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## Update on Playoff Game

More details have come to light about the controversy over the McMinn County High School and Dobyons-Bennett High School playoff game. The game was scheduled to be played last Friday night in Kingsport, but just before kickoff it was postponed due to alleged COVID-19 violations on the part of McMinn County. However, the TSSAA obtained more information over the weekend and agreed to let the two teams play on Tuesday if the McMinn County Health Department would provide verification that McMinn High had followed proper procedures for contact tracing involving one player who had been ill at practice. The TSSAA said it had to receive the verification by the end of the day Monday. Monday night, they said they had not gotten the information and had to call off the Tuesday game. All fingers began pointing at the Health Department. Meantime, the State Health Department has issued a statement saying the requested contact tracing information was turned over to the TSSAA Monday evening. The TSSAA says it did not receive it in time, and had no alternative but to call off the game. Amanda Goodhard with the TN Department of Health says the McMinn County Health Department followed the protocols and processes to the letter.

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The TN Health Department reports as of Wednesday afternoon, there had been 248 cases of COVID-19 among 5 to 18 year olds in McMinn County. As a precaution, Athens City Middle School will be closed through November 27th. Virtual classes will still be held.
- ✓ There will be a chili supper at Valley Christian Academy/ Eastanallee Baptist Church this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and includes chili, toppings, and dessert. Curbside, to go, and dine in are available.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 325,201 cases, up 4,472. 4,048 deaths, up 53.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	2,219 up 33	1,847	322	50
Meigs	431 up 4	371	50	10
Monroe	1,870 up 21	1,612	216	42
Polk	607 unchanged	552	41	14
Bradley	4,567 up 69	3,988	549	30
Rhea	1,477 up 29	1,276	173	28



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## Obituaries

♦ **Alyce Hunt McAmis**, age 98, of Fayetteville, NC (and formerly of Athens), died Tuesday in Fayetteville. She was a former office manager of the Athens Farm Bureau office. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.

♦ **Orville Lee "Toot" Derrick**, age 81, of Etowah, died Tuesday. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving border patrol in Germany. He retired from UPS with 33 years of service. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m., Friday at Goodsprings Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

### MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will not be doing COVID-19 testing this morning due to the Fight the FLU Day from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park Expo Center. Free flu shots will be provided on a drive-thru basis at the Expo Center.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission and Budget Committee meetings originally scheduled for this past Monday have been rescheduled for November 23rd at 7 p.m. The meetings are being conducted via Zoom in accordance with state guidelines for electronic meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Tennessee's 2020-21 statewide gun hunting season for deer opens this Saturday, November 21st. During gun season, sportsman can also use muzzleloaders or archery equipment. The season runs through January 3rd, 2021.

## Filling a Grocery Cart in 10 Minutes

What would you put in your grocery cart if someone else was paying? Chelsea Downey's name was randomly drawn from a pool of TVFCU members who recently opened a new TVFCU Perks checking account. Chelsea, who is from Etowah, was given 10 minutes to fill her grocery cart at the Etowah Food City store. When the timer began, she immediately loaded up on diapers and wipes for her 4-month-old son. Then she grabbed a coffee maker, a bag of dog food, batteries, and some gifts. The total value was \$981.33. The photo shows Holly Goines with TVFCU on the left and the Food City Manager Wesley Adams on the right, congratulating Chelsea for winning the Cartload of Groceries Giveaway.



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