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Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Fire Destroys House

An early morning fire last week destroyed a house on Old Mine Road, Sweetwater. As firefighters arrived, heavy flames were visible. All the occupants escaped without injury, but the house was a total loss. The Englewood, Christianburg, North Monroe, Notchy Creek, Tri Community, Madisonville, and Niota fire departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Fire Dept)



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be doing COVID-19 testing today from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. They will be closed Thursday and Friday. They will be testing next Monday, November 30th, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ✓ The City of Athens scheduled a ribbon cutting for the Prof Pup Park, the dog park located at Prof Powers Park on Slack Road, for 9:30 a.m. today. It has been postponed due to covid. The Prof Pup Park recently added water fountains and play structures for woofers.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department announces the Eureka Trail Running the Rails Virtual 5K will be held November 26th through December 6th. The registration fee is \$25, with beanies and runners' gloves to the first 75 registrants. The 5K will be done at the racer's own time. Participants must email a picture of tracking apps or mile markers to prove they ran the trail. For information, call 744-2700.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE TUESDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 345,854 cases, up 1,304. 4,374 deaths, up 73.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	2,347 up 4	2,022	270	55
Meigs	461 no change	397	52	12
Monroe	2,000 up 10	1,719	239	42
Polk	637 up 5	575	48	14
Bradley	4,845 up 13	4,271	541	33
Rhea	1,567 - 4	1,364	173	30

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Obituaries

♦ **Amanda Marie Wilcox Mantooh**, age 33, of Chatsworth, GA, died Sunday at AdventHealth Murray Hospital. Amanda was born in McMinn County and lived in Chatsworth, GA for the past 12 years. She was a customer service representative at Engineered Floors in Dalton, GA. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Ball Play Baptist Church Cemetery in Old Fort. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m., Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible Meigs County residents on Wednesday, December 2nd, starting at 8 a.m. Distribution will be at the SETHRA office in Decatur. You must have a sheet in order to receive commodities on this day. All you have to provide is proof of income for all household members or proof of category eligibility to get our commodity sheet. Eligibility will be based on total household income not in excess of the State-established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the household size or category eligibility.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," will be Connie McIntosh. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5, or [ONLINE](#).

Ribbon Cut for Amedisys Hospice

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for Athens Chamber of Commerce member Amedisys Hospice, located at 2306 South Congress Parkway. Pictured (L-R) in front row: Sharon Wilson (RN Case Manager), Amy Jones (Area Director of Operations), Keena D'Angelo (Area Vice President of Business Development), Melissa Burell, CNA Tia Musnicki (Hospice Liaison). Back row: Leah Hassell (Office Manager), Stephanie Carter CNA, Shannon Atkins (Social Worker), Sandra Smith, CNA, Michael Jackson (Chaplain), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Lynda Sims (Bereavement Coordinator) (Photo by Julie Simbeck, Athens C of C)



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