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Allegations of Teacher Abuse

Etowah City School Director Mike Frazier says a special education teacher has been suspended without pay after allegations of abusing two students. Dr. Frazier says he learned of an alleged incident on Sept. 17th and reported the incident to the TN Dept. of Children's Services and the Etowah Police Department. The police report says the teacher allegedly threw footballs and dodge balls at the students with enough force to make them cry. One of the students also had bruises on her arms. The teacher also allegedly yelled at and pushed students when they misbehaved. Dr. Frazier says at this point the teacher is not facing any criminal charges. The teacher is indentified as 42-year-old John Lawson.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will meet this afternoon on the campus of Christ Community Church, #18 S. Congress Parkway. Prescription refills at 3 and physician visits at 3:30. The Clinic provides fee basic medical care for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties under 65.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center in Athens and Walgreens will hold a flu shot clinic at the Center this Friday from 9 to noon. Shots will be available for anyone 7 years and older.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will have its monthly meeting tonight (9-28) at 7 p.m. at AgCentral Co-Op.
- ✓ The Highway 411 Yard Sale starts Wednesday (9-30) and goes through Sunday (10-3) from Leeds AL to Newport TN.

Pfizer Boosters Are Ready

The Tennessee Department of Health is now offering booster doses of COVID vaccine to certain populations. A single booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine can be administered to:

- People 65 and older and residents in long-term care settings
- People 50-64 with underlying medical conditions
- People 18-49 with underlying medical conditions based on risks and individual benefits
- People 18-64 who are at increased risk for COVID exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting based on their individual benefits and risks.

In all cases, the booster will be given at least 6 months after your initial first and second vaccinations. Local health departments will be giving the shots, and no appointment is needed.

ADVISORY: The eastbound lane on Park Street from Hill to Glendale Streets will be closed today through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for street repairs.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 9-27

Tennessee: 1,217,394 cases up 2,061. 14,952 deaths up 18.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,023	463	115
Meigs	2,074	78	25
Monroe	9,209	379	113
Polk	2,999	122	25
Bradley	21,268	881	170
Rhea	6,622	354	89

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Sunny and very pleasant. High 82.
Tue Night: Clear and cool. Low 58.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and very pleasant. High 83.
Wed Night: Partly cloudy. Low 57.
Thursday: Partly sunny High 84
 More Weather at: wxyi.com

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Obituaries

♦ **James Derrick Hagins**, age 48, of Etowah, died Saturday. He was employed at Denso. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Englewood Church of God, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sunrise Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Louise Elliott Kennedy**, age 87, of Athens, died Monday at Athens Place Assisted Living. She worked in the McMinn County Trustee Office for 30 years. Graveside services will be 5 p.m. Wednesday at Sewee Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Virginia Josephine Scroggins Blount**, age 88, of Athens died Sunday in NHC of Athens. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **Stephen Durant Tullock**, age 61, of Etowah, died Saturday. He was a life long resident and historian of Etowah and was the Director of the Etowah Chamber of Commerce. A funeral service will be today (9-28) at 5 p.m. under the rotunda at the Etowah Depot. Please bring a lawn chair if you plan to attend. Visitation will be from Noon until 5 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.



♦ **Dana Deann Carter**, age 50, of Athens, died Saturday at Park-west Hospital. A Memorial Service will be today (9-28) at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m.

Bolinger Comes Home

Marvin Bolinger, long-time City Manager in Athens, was back in Athens recently with his daughter, Beth, and grandchildren to host a luncheon for former City Employees. Bolinger said he wanted to see everyone again and express his appreciation to those who served the citizens of Athens during the period of 1975 through 1993. Past City Managers Mel Barker and Mitch Moore were also in attendance.



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