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Today's News... This Morning

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Friday, October 29, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The streets in Downtown Athens will be closed today from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the 5th Friday Halloween activities.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department reports plenty of tickets are still available for the annual Mother-Son Dance. For ticket information, call 744-2700 ext. 3.

FOOTBALL: The McMinn County Cherokees will wrap up the regular season by hosting Ooltewah. It's Senior Night. McMinn Central hosts Sweetwater. Meigs County travels to Marion County. Walker Valley's final game is at Howard. The University of Tennessee has the week off.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 10-28

Tennessee: 1,279,112 cases, up 1,595. 16,322 deaths, up 28.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,522 up 10	147 down 9	132
Meigs	2,179 up 6	28 up 1	28
Monroe	9,711 up 7	107 down 4	123 up 1
Polk	3,187 up 2	24 down 1	31
Bradley	22,131 up 18	235 down 7	196 up 1
Rhea	6,977 up 11	66 up 3	93

Polk Co. Man Charged With Murder

A Polk County man has been arrested and charged in connection with the murder of his neighbor earlier this week. At the request of 10th District Attorney General Stephen Crump, TBI agents began working alongside the Polk County Sheriff's Office to investigate the death of a man shortly after deputies found his remains on Fingerboard Road. During the investigation, authorities developed information leading to Mitchell Edward Mingie, 58, as the person responsible for killing the man and improperly disposing of his remains. He has been charged with one count of Second-Degree Murder and one count of Abuse of a Corpse. The name of the victim has not been released at this time because the next of kin has not been properly notified.



Follow us on Facebook **f** Merchants and Friends of Etowah Presents: **STREET OF TREATS** **OCT. 30TH 4-6PM**
 Historic Downtown Etowah

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99
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Obituaries

♦ **Elizabeth Bjornlund Grater**, age 97, of Athens, died Wednesday at her home. She was born in Ogdensburg, NY and spent her childhood in Cornwall, Ontario and La Tuque, Quebec. She and her husband, William Clyde Grater, moved to Tennessee in 1954. She had a nursing degree and her career centered around nursing and raising their children. She was an accomplished artist. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The committal service will be at 10 a.m., Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Elsie Mantooth Moore**, age 84, of Waco, KY (formerly of Etowah), died Tuesday, Oct. 26th. Graveside services will be Friday, Oct. 29th, at 2 p.m. at Gateway Church of Christ Cemetery, 405 County Road 801, Etowah. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Lisa Denise Powell**, age 61, of Niota, died Oct. 22nd in a Knoxville hospital. She was a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan. In honor of her wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is assisting with arrangements.

♦ **Robert Schultz**, age 87, of Athens, died Thursday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah.

♦ **Mary E. Rowland**, age 76, of Riceville, died Thursday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah.

♦ **Ralph William Fenton**, age 83, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He was a native of Whateley, North Warwickshire, England, and a longtime resident of McMinn County. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1978. He was a mechanical engineer and was employed by Johns Manville for over 20 years in various positions. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m., Monday at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church with visitation on Sunday, October 31st from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. with Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens in charge.

Church News & Events

- Athens Lutheran Church, 710 Forrest Ave., will have its Annual Rummage Sale Oct. 29th & 30th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (See Ad below)

- 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.

- Athens First Baptist Church will have their annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 31st, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be fun for the whole family, including hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, cotton candy, carnival games, bounce houses, Bible heroes, and candy.

- North Etowah Baptist Church will have a drive-through Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 30th, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., with treat bags, hot dogs, and popcorn.

- West End Baptist Church in Athens will have a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. All ages are welcome.

- Rocky Mount Baptist Church will have Trunk or Treat Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m., with fun festivities in a safe environment. The church is located at 1002 Rocky Mount Road, Athens.

- Athens Nazarene Church is holding a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition to candy for the kids, there will be an opportunity to register to win one of two gasoline gift cards. The church is located at 1908 West Madison Ave.

- Voice of Deliverance Church of God in Christ will host "Hallelujah Night" on Sunday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be fun, games, food, candy, and face painting. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.

- Lakeview Baptist Church, 183 County Rd 126, will have Trunk or Treat Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

- 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.

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Friday & Saturday
October 29th & 30th 8am to 3pm
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