helps Needy Kids

Associates at DENSO Manufacturing in Athens purchased and donated gifts for 125 children in need in the Athens City School system. The donations were presented to Athens City Schools by DENSO associates shown below.

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