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Today's News...This Morning

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Thursday, February 18, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

65 and Older Next in Line

Tennessee will begin registering Tennesseans age 65 and older for COVID-19 vaccinations beginning next Monday, February 22nd. Vaccines will also be available for staff member of kindergarten through 12th grade schools and child care facilities. The TN Department of Health also says pregnant women will be eligible for the vaccine. The easiest way to book an appointment is to go to: covid19.tn.gov and select your county. Or you may call 1-866-442-5301. Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey says Tennessee has administered more than one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine so far. She says substantial progress has been made in protecting our senior citizens who are over age 70 through vaccination. She says they are able to expand to additional groups as the supply of vaccine continues to grow each week.

Fire Hits Athens Housing Office

A fire that broke out Tuesday night destroyed the Athens Housing Authority office on Clark Street and the adjoining Athens-McMinn Adult Education Center. The call came in around 9 p.m. The roof began to collapse soon after firefighters arrived. The buildings were destroyed. Firemen from the Athens City, Englewood Rural, Riceville Rural, Athens Rural, and Clearwater Rural Fire Departments responded. The state Fire Marshal's office will be investigating.
 (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 2-17

Tennessee: 760,303 cases, up 780. 10,985 deaths, up 31.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,787 up 13	5,505	194	88
Meigs	1,243 up 4	1,199	24	20
Monroe	5,168 up 14	4,934	147	87
Polk	1,696 up 11	1,580	95	21
Bradley	12,508 up 54	11,857	519	132
Rhea	4,079 up 7	3,921	90	68

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WEATHER FORECAST
Thursday: Cloudy with an 80% rain chance. High 43.
Thu Night: Cloudy. 20% chance of precip. Low 28.
Friday: Partly sunny and cold. High 41.
Fri Night: Clear and very cold. Low 19.
Saturday: Mostly sunny & chilly. High 44.
 More Weather at: wysi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Norma Jean Dickey**, age 85, of Etowah, died Sunday. She retired from Athens Regional Medical Center as an emergency room nurse. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Etowah, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

MEDIC Regional Blood Center is asking for blood donations as soon as possible to help stabilize the local blood supply. Additionally, MEDIC hopes to collect enough products to supply some relief to Texas blood centers who have been devastated by winter storms. MEDIC Regional Blood Center has an immediate, critical need (less than 2-day supply) for: O Positive, MEDIC has low inventory levels (less than 3-day supply) for: O Negative, A Positive, and A Negative. You can donate here in Athens at 213 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 104. Their number is 453-5846.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks ended the day mixed, with the Dow outperforming the NASDAQ and S&P 500 on news that retail sales and producer prices rose much faster than expected, triggering inflation concerns. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 31,613.02 +90.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was 3,931.33 -1.26 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was 13,965.50 -82.00.

Farewell to Rush

Rush Limbaugh, who transformed talk radio and politics in his decades behind the microphone, has died after a year-long battle with lung cancer. He was 70. Limbaugh's wife, Kathryn, made the announcement at the start of his radio show Wednesday afternoon. The conservative radio icon learned he had Stage IV lung cancer in January 2020. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Trump at the State of the Union address three days later.

He continued to host his radio show when he was physically able to do so between treatments. His program has been on WYXI Radio in Athens from noon to 3 p.m. since September 1st, 1992.



Associates from the Simmons Bank Park Street branch and the community collected much needed items for the Grace House, a local nonprofit. Their mission is to help men in their recovery from drugs and alcohol with shelter, food, sponsorship and assistance finding employment. Items collected included laundry detergent, toothbrushes, paper towels, socks, deodorant, and coffee. Simmons Bank would like to thank their customers and the Athens community for its support!



Simmons Bank Park Street Branch Associates

Pictured from left: Taylor Barselou, Rhonda Wilson, Ellen Guffey, Leslie Skidmore, and Michaela Halcomb



Grace House Representatives and Simmons Bank Associates

Pictured from left: Matthew Ledbetter, Thomas Mims, Simmons Bank Regional Community President Shayne Whaley, Financial Center Manager for the Park Street branch Joanne Arnett, Kathryn Clark, Community Banker Karen Raby, and Allen Carter