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Athens City Council Update

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday. At the meeting, Councilman John Coker announced his resignation. Coker was elected in 2016. He lives outside the Athens city limits and is no longer eligible to serve.

At the meeting, the police and fire department heads reported on activity for June.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 43 thefts in June, 18 assaults, 12 burglaries, 8 motor vehicle thefts, 3 robberies, and 3 sex offenses. Officers issued 81 traffic citations. There were 55 traffic accidents in June with 14 injuries. Chief Couch reported there are 4 vacancies on the police force.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 84 calls in June. Four calls were to fires, 53 for rescue and emergency medical service, and there were 17 false alarms. Total loses were \$6,500.00.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Pumpkintown 2020 has been cancelled. The committee has concluded that the safety of the vendors, entertainers, and attendees is too important to risk. The committee thanks all who have supported & participated in Pumpkintown over the past 17 years.
- ✓ The opener for this Saturday's Sounds of Summer concert at Market Park Pavilion is Cody & Alex. The headliner is Old Millennial. The concert starts at 7 and is free. Bring your lawn chair.

Early Voting Continues

Early voting for the August 6th primary continues through August 1st. In McMinn County you can vote early at the Election Commission office on the ground floor of the Courthouse or at the Conference Center at Athens Regional Park. When you arrive, you will be given a "voter packet" containing an ink pen, gloves, and an "I Voted" sticker. After checking in, you will go into the voting room where you will be given a 5-digit number and a piece of paper with a black arrow on it. Voting machines are no longer being used. Instead, you use a "Ballot Marking Device." Election officials will show you how the device works. You insert the paper with the arrow into the machine, vote by touching the screen, and when you are finished, your vote is printed on that piece of paper. You then take the paper over to another machine called the "ballot box" and scan your ballot into that machine. That concludes the voting process. Face masks are encouraged but not required.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In the past 24 hours, the number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee has jumped another 2,473, standing at 84,417 total cases to date. The death toll is 888, up 17 since Wednesday.

McMinn County: 384 cases to date, up 2. There are 137 active cases. The fatalities remain at 19.

Bradley Co: 1,284 cases to date, 445 are active, and 8 deaths.

Meigs County: 61 cases to date, 30 are still active.

Monroe County: 213 cases. 69 are active. Death toll is 7.

Polk County: 79 cases to date, with 32 still active.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

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Wednesday's Market Report

U.S. equities ended the day mixed. Utilities was the best-performing sector. Energy was the worst. White House officials are considering an extension of current unemployment benefits because it's unlikely they will reach a deal on the new stimulus package before existing benefits expire.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 165 points or 0.6% to 27,006. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 19 points or 0.6% to 3,276, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 26 points or 0.2% to 10,706.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year Treasury yield was little changed at 1.29%. The 10-year Treasury yield was little changed at .59%. In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold rose \$23.30 to \$1,867.20, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.09 to \$41.83.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Edwin Mack Layman**, age 78, of Decatur, died Tuesday at his home. He retired from DuPont after more than 30 years. Funeral services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Jerome "Dean" Heltz**, age 85, of Athens, died Wednesday at Morning Pointe of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Johnny Ray Raper**, age 64, of Englewood, died Tuesday. He was a pastor at several churches and currently at Cottonport Church of God. He worked at Wholesale Supply for over 30 years. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

PARENTS ORGANIZING GRADUATION CEREMONY

A group of parents is putting together a graduation ceremony for Seniors of McMinn County High School. The ceremony will be held July 29th at 8 p.m. at Bicentennial Park. All graduates are invited to participate. Register at blendedtribeof7@gmail.com Senator Mike Bell and McMinn County Mayor John Gentry will speak. There will also be speeches by the Valedictorians. Graduates will cross the stage and be recognized. Families and friends are invited. Lori Wilson, one of the organizers, says social distancing and masks will be encouraged. For more information, call Lori at 337-1010. There is also more information on the Facebook page: McMinn County High School Graduation.

Tree Lands on House

The storm that rolled through McMinn County Tuesday afternoon caused power outages and brought down trees. One of those trees damaged this house on East Main Street in Englewood. Another fell onto a telephone pole and a car on Sunset Avenue. The Englewood Fire Department, police, and public works departments responded.
(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 23rd

1829 - The first typewriter was patented — by William Burt of Mt. Vernon, MI. It didn't work out as well as other practical models developed years later. The first problem was, people couldn't get used to calling it a Burtwriter.

1904 - The ice cream cone was independently introduced at the St. Louis World's Fair by Ernest A. Hamwi, a Syrian concessionaire. Hamwi was in a booth next to an ice cream maker who ran out of plates for his ice cream. Hamwi, who was selling a crisp, waffle like pastry, quickly rolled one of his wafer-like waffles in the shape of a cone, or cornucopia, and gave it to the ice cream vendor. The cone cooled in a few seconds, the vendor put some ice cream in it, the customers were happy and the cone was on its way to becoming the great American institution that it is today.

1971 - Bluegrass singer Allison Krauss was born. One of her biggest hit records is "When You Say Nothing At All."

2000 - Tiger Woods became the youngest golfer to complete a career Grand Slam when he won the British Open at age 24.

2003 - Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably sexually abused more than 1,000 people over six decades.

MOVIE NIGHT

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