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Thursday, February 25, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

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Community News You Can Use

The state is lifting visitation guidelines for nursing homes and assisted living centers. Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey says 100% of Tennessee's nursing homes have completed both doses of COVID-19 vaccinations and all assisted care facilities will be completed this week. The visitation guidelines will be lifted effective this coming Sunday, February 28th.

The Athens City Schools say PreK Registration packets will be available for pickup beginning next Monday, March 1st. In order to attend, your child must be 4 years old on or before August 15th, 2021. Packets can be picked up at Athens City Middle School, City Park, Ingleside, North City, Westside, or the Administration Building at 943 Crestway Drive.

The Etowah Carnegie Library says March's teens and adults self-care program is "random acts of kindness." Grab and go bags are available at the library.

◆COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 2-24

Tennessee: COUNTY	768,946 cas <u>CASES</u>	ses, up 1,631. 11 RECOVERED		s, up 68. DEATHS
McMinn	5,862 up 7	5,622	151	89
Meigs	1,254	1,220	13	21 up 1
Monroe	5,263 up 14	5,031	143	89 up 2
Polk	1,736 up 4	1,624	91	21
Bradley	12,734 up 35	12,177	419	138 up 1
Rhea	4,117 up 5	3,966	78	73 up 1

Decatur Woman Dies in Wreck

A Decatur woman was killed in a head-on traffic crash this past Monday. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says Tammy Parker, 57, was traveling north on No Pone Valley Road in Meigs County. The THP says a car coming south crossed the center line and hit her car head-on. The southbound car was driven by Tia Musnicki, 34, of Athens, who was injured. An 8-month child in her car was uninjured. The THP says a citation was issued to Ms. Musnicki.

GOP LAWMAKERS OPPOSE KNEELING

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville says he and his Republican colleagues in the Senate have sent a letter to Tennessee Public University Chancellors and Presidents to encourage them to adopt policies to prohibit their student athletes from kneeling during the National Anthem. The letter says the National Anthem is a symbol of pride for America, and it lifts our spirits toward the ideals upon which our nation was founded: that all are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The letter says our student athletes represent not only our universities, but all the citizens of Tennessee. The letter says when athletes don the jersey of a Tennessee university they step out of their personal roles and into the role of an ambassador. The senators say they expect the athletes to show respect for our National Anthem. The letter encourages the university officials to adopt policies to prohibit kneeling at athletic events moving forward.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Clouds mixed with sun. High 61.

Thu Night: Partly cloudy. Low

Friday: Cooler with 60% chance of rain. High 51. Fri Night: Possible rain. Low

Saturday: Cloudy. 40% rain

chance. High 63.

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Athens, Tennessee

Remembering Specialist Tatum

• U.S. Army Specialist James David Tatum of Riceville, Tennessee, was killed on February 25th, 1991 when an Iraqi Scud Missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 28 Americans during the Persian Gulf War. Tatum was a 1987 graduate of McMinn County High School and had worked for Wright Brothers Construction Company. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Riceville.



A MOMENT OF BLACK HISTORY

William Henry Richards was born in Athens on January 15th, 1856. He taught at Mt. Harmony School. He graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C., as valedictorian of his class. He received his Master of Law Degree and was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1887. In 1886, he returned to Athens to be with his grandmother, Hannah Richards. While in Athens, he became an alderman and the first black mayor of Athens. After the death of his grandmother, he returned to Washington, where he became a professor of law at Howard University and argued two cases before the Supreme Court. He died in 1941.

Car Hits Tree on County Road 476

Around 3 p.m. Tuesday the driver of this Chrysler PT Cruiser lost control on County Road 476 near Englewood. The car overturned and struck a tree. The driver escaped without injury. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. McMinn County Deputy Brandon Jenkins investigated.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 25th

1793 - President George Washington held the first Cabinet meeting on record at his Mount Vernon home; attending were Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.

- **1836 -** Inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.
- **1862** Nashville, Tennessee, became the first Confederate state capital to be occupied by the North during the Civil War.
- 1870 Hiram Revels, a Mississippi Republican, was sworn in as the first black member of the U.S. Senate.
- **1901 -** United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.
- **1948** Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia. Clement Gottwald became the new premier.
- **1964 -** Cassius Clay, who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali, became the world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.
- **1913 -** The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.
- **1976 -** The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could ban the hiring of illegal aliens.
- **1999 -** A jury in Jasper, Texas, sentenced white supremacist John William King to death for the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., an African-American man.