

Community News You Can Use

 \checkmark The "Ingleside Pool Pumpkin Plunge" will take place this evening. The Athens Parks Department says guests will be able to swim with pumpkins floating in the pool and will be able to take a pumpkin home at the end of the night. The hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Admission to the pool will be \$2 per person. This will be the last event at the Ingleside Pool for the season.

✓ The Athens Fall Farmers Market will be held tomorrow at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local vendors and farmers will be selling fall produce, locally produced honey, and much more.

FOOTBALL: McMinn County Cherokees will travel to East Hamilton tonight; McMinn Central will play at Meigs County; and Walker Valley will play at Cleveland. Tennessee plays at Florida at 7:00 p.m. Saturday on the SEC Network.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 9-23

Tennessee:	1,203,930 cases up 3,974. 14,740 deaths up 63.		
<u>COUNTY</u>	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	9,930 up 32	602 down 66	115 up 1
Meigs	2,059 up 7	87 down 8	25
Monroe	9,117 up 43	474 down 27	112
Polk	2,974 up 7	145 down 28	25
Bradley	21,057 up 66	1,035 down 65	169
Rhea	6,550 up 28	413 down 30	89



More Community News

 \checkmark The McMinn County Board of Education called meeting for this coming Monday has been cancelled.

✓ The McMinn Election Commission meeting which was cancelled on September 21st has been rescheduled for next Tuesday, September 28th, at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

✓ The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will be hosting a Fall Canvas Painting Class fundraiser this Sunday, September 26th, at the Library. The cost is \$25. You must pre-pay by the end of today, Sept. 24th, at the Library.

✓ The American Legion's 4th Friday Fish Fry Dinner has been moved to the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 205 McMinn Avenue. The dinner will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations to this "all you can eat" fish dinner help to keep the big American Flag flying at I-75 exit 49. The meal includes fish, fries, dessert, and beverage. (See ad at the top of the page)

✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a meeting on Monday, September 27th, at 6 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Public Library. The meeting is open to the public.

✓ Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner was elected to the board of directors of the Tennessee Municipal League during the League's annual conference held recently in Chattanooga. Athens City Council member, Frances Witt-McMahan, was also elected to serve as the Secretary of the TML District 3.

✓ The McMinn Regional Humane Society will have a community pet food pick-up for families in need, Saturday, September 25th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Spay Neuter Clinic on #3 Davidson Road in Athens. No appointment or proof of income is necessary. Volunteers will be there to assist.





Obituaries

Church News & Events

Sandra Swilley Cannon, age 84, died Thursday at her home. She was a native of Albany, GA. She was associated with TENCO as a secretary until her retirement. There will be no formal visitation or service. She will be interred in West Tennessee State Veteran Cemetery in Memphis beside her late husband. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
 Dandy "D.D." Ervin, Jr., age 87, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center. He worked for 25 years at the Elks Lodge #1927 in Athens. There will be a private burial on Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• Betty Jean Holder, age 85, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was retired from AT&T, formerly South Central Bell, after 30 years and was a former employee of TVA. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

• Voyd Wayne Webb, age 83, of Englewood, died September 17th at Blount Memorial Hospital. He was a barber in Englewood for 55 years. Graveside services were held on Thursday. Companion Funeral Home was in charge.

• **Jimmy Miller**, age 62, of Madisonville and formerly of Kentucky died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

Mark Allen Baker, age 52, of Riceville passed away Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a native of Athens and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was employed with the Tennessee Valley Authority as a security officer for 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom during the Persian Gulf War. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday at Faith Baptist Tabernacle with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Ziegler is in charge.
Kenneth "Red" R. Brown, age 93, of Etowah, died Monday at his home. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War. He was a farmer and was retired from Bowater after 34 years. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, in Green Hill Cemetery in Etowah. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.

- The singing at the Cooke Ministries Center tonight will feature the Two by Two Quartet. The singing starts at 7 p.m.

The Hymnsmen Quartet will sing at the Solid Rock Baptist Church, 4975 Highway 11, Calhoun, on October 3rd at 10:30 a.m.
There will be a Health Rally on Saturday, Sept. 25th, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Georgia Gilbert Hall, 235 Delay Street, in Athens, sponsored by the Athens SDA Church.

- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will be having its fall bake sale on November 20th. It will be phone-in orders only. Call 744-4360 to place your order between now and October 31st. Then come by the church at 1326 Cedar Springs Road between 8 and noon on November 20th to pick up your order.

- 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.

- First Baptist Church of Niota will have a pancake breakfast tomorrow from 8 to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$5 for all you can eat. Proceeds will be used to purchase backpacks and items for backpacks for children and young people in the Appalachian areas of Tennessee. (See their ad on page 1)

- Mars Hill Presbyterian Church is having Griefshare for those who have lost a loved one on Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 829-5052 for more information.

