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Athens, Tennessee

TWU Graduation Set for Friday

Tennessee Wesleyan University will hold commencement exercises this Friday at 7 p.m. in the courtyard in front of the Coloms Campus Center. President Harley Knowles says several thousand guests are expected. He says masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced. Dr. Knowles says they expect around 180 students and many of their parents to attend. The speaker will be Kyle Blassingame. Blassingame competed in men's track and field during his time with the Bulldogs. He was severely injured in a car wreck the summer before his senior season. He underwent many surgeries and eventually one of his legs had to be amputated. He was set to compete for the men's outdoor track and field program in the race-walk this spring before the season was cut short due to COVID-19. Blassingame was named the 2019-2020 Male AAC Champions of Character.



Local News

✓ The latest report shows Tennessee has had 112,441 cases of the virus to date, an increase of 1,805. There have been 1,117 deaths, up 25 over the past 24 hours.
McMinn Co: 493 cases, up 4, 134 active cases & 20 deaths.
Monroe Co: 377 cases, 184 active, 9 deaths.
Meigs Co: 99 cases to date, with 47 active cases. No deaths.
Polk Co: 179 cases with 98 active. The deaths now total 3.
Bradley Co: 1,799 cases, 518 are active, and 10 deaths.
SEVERAL HURT IN DENNIS STREET WRECK
 A traffic accident Tuesday afternoon on West Madison Ave. at the Dennis Street Bridge injured several people. At least one patient was airlifted from the scene. (Submitted by Subscriber)



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Obituaries

♦ **Robert "Bob" Lewis Bright**, age 78, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. He was a former employee of Big Lots and was a veteran of the Air Force where he worked as a fireman. The family will receive friends Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Juanita Rebecca "Becky" Moore**, age 82, of Riceville, died Monday at her home. She was a Sunday School teacher at Valley Road Baptist Church for many years. She retired from Thomas and Betts. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church. The body will lie in state from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge.

FOUR INJURED IN MEIGS CO. BOAT CRASH

The TWRA reports that four people were injured Saturday night in a two-vessel collision on the Hiwassee River near the Highway 58 bridge in Meigs County. The collision involved two individuals from Bradley County in a 16-foot Bayliner and four individuals from Polk County in a 20-foot Sylvan ski boat. One person was transported by helicopter to Erlanger Medical Center and one by ambulance to a Cleveland hospital. Both have now been released.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Christ's Legacy Academy will have graduation exercises this Friday at 6 p.m. at East Athens Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in called session at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday). The Board will meet via electronic means in order to protect the safety and welfare of the general public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

✓ The Athens City School Board will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. The meeting will be accessible via Microsoft Teams.

✓ The Athens Farmers Market at the Market Park Pavilion will be open two more days this season. The Market will be open tomorrow (Thursday) from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The market features locally grown vegetables, locally produced honey, baked bread and crafts.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library announces that local artwork by Community Artist League artist Kathleen Anne Kinney is currently on display at the library. Ms. Kinney is currently an Artist in Residence at Broadway Studios & Gallery. She has won numerous awards for her paintings, mixed media, and photography. She has also been judging art competitions for over 12 years. For more information, call the Library at 263-9475.

TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 5th

1864 - During the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama.

1884 - The cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid at Bedloe's Island, now called Liberty Island, New York. The actual statue was accepted as a gift to the United States from the people of France by U.S. President Grover Cleveland on October 28, 1886. The statue became a symbol of freedom to the European immigrants who passed it on their way to Ellis Island and their admittance to the United States. It remains today as a symbol of liberty for all.

1933 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

1936 - Jesse Owens of the United States won the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics, collecting the third of his four gold medals.

1957 - Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* caught the attention of network executives at ABC-TV in New York, who decided to put the show on its afternoon schedule; however, they had to do this without disrupting the hugely popular *Mickey Mouse Club* at 5 p.m. So halfway through the *American Bandstand* show, Clark would tell listeners to come back for more of the show after the Mouse! Following the *Mickey Mouse Club* show, *American Bandstand* would return for another 30 minutes.

1962 - Actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from "acute barbiturate poisoning."

1962 - South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested on charges of leaving the country without a passport and inciting workers to strike; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment.

1964 - U.S. Navy pilot Everett Alvarez Jr. became the first American flier to be shot down and captured by North Vietnam; he was held prisoner until February 1973.

1967 - The U.S. space probe Mariner 7 flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.