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Thursday, March 18, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council heard reports on February activity from the police and fire departments at the council's Tuesday night meeting.
- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 53 thefts in February, 11 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 7 assaults, and 2 sex offenses. Officers issued 314 citations for moving violations. There were 45 traffic accidents with 26 injuries. There are currently 5 vacancies in the police department.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 162 calls in February. There were 110 calls for rescue & emergency medical service, six fires, and 32 false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$1,577,750.00. The bulk of those losses occurred in the fire that destroyed the Athens Housing Authority building on Clark Street.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 3-17

Tennessee: 795,963 cases, up 1,826. 11,658 deaths, up 8.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,077 up 18	103	93
Meigs	1,284 up 2	13	23
Monroe	5,478 up 12	90	92
Polk	1,844 up 8	49	24
Bradley	13,557 up 65	427	142 up 1
Rhea	4,205 up 4	44	73

Out of Control Brush Fire

Around noon this past Monday, the occupant of a residence on Highway 30 East, Etowah, was burning brush which got out of control. The fire spread to about 1½ acres of wooded area. The Englewood, Etowah, and Athens Rural Fire Departments responded along with the Tennessee Forestry Division. Englewood Lt. Josh Roach was in command.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



WEATHER FORECAST
Thursday: Partly cloudy & breezy. 70% rain. High 66
Thu Night: Mostly cloudy. 40% rain. Low 45.
Friday: Mostly cloudy. High 55
Fri Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 37.
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Sunday: Sunny. High 62.
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Obituaries

♦ **Ernest E. Moses**, age 89, of Englewood, died Tuesday. A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equity markets reversed earlier losses and finished higher for the day after the Fed reaffirmed its expectation to keep rates near-zero through 2023. Following the Fed announcement, the U.S. dollar declined, and the 10-year Treasury yield pulled back after it hit a fresh 13-month high of 1.67% earlier in the day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 189.42 to 33,015.37. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 11.41 to 3,974.12, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 53.63 points to 13,525.20.

COVID-RELATED NEWS

- A bill has been introduced in the state legislature that would eliminate Tennessee's 4% grocery tax for six months to help families who have been impacted by COVID-19 put food on their tables.
- Tennessee Health Commissioner Dr. Lisa Piersey says 17% of the state's population has now been vaccinated against COVID. She says she is confident the state will have enough vaccine doses available for all adults by May 1st.

Ribbon Cut at Springbrook

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for Athens Chamber of Commerce member, Springbrook Golf and Country Club. Pictured left to right, front: Chuck Liner, Joseph Ladner & Reily Kennedy (Chamber Diplomats), Karen Raby (Chamber Board), Brandi Hodsdon & Joshua McKee (Springbrook), Lisa Rhea & Amy McDonald (Diplomats), Julie Simbeck (Athens Chamber). Back: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Tim Tatum, Scott Mashburn, & Tina South (Diplomats), Ken Heater (Owner, Springbrook), Crystal Beaty (Springbrook), Connie Woodcock & Brittini Wright (Diplomats), Anthony Daniel, & Shania Ferris (Springbrook)



TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 18th

1837 - Grover Cleveland, our 22nd and 24th President, was born in New Jersey.

1844 - Russian composer Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov was born. Among his best-known compositions is "The Flight of the Bumblebee."

1858 - Rudolf Diesel, the German inventor, was born on this day. He invented the diesel engine.

1931 - Schick, Inc., the razor company, displayed the first electric shaver in Stamford, CT.

1934 - Country singer Charley Pride was born. He originally wanted to be a professional baseball player. His hit records include "Kiss An Angel Good Morning" and "Is Anybody Goin' To San Antone?"

1963 - The U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.



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