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Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Black History Month is an annual observance that originated in the United States. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada and has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom. Carter G. Woodson was dedicated to celebrating the historic contributions of Black people which led to the establishment of Black History Month. Negro History Week was celebrated for the first time the week of February 7, 1926. Woodson chose February because President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass had birthdays in February; Lincoln on Feb. 12, and Douglass, a former slave, on Feb. 14. Both played a prominent role in shaping black history. The week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when President Gerald R. Ford extended the recognition to honor Black Americans. Black History Month was created to focus attention of African Americans contributions to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, beginning with the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.



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Obituaries

♦**Mary Rogers Watkins**, passed away Feb. 8 in Franklin, TN. She moved to Athens in 1964 and became the Tennessee Wesleyan College Dean of Women. She was preceded in death by her husband, Morgan "Bitsy" Watkins. A memorial service will be held at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. with a reception and visitation to follow. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦**Dylan "Cubby" Elijah Johnson**, age 27, of Ten Mile, passed away on Wednesday, February 7. Whether you called him Cubby, Dylan, or Eli, everybody called him a friend. Visitation will be from 12 noon - 2 p.m., Monday, February 12, at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A private graveside service will follow in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Brenda Dean Brock Givens Daugherty**, age 68 of Knoxville passed away on Friday, February 9 at her home. She was a former resident of Niota and a former employee of Athens Products for 20 years and then Panasonic for 15 years. Memorial services will be at 4:00 pm Sunday, February 18, at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 2-4 pm prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦**Eva Jean Stone**, age 90, of Etowah, passed away Saturday, February 10. She was one of the oldest members of North Etowah Baptist Church. For 30 years she served as the fulltime secretary of North Etowah Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 14, at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Bordwine Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 15th and go in procession to Green Hill Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Community News You Can Use

✓In honor of Black History Month, E.G. Fisher Public Library will host Everett Gillespie on February 13 as he discusses the book *Our Secret Society* by Tanisha Ford. The event will be held in the Varnadow Community Room at noon. A light lunch will be provided.

✓The Good Faith Clinic will be open Tuesday, February 13 and February 27 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, aged 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. **REMINDER:** The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, Tuesday of each month.

✓The first 2024 Etowah Friendly Garden Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Etowah Community Center located at 155 Robinson Street. Members will be discussing the Annual Plant Sale that will be coming up on Saturday, May 11 at the L&N Depot in the heart of downtown Etowah. The February meeting of the Etowah Friendly Garden Club will also feature a Guest Speaker. Master Gardener Faith Stooksbury will be discussing Spring Preparation for the upcoming growing season. The Etowah Friendly Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Etowah Community Center. Check their Facebook page for the latest information, or call the club President Gene Keller at 423-263-1506.

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