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Athens, Tennessee

Meigs Co. Takes COVID Shots Seriously

Figures from the Tennessee Department of Health show that 39.3% of the population in Meigs County have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine. For Meigs residents over age 65, 93.2% have been vaccinated. The numbers in McMinn County are much lower. Only 22.3% of the population have been vaccinated. The numbers are higher for the 65+ age group--55.6% have gotten their shots. Meigs County has also had the lowest number of cases of the virus of any county in Southeast Tennessee and currently has the lowest number of active cases of any county.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 5-20

Tennessee: 859,701 cases, up 420. 12,364 deaths up 11.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,570 up 3	60	99 up 1
Meigs	1,400 up 4	8	25
Monroe	5,899 up 4	53	96
Polk	2,100 up 3	23	25
Bradley	15,161 up 16	117	152
Rhea	4,374 up 3	21	75

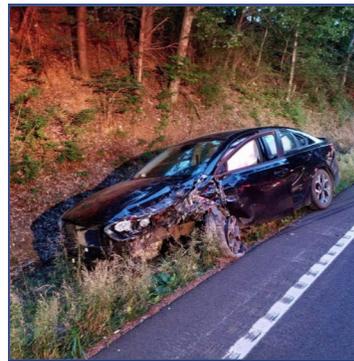
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Two Hurt in Highway 39 Crash

A 2020 Kia Forte and a 2017 Ford Escape collided on Highway 39 East, Athens, Wednesday evening. The driver and passenger of the Escape were transported to Starr Regional by AMR. The driver of the Forte was arrested and booked into the McMinn County Jail. The Englewood, Etowah, and Athens Rural Fire Departments responded. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene. State Trooper Jack Ghazi investigated. (Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Mary Katherine Bennett Shaver**, age 85, of Decatur, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 188.11 to 34,084.15. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 43.44 to 4,159.12, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 236.00 to 13,535.74.

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS NOW ONLINE

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville and State Rep. Mark Cochran of Englewood successfully guided passage of legislation increasing transparency in public school educational material. The bill passed unanimously in the House and Senate chambers and was signed by the governor. The bill, known as the "Textbook Transparency Act," ensures all textbooks that are in the hands of Tennessee students are accessible for the public to view. It makes available online textbooks that are adopted by the state of Tennessee and used by public schools. Currently textbooks are required to be available to the public for review for 90 days. This legislation requires publishers to make these materials available as long as they are actively being used in the classroom.

Church News & Events

- Cooke Ministry Center has resumed Gospel Singing each Friday at 7 p.m. A different group will be featured each Friday. Cooke Ministry is located at 714 Walter Street in Athens.

- Athens First Baptist Church will have VBS titled "Destination DIG" June 7th-10th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 4 years through 5th grade.

- The Barnetts will be appearing at Solid Rock Baptist Church on Sunday, May 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 4975 U.S. 11 in Calhoun.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- The Hymnsmen Quartet will sing this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Freedom Baptist Church on Velma Road, in Athens.

- The First United Presbyterian Church in Athens will reconvene in-person worship this Sunday with COVID guidelines observed.

- Sanford Baptist Church will have VBS (Destination Dig) June 14th-18th at 6:30 for all ages. The church is located on County Road 50, Riceville.

- "Rocky Railway" VBS at North Etowah Baptist Church with classes for grades K-6 and adults will be held in June starting on June 2nd from 6 to 8 p.m. with registration and kick-off.

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