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Thursday, September 23, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

### City Council Update

- The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening. Among other things, Larry W. Saunders was awarded the VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award. Saunders founded the Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ in Athens, and has served as pastor for the past 20 years. He also operated a barber shop and has counseled many young men in the Athens area over the years, inspiring them to become upright citizens of Athens. He also is the owner of Big Daddy's BBQ Shack.
- Chief Cliff Couch issued the police report for August. It shows there were 59 thefts, 18 assaults, 14 burglaries, 9 motor vehicle thefts, and 5 sex offenses. There were also 24 drug cases. Athens police made 118 arrests in August. Officers issued 299 citations for moving violations. There were 53 traffic accidents in Athens in August, with one fatality and 8 injuries. Chief Couch says there are currently three vacancies in the Police Department.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 200 incidents in August. Of those, 135 were rescue and emergency medical service calls. There were seven fires and 32 false alarms. Losses from fires in August totaled \$180,000.
- No date or location has been chosen for the continuation of the special called meeting for the City Council to investigate issues involving City Manager C. Seth Sumner and Police Chief Couch. The last session was cancelled due to COVID.

### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Let's Read 20 of McMinn County has free books for any local churches or organizations to give away at fall festivals or trunk 'n treat events this fall. Call 745-1796 to request books.
- ✓ Boy Scout Troop 118 of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church will host "drive thru" popcorn events on Monday, September 27th, and Monday, October 4th, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. They have a great selection of popcorn. For more information, call Holly Currier 462-4198.
- ✓ The Etowah Historical Commission has been awarded a \$13,650 grant to rehabilitate the L & N Depot. The Tennessee Historic Development Grant was awarded by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

#### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 9-22

Tennessee: 1,199,956 cases up 4,773. 14,677 deaths up 96.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	9,898	668	114
Meigs	2,052	95	25
Monroe	9,074	501	113
Polk	2,967	173	25
Bradley	20,991	1,100	169
Rhea	6,522	443	89

#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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#### HISTORY for LUNCH Interview with Sally Ealy

Bring your lunch on Thursday, September 23, 12 noon  
 Listen to Sally talk about her career & interesting stories about our community  
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#### Quilts Exposed: 34th Annual Quilt Show

October 2 - October 30  
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Hours	
Tuesday - Friday:	10 AM - 5 PM
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## Obituaries

♦ **Beulah Grace Vaughn Malone**, age 66, of Niota, died Tuesday at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the service at Ziegler.

♦ **Adam Carl McDonald**, age 46, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He worked for Madison Carpets for over 20 years. He was an avid guitar player and loved to sing. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Robert Keith Myers**, age 62, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. He was a native of Charlotte, NC, lived many years in Georgia and most recently in McMinn County. He was a truck driver for many years and most recently a newspaper carrier for the DPA. He served in the Army National Guard of Georgia. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

## OCTOBER POWER RATE TO DROP

The power rate from Athens Utilities Board for the coming month of October will decrease again, reaching a level just below nine cents. The local rate will move from the current \$0.09178 down to \$0.08989 per kilowatt hour as "transition rates" take effect and replace the summer rate. The transition rate season will be in effect for the months of October and November.

## Fire Damages Englewood House

A fire early Tuesday morning caused extensive heat and fire damage to the interior of a house on N. Amhurst Place in Englewood. Upon arrival of the fire departments, flames were visible on one side of the house. No one was home at the time of the fire. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments, the Athens City Fire Department, and the Madisonville City Fire Department all responded. Englewood Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood rural Fire Dept)



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