

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Friends of the Library will be holding a "pop-up" version of the annual Book Sale this Friday, September 25th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Public Library. There will be tables set up underneath pop-up tents along the sidewalk in front of the library to provide book shopping in the fresh air with social distancing in place. For the safety of volunteers and shoppers, masks are required. This is a cash only event.

✓ The Athens Parks Department announces the Athens Fall Farmers Market will open this Saturday. The market will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion. Vendors will be offering fall goods like pumpkins, honey, and crafts. Patrons are encouraged to wear a mask and to sanitize hands often.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE MONDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 184,409 cases, up 890. 2,233 deaths, up 15.				
COUNTY	<u>CASES</u>	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1068 up 5	907	137	24
Meigs	221 up 1	191	27	3
Monroe	1001 up 6	906	79	16
Polk	378 up 1	353	14	11
Bradley	2,858 up 8	2,663	179	16
Rhea	781 up 9	698	72	11

Two Hurt in Highway 307 crash

Around 10 a.m. last Friday on Highway 307 in front of Deerfield Estates a 1999 ford Escort and a 2019 Subaru Forrester collided head-on, resulting in one patient being transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens and another patient being extricated and flown by medical helicopter to UT Hospital. The Athens City Fire Department, Niota Rural Fire Dept., Englewood Rural Fire Dept., Athens Rural Fire Dept., and the McMinn County Sheriff's Dept. all responded. THP Officer Kyle Millsaps investigated the accident. Athens City Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth was in charge of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)







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Obituaries

• Johnny Wayne Turner, age 67, of Athens, died September 11th. There will be no formal visitation. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• Earl Hayden Cloud, age 75, of Niota, died Sunday at his home. A graveside service will be this Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Wellspring Mennonite Church Cemetery on County Road 608. Companion of Athens is in charge.

• **JoAnn LeJeune**, age 80, of Englewood, died Saturday, September 13th. She was a native of Louisiana and moved to Tennessee with her husband, Willis, in 2013. A celebration of life service will be held at a later time. Companion of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Athens Utilities Board wrapped up another fundraising campaign for United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties by posting pledges totaling \$33,300.16. AUB's Phil Graves, who oversees the campaign internally, says nearly 65 percent of AUB's workforce of 99 people contributed.

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours monthly event that was cancelled last Thursday has been rescheduled for this Thursday, September 24th, at 8 a.m. at Market Park Pavilion. Masks are welcome, but not required. Light refreshments will be served.



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ONLINE AUCTION OCT. 3 - OCT. 10TH

Fundraiser for American Cancer Society Hosted by: Wagg-n-Purr Retreat 1046 Congress Pkwy., N. Athens

Critters For A Cure in McMinn County supporting the American Cancer Society online auction will be October 3 — October 10. Tee shirts and goodie bags will be offered for a \$20 donation from September 29 -October 10 at Wagg N'

Purr. For more information about the event, go to the Critters For A Cure—McMinn County, TN Facebook page.

Call Vicki Nichols (423-506-9137) or the Wagg (423-649-0206) for more info! Sponsored by Jones Chapel UMC Relay for Life Team *Wagg-n-Purr is celebrating 13th Anniversary in business!*



Leadership McMinn Graduation

The Leadership McMinn Class of 2020 recently celebrated its graduation with a trip to the McMinn County Airport. The class is shown below. Front row, L-R: Julie Simbeck (Athens Chamber), Kayla Housley (Simmons Bank), Lisa Rhea (McMinn Sheriff's Office), Jamie Hamby (Cleveland State), Kara Gross (City of Athens), Trina Moses (Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union), Brittni Wright (First Horizon Bank), Stephen Croft (City of Athens). Back row: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Stephanie McPhail (ServPro), Tod Marner (E-911), Christopher Brown (Starr Regional), Blake Travis (City of Athens), Matthew Watson (Simply Bank), John McLain (Starr Regional), Chris Anderson (TN College of Applied Technology), Hugh Willson (VIP Promotional Products), Becky Wattenbarger (Crye-Leike Realtors & Leadership McMinn Board). (Photo courtesy of the Athens Chamber of Commerce)





Coming Soon!

A new TVFCU Branch inside the Etowah Food City, located at 841 US-411 North.

The branch will open Wednesday, Sept. 23 and will feature an ITM and traditional branch services.

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