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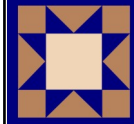
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Thursday, September 2, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will be closed until next Tuesday, September 7th. Workmen will be installing a new roof on the building.
 - ✓ Athens Utilities Board reports rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Ida totaled 4.98 inches of rain in a 48 hour period.
 - ✓ The dates have been announced for Pumpkintown 2021 in Downtown Athens. Pumpkintown will be held on Saturday, October 9th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by the final Sounds of Summer concert of the year at 7 p.m. featuring Chris Hennessee.
- CLARIFICATON:** In stories we have published in The Morning Fax about issues that Athens City Manager Seth Sumner will be questioned about when the City Council reconvenes its special session, we have reported that they will ask about his "arrest" for having a loaded handgun in his carry-on bag at McKee Tyson Airport. In fact, he was "cited in lieu of arrest" for carrying or possessing a weapon in a prohibited building or area. The weapon with four rounds in the magazine was found via X-ray at a TSA checkpoint. The incident report says Sumner was escorted to the police office at the checkpoint and the weapon was recovered from his carry-on bag. The report quoted Sumner as saying he had checked the bag at the ticket counter to verify that he had removed his weapon, but that he must have missed it during the search. The editors of The Morning Fax apologize for using the word "arrest," since "cited" is a more accurate term for what happened.

Latest COVID Information

- The Athens City Schools will require masks starting September 7th. School Director Robert Greene sent a letter to students, families, and staff stating that in an effort to keep students in school, they will require masks or face shields for all students in grades 3 through 8. The masks will be required from September 7th to October 1st. There will be opt-out options for parents to sign. Greene also says mask removal breaks will be scheduled daily in a safe, socially distant manner. He also says masked and vaccinated students and staff will not be quarantined if they are exposed to a positive case. The Athens City Schools will be closed until September 7th due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.
- The TN Dept. of Health reports only 30.77% of the McMinn County Population have been fully vaccinated at this point.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 9-01

Tennessee: 1,061,228 cases up 9,419. 13,518 deaths up 32.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	8,316 up 112	775	110
Meigs	1,784 up 16	186	24
Monroe	7,680 up 110	852	102
Polk	2,562 up 24	193	25
Bradley	18,416 up 186	1459	161
Rhea	5,610 up 48	612	84

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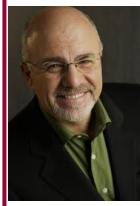
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Friday Night - Partly cloudy. Low 53.
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Ethelene Bivens Burris**, age 97, of the Goodsprings Community, died Monday. She was the oldest member of Goodsprings Baptist Church. She had been a beautician. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Goodsprings Baptist Church, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Gary L. "Coon Dog" Morgan** died Monday. He was a retired Millwright. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Meadowfork Baptist Church in Calhoun. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

AN HISTORIC YEAR FOR STARR REGIONAL

Starr Regional Medical Center has published its 2020 Community Benefit Report. In spite of being overwhelmed by the COVID pandemic, Starr Regional added 37 providers in such areas as podiatry, pathology, emergency care, radiology, and cardiology. Robotic surgical technology was added for joint replacements. More than \$44.4 million in health services were donated to those not able to pay. The hospital distributed more than \$36.9 million in salaries, wages and benefits to its more than 680 employees. And last year the hospital paid \$7.7 million in local and state taxes.

Christmas On The Hill

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, Christmas On The Hill, located at 904 S. White Street. Pictured front from left: McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Paul Semenoff, Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Lisa Rhea (Chamber Diplomat), Ashton Burrows, Lane Million (Owner), Faye Million, Arlene West & Joy Forbes (Christmas On The Hill), Julie Cardin (Chamber Board), Amy McDonald (Diplomat). Back row: State Rep. Mark Cochran, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), & Connie Woodcock (Diplomat)

(Photo by Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



TODAY IN HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 2nd

1666 - The Great London Fire started. Only six people died, but 13,200 houses burned down and 80,000 people were left homeless. The fire started in a wooden house on Pudding Lane near the Tower of London. It was this fire that prompted the first fire insurance policy.

1789 - The U.S. Treasury Department was established.

1864 - Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta during the Civil War.

1901 - Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

1935 - A hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming 423 lives.

1938 - Singer Jimmy Clanton was born. His hit records include "Just A Dream" and "Venus In Blue Jeans."

1944 - Navy pilot George H.W. Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands.

1945 - Japan signed an unconditional surrender aboard the U.S. Battleship "Missouri" in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

1964 - World War One hero, Army Sergeant Alvin York, died at the age of 76. He was from Pall Mall, Tennessee. He led an attack on a German machine gun nest and captured 132 prisoners and 35 machine guns almost singlehandedly. When he was asked how he did that all by himself, he replied: "I surrounded 'em."