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Athens, Tennessee

#### **Community News You Can Use**

- . The Athens leaf vacuum trucks are working in Zones 9 and 10 this week. That includes the area south of West Madison Avenue from McMinn Avenue south to the City Limits and West to the City Limits. That includes the Ridgeways and surrounding areas including Matlock, Keith Lane, and Crestway Drive.
- ✓ The Englewood Christmas Parade will be at 6:30 tonight. You are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- ✓ The Athens City Schools have named their 2020-2021 Building Level Teachers of the Year. They are:

Athens City Middle School: Trey Ivins City Park School: Miranda Brewer Ingleside School: Micki Parr North City School: Brooke Moore Westside School: Jennifer Rothenberg

#### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE MONDAY P.M.

**Tennessee:** 408,730 cases, up 8,136. 5,009 deaths, up 66.

COUNTY		RECOVERED	· ·	DEATHS
McMinn	2,972 up 9	0 2,528	387	57
Meigs	565 up 1	8 484	68	13
Monroe	2,484 up 5	5 2,090	348	46
Polk	744 up 2	2 654	75	15
Bradley	5,999 up 12	2 5,210	750	39 up 1
Rhea	1,966 up 4	2 1,705	226	35

#### **Athens Native Dies in House Fire**

An Athens native, 58-year-old Richard "Ritchie" Lonnie Witt, died in a house fire in Rockford this past Saturday morning. Blount County authorities say he apparently died from smoke inhalation. Six other occupants of the house managed to escape. Neighbors used a garden hose to try to put out the fire and rescue Witt, but the fire was too hot.

#### Hiwassee College Property Sold

The now-closed Hiwassee College campus in Madisonville, where thousands of people attended college for 170 years, has been sold. The Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church says the 60-acre property has been sold to Bruderhof, an international Christian communal organization. The group plans to refurbish the campus and operate a community of families who will live in former dormitories. Plans are to have an elementary school in the former Science Building. A workshop is also planned for the site. As many as 250 people may eventually live on the former college campus. Hiwassee College closed in May 2019 due to financial problems and declining enrollment. Bruderhof, which means "place of brothers" in German, is a religious group in the Anabaptist tradition. The group tries to live as early Christians did, through shared income and service to others.





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#### Monday's Market Report

Equities closed to the downside, with the technology, communication services, and utilities sectors moving higher. Energy saw the sharpest decline. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 148.147 to 30,069.79. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 7.16 to 3,691.96, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 55.71 points to 12,519.25.

#### DRIVER INJURED WHEN TRUCK HITS TREE

Sunday night around 9, the driver of this 2000 Nissan Frontier lost control on County Rd 461, Englewood, and hit a tree. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. THP Trooper Rodney Best investigated.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



#### Quiz--What Is This?

Jon Ketchersid, son of Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid, was flying over Southeast Tennessee this past Saturday and took a photo of an unusual cloud formation about 36,000 feet below. Which of you readers will be first to send an email to us telling us what you can see sticking out above the clouds? We'll publish the names of the first 2 or 3 people to identify it in Wednesday's



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