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## Today's News... This Morning



**1 DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES**  
Athens Center  
213 E. Washington Ave.  
Athens, TN 37303  
Tuesday-Friday  
8:30 am - 5 pm  
[medicblood.org](http://medicblood.org)

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Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union will be hosting their 3rd annual Movie Night on Thursday, July 30th, at dusk at the Midway Drive-In Theatre. TVFCU says holding the event at the Drive-In will offer a socially-distant community night. Gates will open at 7 p.m. TVFCU is covering the cost of "The Secret Life of Pets" (PG) for 250 cars. Holly Gaines, Athens Branch manager, says TVFCU hopes the movie will give families a small sense of normalcy as summer wraps up.
- ✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center will screen all donors for COVID-19 antibodies beginning August 3rd through August 31st as part of an ongoing effort to identify and recruit potential COVID Convalescent Plasma donors. Anyone choosing not to be tested will be asked to return in September when the testing window is closed. Donors should not visit MEDIC if they are sick in any way. They should be healthy and well. All donations during August will be by appointment only. As with any donations, donors will undergo a screening process that includes temperature check, blood pressure check, hemoglobin check, and a series of questions to determine eligibility. All potential donors should eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating. Kristy Altman, director of Communications for MEDIC, says since East Tennessee is a hotspot for increased hospitalizations, there is an urgent demand and need for more donations to increase the inventory of Convalescent Plasma.

### Athens School Opening Plans

At this point, the Athens City Schools will reopen on August 10th on a staggered basis. Students will have the option of in-school classes or online virtual classes. Andrew Kimball, supervisor of Federal/Specialized Programs for the school system, says classrooms will be operated much like a "family." He says students will remain in their classrooms, eat breakfast in the classrooms, and not interact with other classrooms on playgrounds or even in the hallways. That way, Kimball says if a student becomes ill, only that classroom will be closed rather than closing the entire school. He also says students who ride the bus will have their temperature checked at the bus stop and will have assigned seats. Kimball says teachers and school employees will be required to wear masks, but not students. Kimball says nothing is "set in stone" at this point and they are monitoring and adjusting daily.

#### STATE VIRUS CASES APPROACHING 100,000

The number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee stands at 99,044 as of Tuesday, an increase of 2,555 since Monday. The rest of Tuesday's data, which includes the death count was not posted due to a technical disruption. The health department said: "We are working diligently to improve our systems and provide accurate and updated reports about the status of COVID-19 in Tennessee," however there was no information for Tuesday posted by our publishing deadline.

#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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Monday - Friday Afternoon  
4:15pm to 4:45 pm

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Athens, Tennessee

## Tuesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks ended the day lower. The energy and materials sectors led the declines. McDonald's second-quarter earnings missed expectations due to larger-than-anticipated disruptions from COVID-19. Consumer confidence slid in July amidst increasing cases of coronavirus infections. U.S. Treasuries were mixed.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 205 points or 0.8% to 26,379. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 21 points or 0.6% to 3,218, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 134 points or 1.3% to 10,402.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year Treasury yield traded lower at 1.22%.

In Commodity Markets, The spot price of gold rose \$16.70 to \$1,947.70, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.66 to \$40.94.

### EAST TENNESSEANS TO TEST VIRUS VACCINE

East Tennesseans are among the first in the nation to be vaccinated with one of the COVID-19 vaccine candidates. Volunteer Research Group, located at a clinic inside the UT Medical Center, is launching human trials for several COVID-19 vaccine candidates this week. They are looking for 4,000 to 5,000 volunteers to take part in the trials. You can get more information by calling 1-865-305-DRUG.

Another trial, this one by Moderna, will start in Knoxville next week. It has already shown promising early results in trials at Emory University in Atlanta. They hope to test the vaccine on 30,000 volunteers to see if it works and that it is safe.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 29<sup>th</sup>

**1773** - The first schoolhouse to be located west of the Allegheny Mountains was built in Schoenbrunn, Ohio.

**1883** - Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was born. He founded Fascism and ruled Italy for almost 21 years.

**1890** - Artist Vincent van Gogh died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France, at age 37.

**1914** - The first transcontinental telephone linkup in the U.S. was completed, permitting conversations between San Francisco and New York.

**1948** - Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.

**1957** - Jack Paar debuted as host of NBC's "Tonight" show.

**1958** - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**1966** - Country singer Martina McBride was born. Her hit records include "Blessed" and "In My Daughter's Eyes."

**1981** - Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

**1996** - Carl Lewis won his ninth Olympic gold medal by winning the long jump competition at the 1996 games. Lewis tied swimmer Mark Spitz for most golds by an American athlete. Lewis also was only the second athlete to win the same track event in four straight Olympics. The other was discus thrower Al Oerter.

## SETHRA Offers Energy Help

The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) is currently accepting applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Anyone who would like to apply for the program should call SETHRA at 334-3305 for an appointment.

### E&E Manufacturing is HIRING!



**Please join us for our Open Hiring Event Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>!**

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An automotive supplier of specialty metal stampings, stamped metal fasteners and assemblies is seeking qualified individuals to submit resumes.

**Where:** E&E Manufacturing  
2000 Tellico Avenue  
Athens, TN 37303

**When:** Wednesday July 29th  
Session 1-10:00am-12:00pm  
Session 2- 3:00pm-5:00pm

**What can I expect?** E&E Manufacturing's Human Resources team will be conducting on the spot interviews as well as hosting information sessions regarding benefits and employment perks over refreshments and light snacks.

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