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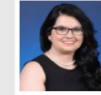
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Athens, Tennessee

A Moment of Black History

Dr. Charles J. Montgomery operated a dental office on Tennessee Avenue in downtown Etowah for a number of years. His dental assistant was an African-American woman, Mrs. Virginia Williams Taylor. She was born in Buckhead, GA, in 1906. The family moved to Etowah, where her father and brothers worked in the L&N Railroad shops. Her husband, Leo, worked for the Glennora Hotel on the corner of Tennessee and 6th. He transported guests to and from the railway station. He also drove his wife to and from her job every day at the dentist's office. She would always sit in the backseat of her husband's car. Although Mrs. Taylor worked in Dr. Montgomery's office for many years in the late 1940's through the 1960's before integration, many of the patients probably didn't know that Dr. Montgomery's dental assistant was a woman of color. Ann Boyd, who wrote this article, says when she was a patient of Dr. Montgomery, even she did not know. The term "racial passing" was often used to describe the actions of people of color of mixed racial heritage who chose to assimilate into white society in order to escape racial discrimination.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday night. At the meeting, Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 58 thefts in Athens in January, 15 assaults, 10 burglaries, 9 motor vehicle thefts, and 2 sex offenses. Officers issued citations for 231 moving violations. There were 53 traffic accidents in January, with 7 injuries. Chief Couch reported there are 3 vacancies on the police force. Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 152 calls in January. There were 5 calls to fires, 117 calls for rescue and emergency service, and 18 false alarms. Losses from fires for the month totaled \$8,000.00.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission holds its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 22nd at 7:30 p.m., in the Courthouse Blue Room.
- ✓ The Tennessee State Legislature has called off its meetings for this week due to weather concerns.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 2-16

Tennessee: 759,523 cases, up 962. 10,954 deaths, up 17.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,774 up 24	5,483	203	88
Meigs	1,239 (-1)	1,190	29	20
Monroe	5,154 up 9	4,915	152	87
Polk	1,685 up 9	1,567	97	21
Bradley	12,454 up 58	11,802	520	132 up 1
Rhea	4,072 up 6	3,901	103	68

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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy & warmer. High 45.

Wednesday night - Cloudy. 80% rain chance. Low 34.

Thursday - Cloudy. 90% rain chance. High 44.

Friday - Partly sunny and cold. High 39.

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Obituaries

♦ **Dennis Lee Reed**, age 72, of Ten Mile, died Monday at Parkwest Medical Center. He worked at Oak Ridge K-25 & retired from Y-12. He also was a deputy with the Meigs County Sheriff's Dept. Funeral services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with visitation starting at 2 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Fred D. "Danny" Barnes**, age 75, of Athens, died Monday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S. Army and retired from UPS with 30 years of service. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

♦ **Lori Koontz**, age 55, of Knoxville, died on February 14th. There will not be a public memorial service. The family will hold a private celebration of life. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Robert Joseph Hutsell**, age 85, of Athens, died Tuesday. He swerved in the Tennessee Army National Guard and was a talented brick mason. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no formal receiving of friends, but viewing hours will be noon to 2 p.m. on Friday at Sewee Church of God in Niota. Graveside services will follow in the Sewee Church of God Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Tamaya Jawan Parris**, age 43, of Athens, died last Saturday at his residence. He was an employee of Boyd Construction. A Celebration of Life service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants in McMinn County were inspected between January 8th and February 8th. Restaurants are actually inspected twice. They are inspected a second time to give them a chance to correct any problems found in the first inspection. The figures we list are from the second inspection.

- Hardee's, Congress Parkway, Athens - 100**
- Firehouse Subs, Athens - 100**
- Reagan Station Snack Bar, 2340 Highway 11 - 100**
- Ruby Tuesday, Athens - 99**
- Subway, Englewood - 99**
- Waffle House, Etowah - 99**
- Little Caesars, Athens - 98**
- El Jinete Mexican Rest., Athens - 98**
- Subway, S. White Street, Athens - 98**
- Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, Athens - 98**
- Kentucky Fried Chicken, Athens - 98**
- Subway, John J. Duncan Parkway, Athens - 98**
- Hardee's, I-75, Athens - 97**
- Subway, 2625 Decatur Pike, Athens - 97**
- Western Sizzlin', Athens - 97**
- Shoney's of Athens - 97**
- Mexi-Wing II, Decatur Pike, Athens - 96**
- Mexi-Wing, downtown Athens - 95**

♦ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week 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](#).



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