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- ✓ Applications for Friendly Fellow food baskets will be available beginning next Monday, November 9th. The Friendly Fellow Club was started over 80 years ago by J. Neal Ensminger and Frank Buttram to provide needy households with food. Applications will be available for pickup at the drive-through windows of any McMinn County Branch of CapStar Bank, Simmons Bank, BB&T, Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, or SouthEast Bank.
- ✓ Athens Utilities Board says electricity rates in November will remain steadily low. The fall season has base power rates that are the lowest of the year. November is a "transitional month," with base power rates below the summer base and the upcoming winter rate which begins in December.
- ✓ Governor Lee's United Command Group will open drivethrough COVID-19 testing sites at several locations this coming Saturday. In East Tennessee, the testing site is the Monroe County Health Department, 3469 New Highway 68, in Madisonville. Tennessee National Guard medics and Tennessee Department of Health personnel will collect nasal swabs from those who voluntarily agree to a COVID test. Testing is free. The testing site will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, and will stay open until all individuals in the vehicle line have received tests.
- ✓ The Fall Farmers Market will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The last Farmers Market of the year will be November 14th.

Making Her Vote Count



Kelsey Case, granddaughter of Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid, is shown with a big smile after she cast her ballot on Tuesday at City Park Elementary School.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 269,802 cases, up 3,445. 3,478 deaths, up 24.

COUNTY	<u>CASES</u>	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,802 up 29	1,569	192	41
Meigs	354 up 1	297	49	8
Monroe	1,590 up 27	1,411	147	32 + 1
Polk	553 up 1	499	41	13
Bradley	3,850 up 27	3,536	290	24
Rhea	1,212 up 25	1,071	118	23

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries



• Ethel Levena Yates Hester, age 92, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She was a native of Polk County and a resident of McMinn County since 1950. She and her late husband, Ralph Hester, owned Central Texaco Station in Athens for 34 years. She was a former employee of Cherokee Photo for 8 years. Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Sunday at McMinn Mem-

ory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

• Maggie Jean Williamson, age 48, of Athens, died Tuesday at UT Medical Center. The family will receive friends Thursday, Nov. 5th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home.

WIN A CARTLOAD OF GROCERIES

Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union wants to help one shopper at the Food City in Etowah stock their pantry and refrigerator. If you sign up for a TVFCU Perks checking account or upgrade your current account, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a cartload of groceries. The dead-line to enter is Friday, November 6th.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REDORT: Stocks logged their best post-election day performance in history. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 367.63 to 27,847.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 74.28 to 3,443.44, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 430.21 points to 11,590.78

Highway 30 Hit and Run

Tuesday morning around 7 a.m., a 1999 Mitsubishi and a Ford F-150 collided on Highway 39 at County Road 446 near Englewood. The driver of the F-150 suffered minor injuries. The driver and passenger of the Mitsubishi fled the scene. The Englewood Rural Fire Department, AMR, and the McMinn Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officer Kyle Millsaps investigated.

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