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## Today's News... This Morning

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Friday, July 31, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

### COVID-19 Developments

- ✓ A leader in the fight against COVID-19 in Nashville shares his concerns about gatherings that could become "superspreader" events if friends and family let their guards down. Dr. Alex Jahangir, chair of the Metro Nashville Coronavirus Task Force, says you may think it's safe because you know everyone and you're sure they don't have COVID. He says don't get lulled into that kind of thinking because those types of gatherings can become events where multiple people or even an entire party become infected. He says you should keep gatherings below 25 people.
- ✓ Radio talk show host and former presidential candidate Herman Cain has died of the coronavirus at the age of 74. Cain had been at a higher risk due to his age and a previous battle with cancer. Two weeks before falling ill, he attended a Trump rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, without wearing a mask.
- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol reports it spent nearly \$1 million for troopers to guard the Capitol building during last month's protests in Nashville.
- ✓ The number of virus cases in Tennessee now stands at 102,871, up 2,049 from Wednesday. Deaths are 1,033, up 13.  
**McMinn Co:** 452 cases, up 10, 136 are active, and 20 deaths.  
**Monroe Co:** 305 cases, 137 are active, and 11 deaths (up 1).  
**Polk County:** 134 cases, 70 active, and 1 death.

### Perfect Score for Sen. Bell

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has received a perfect score from the National Federation of Small Business (NFIB) for his voting record in support of small businesses in Tennessee. NFIB scored members of the 111th General Assembly on important bills that were considered during the 2019-2020 legislative sessions. NFIB Tennessee State Director Jim Brown says Bell's flawless voting record demonstrated a dedicated commitment to protecting small businesses in his district. Brown says "Senator Bell is unquestionably a true friend of small business."

#### EARLY VOTING ENDS SATURDAY

Time is running out for Tennesseans planning to vote early in the State and Federal Primary and County General election. Early voting ends Saturday, August 1st. You can vote early today (Friday) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the McMinn County Election Commission on the ground floor of the Courthouse or at the Conference Center at Athens Regional Park. On Saturday, you can vote from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Election Commission office only. The ballot includes contested primaries for the U.S. Senate seat held by Lamar Alexander who is not seeking re-election. There are also contested races in the cities of Etowah and Englewood and for the McMinn County School Board. Keith Price is running for re-election as Property Assessor with no opposition.

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**Friday** - Mostly cloudy & humid. Possible t'storms later in the day. High 88.  
**Fri Night** - Cloudy & humid. Possible t'storms. Low 71.  
**Saturday** - Humid, rain & t'storms. High 87.  
**Sat Night** - Cloudy & humid. Possible t'storms. Low 67.  
**Sunday** - Mostly cloudy. High 87.  
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## Obituaries

♦ **Justin Austin Moon**, age 75, of Decatur, died Thursday at NHC HealthCare of Athens. He retired from Combustion Engineering with 30 years of service and worked for the Meigs County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m., prior to the service.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks were mixed. Technology was the best performing sector and energy the biggest decliner. U.S. Treasuries were higher, as yields fell. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 226 points or 0.9% to 26,314. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 12 points or 0.4% to 3,246, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 45 points or 0.4% to 10,588.

In Commodity Markets, the price of gold fell 5.20 to \$1948.28.

### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Farmers Market will be open for four more days before closing for this season. The market is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Market Park Pavilion. Saturday, August 8th, will be the final day. The market features locally grown tomatoes and other vegetables, plus honey, home baked bread, and crafts.

## Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens is headed back to the Drive-In for their 9:30 a.m. Worship Services for the next two Sundays, August 2nd and 9th. Since a couple of members have tested positive for COVID-19, the decision was made to move services to the Midway Drive-In while the church facility is sanitized.

- The Home Service Sunday School Class from Keith UMC is broadcast live on WYXI Radio [FM 94.5/AM 1390](#) at 10 a.m. Sunday.

- You are invited to join the Hillbilly Feud at the Fairview Baptist Church Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday (August 2nd-5th) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Children in grades K4-6th are invited to attend. VBS will be held in the Scallions' Educational Center.

- Niota First Baptist church has decided to cancel VBS which had been scheduled for July 31-Aug. 2.

- The Transformation Project, a 12-month non-residential recover and discipleship program is being held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Athens First Baptist Church. For information, go online at [fbcahens.com/transformation-project](http://fbcahens.com/transformation-project) or call 745-5441.

- Beulah Chapel has moved its annual Homecoming from the 3rd Sunday in July to the 3rd Sunday in September this year.

**NOTE:** If you have church announcements you would like us to report in this Friday column, just email us at [wysi@bellsouth.net](mailto:wysi@bellsouth.net)

### Come to Vacation Bible School

July 31 - Aug. 2 K thru 6th grade classes  
Friday & Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm (Meal provided)  
Celebration on Sunday starting at 10:45am.



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