

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:
 U.S. stocks rose after Congress reached an agreement on a stimulus package. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 496 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 28 points. The NASDAQ Composite Index was down 34 points.

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Highway 30 Project Still On Schedule

Despite the unusually high amount of rain we've had in January, February, and March, the widening project on Highway 30 (S. White Street) in Athens is still on schedule. Jennifer A. Flynn, Regional Communications Officer for the Tennessee Department of Transportation, says the contractor is doing his best to work around the weather. She says all lanes are expected to be open in their final alignment by the end of April, with a total completion date of June.

NEW ETOWAH CITY HALL IS READY TO OPEN

The new Etowah City Hall at 701 Tennessee Avenue is ready to open as soon as the coronavirus scare ends. Gene Choate sent us this photo of the new building, located between 7th and 8th Streets next to the L&N Depot.



Lee Student Tests Positive

A Lee University student has tested positive for COVID-19. University President Paul Conn sent an e-mail to students on Wednesday saying the female student is quarantined off-campus and has not required hospitalization. She had stayed in a residence hall, but is believed to have contracted the virus while on a personal trip within the United States. Other students, staff, and instructors who might have had contact with her were notified promptly.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The American Legion has cancelled its monthly Fish Fry this Friday because the VFW Building is closed.
- ✓ Most banks and credit unions in the Athens area have closed their lobbies. The latest to do so are Southeast Bank and Tennessee Valley Credit Union. Their drive-thru's remain open.
- ✓ Liberty Tax & Loan will continue to offer tax preparation services. They will offer tax preparation via drop-off and email. Call 746-1200 to setup a drop-off time.
- ✓ The 2020 spring turkey hunting season is set to open for business in Tennessee on Saturday, April 4th. Despite the coronavirus outbreak the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency says the turkey season will go on as scheduled through May 17th. Conditions have forced a change. Turkey check-in stations at wildlife management areas will not be operational this year. A new requirement this year is "Tag Before You Drag" where hunters tag their big game animal in the field prior to moving it.

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Thursday: Warm with periods of sun. High 74.
Thu Night: Partly cloudy & mild. Low 59.
Friday: Partly sunny & warm. High 82.
Fri Night: Partly cloudy & warm. Low 63.
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Obituaries

♦ **Kenneth "Ken" Thurman Howell**, age 88, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He later worked for Detroit Diesel and General Motors before moving to the Athens area. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at Sewee Church of God. Interment will be in White County. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

American Legion Builds Ramp

Members of the American Legion Post 68 recently built a ramp for the widow of a veteran at a home in Athens for people with disabilities.

(Photo by Dick Pelley, Post Commander)



TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 26th

1874 - American poet Robert Frost was born. He won four Pulitzer Prizes for his poetry. One of his best-known poems is "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".

1880 - Restaurant evaluator Duncan Hines was born. He wrote the popular book, "Adventures in Good Eating".

1944 - Singer Diana Ross was born.

1968 - Country superstar Kenny Chesney was born.

1979 - Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty, ending 30 years of hostilities.

1999 - Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted of second-degree murder for giving a lethal injection to an ailing man whose death was shown on "60 Minutes".

2000 - Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia.

2011 - Former Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, the first female major party nominee for the office, died at age 75.

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