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Athens, Tennessee

Book Drive Started Due to Fire



The recent fire that destroyed the Athens Housing Authority building and the Adult Education Headquarters has prompted a book drive to restock the "Let's Read 20" collection. The community is asked to donate new and gently used children's and young adult books. All donations will benefit local students. The drop-off locations in Athens include: Keith Memorial UMC, CapStar Bank and Athens Insurance. Tax-deductible monetary donations also are being accepted through PayPal. The book drive will continue through March 31st. For more information about the drive, send an email to: letsread20colorfulbus@gmail.com

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Extreme Cold Causes Big Problems

Last week's "Polar Vortex" is still having a huge impact in the U.S. and nearby. In Tennessee, 8 people have died as a result of the extreme cold. Four were in the Shelby County / Memphis area, 1 in Maury County, 1 in Overton County, in Dickson County a farmer drowned when he tried to save some of his calves trapped in a frozen pond and a 9 year old boy was killed in a sledding accident in Williamson County when an inner tube he was riding on collided with a mailbox. Also in Williamson County, four horses were trapped in a barn after the roof collapsed due to heavy snow. Firefighters used a drone to fly around the structure to get a complete view so that rescue crews could operate safely. All four horses were rescued and only one received a minor injury.

The City of Memphis had frozen pipes, pump stations and broken water mains. Water pressure was so low that a "boil water" order was given to almost 260,000 homes and businesses and the Memphis International Airport was closed to passenger traffic on Friday and Saturday. Cargo operations were not affected. Memphis International is the central hub for FedEx.

Locally, there hasn't been any major problems, however AUB reported that a water main ruptured on Saturday in the West Madison and Crestway Drive area. Repair crews reported a second water main break in the same general area on Sunday morning which caused low water pressure in that part of town for several hours.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Sunday 2-21

Tennessee: 765,137 cases, up 1,129. 11,133 deaths, up 18.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,832 up 10	5,576	167	89
Meigs	1,251	1,206	25	20
Monroe	5,215 (-1)	4,991	136	88
Polk	1,723 up 6	1,607	95	21
Bradley	12,633 up 26	12,033	463	137
Rhea	4,102 (-1)	3,944	86	72

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 • Tuesday-Madisonville - WilSav - 10:30 - 2:00
 • Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00
 • Thursday-Athens PaPaw's Place-10:30 - 2:00
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WEATHER FORECAST
 Monday - Mostly cloudy. 90% rain. High 55.
 Mon. night - Mostly clear with Patchy fog. Low 33.
 Tuesday - Lots of sunshine. High near 60!!
 Wednesday - Sunny. High 62.
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Camper Fire Near Englewood

Units from the Englewood Rural and Athens Rural Fire Departments were sent to the scene of a large camper fire on County Road 435 near Englewood at about 4:30 last Friday morning. Responders reported hearing several small explosions coming from inside the camper upon their arrival. The McMinn County Sheriff's Department also assisted. The camper was a total loss. Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Obituaries

♦ **Ruth Alice "Cissy" Webb**, age 83, died Saturday. She was initiated into the McMinn County High Sports Hall of Fame and was once named the Athens "Mother of the Year." A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Riceville Cemetery with visitation Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Lynn (Rule) Newman**, age 88, of Etowah, died Saturday at her home. She worked as a surgical nurse at Woods Hospital for several years and then worked as a RN for the Monroe County Health Department until she retired in 1993. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Green Hill Cemetery. The family requests everyone wear their UT Volunteers garb for this celebration of life. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Clay "Slim Jim" Tackett**, age 81, of Athens, died Saturday. He was a truck driver for over 57 years with Admiral Merchants where he received an award for a "Million Miles on the Road." No formal services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.


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