

## **Community News You Can Use**

✓ The annual "Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade" is scheduled for Monday, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in Downtown Athens. The parade theme this year will be "Friendly City Christmas." The deadline for entering floats is November 30th.

✓ A Bluegrass Block Party will be held Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. on 7th Street in Etowah next to the Etowah Arts Commission office and gallery. Blue Ridge Grass will provide the music.

 $\checkmark$  The next "Council Night Out" will be held on Oct. 7th at 6 p.m. at the playground next to North City Elementary School.

FOOTBALL: McMinn County Cherokees have the week off. McMinn Central will host Kingston. Meigs County will play at home against Polk County. Walker Valley will host Rhea County. The University of Tennessee travels to Missouri. Game time is 12 noon with TV coverage on the SEC Network.

### **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 9-30**

Tennessee:	1,228,520 cases up 4,118. 15,149 deaths up 50.		
<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	ACTIVE	<b>DEATHS</b>
McMinn	10,093 up 28	326 down 18	119 up 1
Meigs	2,092 up 10	64 up 2	26
Monroe	9,314 up 33	323 down 12	115 up 1
Polk	3,035 up 12	114 up 1	27
Bradley	21,407 up 54	685 down 33	172 up 1
Rhea	6,699 up 24	279 down 15	89

# The J.L. Cook Flag is Flying

A special flag is now flying along with the American flag at Cook Park, location of the former J.L. Cook School. The flag was purchased by Ray Johnson, Ann Boyd, and Stanley Blair (shown below, left to right) to complement the new monument erected recently in the park.







## **Obituaries**

• Teresa Rae Fultz Hagood, age 63, of Niota, died Wednesday at Tennova Healthcare in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Amanda Spring Nicholas Raper, age 43, of Madisonville, died Sunday (9-19) in a Knoxville hospital. There will be no public services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• Michael Todd Phelps, 50, of Murfreesboro, died September 26th. He's survived locally by his mother, Donna Davis, of Decatur. A memorial service will be announced later. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Irene Starkey Corn, age 97, of Etowah died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

#### OPTIMIST CLUB HONORS THOMPSON

The Athens Optimist Club held its annual installation banquet recently. Among other things, long-time member Jim Thompson was presented the "50 Years," an Optimist Award.

(Photo by Richard Newman)



# **Church News & Events**

- The Friday night singing at the Cooke Ministry Center tonight will feature Pearl and the Jammers. The singing starts at 7 p.m.

- The Hymnsmen Quartet will be singing this Sunday, October 3rd, at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 4975 Highway 11, Calhoun, at 10:30 a.m. The quartet will sing Sunday evening at 6 at North Etowah Baptist Church, 231 Pennsylvania Avenue.

- The Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot is back for 2021. The Turkey Trot is sponsored by Keith Memorial United Methodist Church starting at 8 a.m. Online registration starts on October 13th.

- 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.

- The Athens Christian Church, 802 Matlock Ave., will be putting together Thanksgiving baskets for anyone in need during the upcoming Thanksgiving season. In order to receive a basket, you need to call 333-5085 to get on the list. Call before November 8th. The baskets can be picked up on November 20th.

