

Athens City Council Meets

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening without City Manager C. Seth Sumner, who is currently on a two-week unpaid suspension.

- The Council awarded the monthly VIVID (Very Important Individual) Award to Erica Peden for the volunteer work she does at the Animal Shelter. She is also an ambassador to the community to promote the work of the Humane Society to adopt more animals into loving homes.
- Interim Police Chief Fred Shultz reported on police activity for the month of September. There were 54 thefts, 26 assaults, 9 burglaries, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 1 homicide, and 1 sex offense. Officers issued 225 citations for moving violations. Officers made a total of 132 arrests. There were 69 traffic accidents in the city in September, with 9 injuries. There are currently four vacancies on the police department.
- Athens Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 180 calls in September. Most of them-122-were for rescue and emergency medical service. There were 2 fires (one was a building fire in Englewood and one was a passenger vehicle fire), and 19 false alarms.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Pastor Van Sliger. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or <u>ONLINE</u>.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Starr Regional Medical Center will be giving free flu shots Friday, October 22nd, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Athens Market Park Pavilion. Donations to the Friendly Fellow Club's Christmas basket program are encouraged.

✓ The Etowah Chamber of Commerce announces that the annual Murders on Main Street event for this year has been cancelled due to the death of Durant Tullock who had a major role in the play.
✓ The McMinn County High School Class of 1971 is having a 50th Reunion this Saturday at Springbrook Golf and Country Club in Niota. If you want to attend, call Dwight Henry at (931) 265-5883.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 10-20

Tennessee: <u>COUNTY</u>	1,269,289 cases up 1 <u>CASES</u>	1,926. 16,052 do <u>ACTIVE</u>	eaths up 79. DEATHS
McMinn	10,443 up 40	198 up 7	128 up 1
Meigs	2,163 up 5	35 down 1	28
Monroe	9,630 up 20	121 up 3	122
Polk	3,169 up 5	49 down 8	29
Bradley	21,975 up 32	271 down 3	190 up 1
Rhea	6,928 up 7	103 down 10	92





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Wednesday's Market Report

Equity markets closed modestly higher. Value and defensive sectors outperformed, and utilities, real estate and health care led the gains. Growth sectors like technology and discretionary underperformed, and 10-year Treasury yields rose to 1.64%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 152.03 to 35,609.34. The S&P 500 was up 16.56 to 4,536.19, and the NASDAQ was down 7.41 to 15,121.68.

TENNESSEE HEADLINES

✓ Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally and House Speaker Cameron Sexton have issued a call for the third extraordinary session of the 112th General Assembly. The session will convene on October 27th and will cover issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including mandates on masks and vaccines.

 \checkmark Country singer Travis Tritt is cancelling several shows at venues that require proof of COVID vaccination, mask mandates, or testing.

✓ Former Houston County Mayor George Clark has been indicted for falsifying documents that allowed two former county employees to get unemployment benefits they were not entitled to receive.

Obituary: Timothy J. Lenker, age 67, of Etowah, passed away Tuesday. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

Today is "ShakeOut" Day

The annual Great Central U.S. ShakeOut drill to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for a catastrophic earthquake will be today, October 21st. The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is urging businesses, communities, individuals, organizations, and schools to participate so they can learn how to prevent damage and injuries in the event of a major earthquake. During the ShakeOut drill, participants will practice the Drop, Cover, and Hold On technique, which is the proper selfprotection measure in an earthquake. The technique involves:

- **DROP** to the ground
- Take **COVER** under a sturdy desk or table, or cover your head and neck with your arms
- HOLD ON until the shaking stops.



✓ The American Legion Post 68 will have its 4th Friday monthly Fish Fry at the Athens VFW Post on N. Congress Parkway this Friday, October 22nd, from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" Fish Fry for a free will donation.

