

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Community News You Can Use

✓ The 2021 Decatur Downtown Halloween Night On the Square will be Sunday, October 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

✓ The McMinn Living Heritage Museum presents History for Lunch on Thursday, Oct. 28th, at 12 noon, featuring an interview with J. Neal Ensminger. Bring your lunch and come enjoy a film of Mr. Ensminger talking about his life in McMinn County.

✓ Again this year, Starr Regional Medical Center will be offering free flu shots. The shots will be given this Friday, Oct. 29th, from 7 a.m. until 12 noon in the main lobby of the Athens hospital. Donations are encouraged to benefit the Friendly Fellow Club which provides Christmas baskets to those in need.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 10-26

Tennessee: <u>COUNTY</u>	1,276,257 cases, up <u>CASES</u>	960. 16,243 dea <u>ACTIVE</u>	ths, up 60. <u>DEATHS</u>
McMinn	10,500	160 down 21	131 up 1
Meigs	2,169 up 4	27 up 2	28
Monroe	9,694 up 9	112 down 11	122
Polk	3,186 up 1	30 down 9	30 up 1
Bradley	22,086 up 18	240 down 7	195 up 1
Rhea	6,960 up 1	68 down 12	93 up 1

Halloween Rules for Sex Offenders

The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) has launched "Operation Blackout", an annual statewide operation to ensure sex offenders are complying with the rules. A specific set of rules must be followed by all registered sex offenders this month. The rules include:

- No Halloween decorations
- No attending Halloween fall functions such as Harvest Festivals, etc
- No distributing candy
- Keeping the porch light turned off on Halloween night

There are just under 4,000 sex offender on supervision living in Tennessee. TDOC will be out in the neighborhood on the 31st conducting compliance checks. TDOC says to ensure your child is safe this Halloween, here are a few thing parents can do:

- Go with your child on Halloween night. This is not only a good way to keep your child safe but is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors better.
- If you choose to let your child go out without adult supervision, make sure you know where your child will be trick-or-treating.
- Before you go out on Halloween night, check the TBI Sex Offender Registry to know which houses to avoid.
- If you see any suspicious activity, please contact your local law enforcement agency.



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> **Comerford Named to Governor's Council**

Tara Comerford, from Westside Elementary School, has been

named to the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation inaugural

Obituaries

• Gerald M. Mandarino, age 75, of Cleveland, died September 29th at his home. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a police officer for many years until his retirement. The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 31st, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with a service celebrating his life at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stock futures traded little changed. Both the Dow and S&P 500 set record closing highs. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 15.73 to 35,756.88. The S&P 500 was up 8.31 to 4,574.79, and the NASDAQ was up 9.01 to 15.235.71.

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Educator Advisory Council. The Council will serve as a consulting body to help determine the best resources to meet the needs of students across Tennessee. Twentyone Tennessee educators were selected from 115 applicants to serve on the council, representing 20 school districts in all three regions of the state. With fewer than one third of Tennessee third graders able to read proficiently, the Early Literacy Foundation aims to utilize the council's combined 290 years of experience to meet students and families where they are, with the tools they need, to strengthen early

literacy and combat learning loss. Tara has been teaching for 12 years. She is currently serving Westside as the 3rd Grade lead teacher. She is a two-time Teacher of the Year winner for her school. She is married to Brett and they have a daughter, named Kate, and a pup named Annie.



