

### Wollday, January 20, 2020

## **Community News You Can Use**

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that the areas of Sterling Road from Lions Park Road to Rocky Mount Road and Old Riceville Road from Rocky Mount Road to W. Madison Avenue will be closed from today, Jan. 20th, until Thursday, January 23rd. The purpose of the closures is for resurfacing work at the railroad crossing.

✓ The Tennessee State Review Board will meet on January 29th to examine proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. One of the 8 nominations is the Englewood Water Tower. The Board will also vote on removing two properties from the National Register because they have lost the qualities for which they were listed. One of those is the Grand Guitar, a guitar -shaped building in Bristol.

✓ The Athens City Council meets Tuesday, Jan. 21st, at 6 p.m. LISTENING REMINDER: The Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will feature Labron Million of Labron Million Construction Co. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wyxi.com

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# Main Street Plans for 2020

Leaders of Main Street Athens spent two days meeting with consultants from the University of Georgia last week. The brainstorming sessions will help develop a comprehensive design plan that will be used as a blueprint by Main Street and Athens city leaders to create a more vibrant downtown business district. The plan will focus on parking and streetscape design concepts, façade improvements, directional signs, and more. Main Street is receiving support from the University of Georgia consultants thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Lyndhurst Foundation of Chattanooga. Main Street Director Lisa Dotson says over the next six months, community representatives from Athens, TN, will collaborate with consultants from Athens, GA, to develop a comprehensive report. The photo below from Lisa Dotson shows the planners at work.







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## **Obituaries**

• **Robert Eugene White,** age 90, of Decatur, died Saturday at his residence. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Walnut Grove Baptist Church, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Richard Earl Myers,** age 88, of Riceville, died Saturday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Janie Bostic Lankford, age 81, died Thursday at her home. She was a lifelong resident of the Spring City and Decatur areas. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home. The committal service will be 11 a.m. Monday at Rhea Memorial Gardens.

 Ida Jean Johnson Womac, age 91, of Athens, died Friday. Services were held Sunday at Companion Funeral Home, Athens.
◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE
✓ How much do you know about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr? You are invited to drop by the E.G. Fisher Public Library between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday to discover interesting facts about the life and legacy of Dr. King. If you find all of the facts, you can win a special prize. Also, there will be a showing of the movie Selma, at 5:30 p.m. The docudrama chronicles Dr. King's life during the marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. It

is rated PG-13.

## **School Board to Interview Greene**

A familiar name may be heading up the Athens City Schools again. The Athens City School Board will interview Robert Greene for the position on January 27th beginning at 5 p.m. in the Administration Building. ACS employees and members of the community are invited to attend. Dr. Greene served as director of the Athens City Schools from 2010 to 2015. He is currently director of the Dayton City Schools.

#### **AUB POWER POLE CATCHES ON FIRE**

A power outage lasting about two hours Sunday morning,

knocked off electricity in parts of East Athens. including Central Ave., Slack Road. and the WYXI Radio studio on Cherry Street. Among other things, a power pole in front of WYXI caught on fire, burning away the top portion of the pole.



The photo shows an AUB lineman using a hand-held fire extinguisher to put out the flames.



#### **TENNESSEE'S STATE BIRD**

Jennifer Hardison sent us this outstanding photo of a Mockingbird. She took the photo on January 16th. She says it may be one of the prettiest photos she's ever taken of a Mocking Bird.

