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Today's News... This Morning

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**17th Annual
 Etowah Community
 Christmas Concert**
*Thurs., Dec. 9th 7 pm
 1st Baptist Church Etowah*
 Featuring:
 Etowah Town Band
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 Instrumental Ensembles
FREE ADMISSION
 Bring non-perishable food items for
 Etowah Cooperative Food Pantry.
 Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thursday, December 2, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Christmas parades kick off tonight. The Etowah Parade will take place along Tennessee Avenue starting at 7 p.m. Doug & Brenda Tullock and Mrs. Durant Tullock (Sandra) are the Grand Marshals. Other parades coming up:
Englewood: Friday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30 p.m.
Sweetwater: Friday, Dec. 3rd, 7 p.m.
Niota: Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2 p.m.
Madisonville: Saturday, Dec. 4th, 4 p.m.
Decatur: Sunday, Dec. 5th, 2 p.m.
Athens: Monday, Dec. 6th, 6:30 p.m.
 (Remember the Optimist Club of Athens Soup and Chili Supper, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dec. 6th, at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. Adults \$10. Kids 10 & Under, \$5)
Benton: Saturday, Dec. 11th, 1 p.m.
Tellico Plains: Saturday, Dec. 18th, 5:30 p.m.
 ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Cerithea Eller, a student. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

Jobless Rate Drops in the Area

The unemployment rate in October went down in 65 of Tennessee's counties. The unemployment rate was under 5% in 93 counties. In our area:
McMinn Co - 3.4% unemployment in October; 3.6% in Sept.
Meigs Co - 3.6% unemployment in October; 3.7% in Sept.
Monroe Co - 3.0% in October; 3.2% in Sept.
Polk Co - 3.2% in October; 3.3% in Sept.
Rhea Co - 4.1% in October; 4.3% in Sept.
Bradley Co - 3.1% in October; 3.2% in Sept.

◆ **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 12-01**

Tennessee: 1,318,572 cases up 2,188. 17,196 deaths up 152

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,762 up 4	80 down 4	140 up 3
Meigs	2,236 up 1	16	31
Monroe	9,971 up 13	94 up 9	133 up 4
Polk	3,259 up 3	27 up 1	33
Bradley	22,679 up 20	184 up 5	224 up 3
Rhea	7,120 up 14	52 up 14	99

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Gerry Borstelmann**, age 78, of Athens, died Monday. He was born in New York, where he was a police officer. He later moved to Athens and worked as an accountant for Mayfield and later had his own CPA office. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

♦ **Nellie "Pauline" Dethridge Arnwine**, age 83, of Niota, died Monday. She was a cook at Sweetwater Hospital for many years. Homegoing services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Niota, with visitation from noon until 1 p.m. Services will conclude at Moore Cemetery. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **James Merrill Williams, Sr.**, age 79, of Athens, died Monday in a Chattanooga hospital. He was a veteran of the Army where he served in the Vietnam War. Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 3rd, at 6 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home in Cleveland. There will be a walk-through visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

♦ **David Bohannon**, age 57, of Athens, died November 18th in a Knoxville hospital. He was the purchasing manager at Dynasty Spas. His wife, Tammy, died on Sept. 14th. She had been a teacher at Westside Elementary School. The family will have a joint memorial gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

Ribbon Cut for Straightway

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Straightway Ministry, located at 1303 Frye Street. Shown front, left to right: Lisa Rhea & Amy McDonald (Chamber Diplomats), Kevin Hammond (L&M Motors), Mike Englehaupt (Straightway Ministry), Bob Hampton (Founder of Straightway), Lisa Hampton (Straightway), Bill Castilaw, Connie Woodcock, Kellie Collins, & Dannielle Sierra (Diplomats). Back row: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Doug Bailey, Tina South & Larae Graves (Diplomats), & Daniel Atkinson.



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