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Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ ATHENS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS NEW ROLE

The Athens Fire Department is now providing First Response on emergency medical calls in the City of Athens. The City of Athens has signed an agreement with American Medical Response (AMR) that will begin the Fire Department's new service. This will result in faster response time to medical emergencies in Athens. Athens firemen will automatically be dispatched to the calls. Before the agreement, AMR would be first on the scene and would request the fire department if needed. City Manager C. Seth Sumner says the new system will cut response time.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The annual Camp Living Stones Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 21st, at Springbrook Golf & Country Club. To register, call 263-5060.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE MONDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 154,933 cases, up 1,818. 1,754 deaths, up 7.

COUNTY CASES RECOVERED ACTIVE DEATHS

County	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	791 (no change)	572	196	23
Meigs	162 (no change)	115	45	2
Monroe	749 up 11	451	283	15
Polk	327 up 1	236	81	10
Bradley	2,473 up 5	2,017	440	16
Rhea	652 up 5	560	88	4 (Up 1)

Senior Centers Still Closed

Schools are open, most restaurants are open, high school football games are being played, libraries are reopening, etc. But, the senior citizen centers in Tennessee are still closed. At this point, there is no word on when they will be able to start the reopening process. Obviously, many of the people who attend the senior citizens centers are considered to be in the at-risk group for the coronavirus because of their age. The sign below stands in front of the still-closed McMinn County Senior Activity Center Citizens Activity Center in Athens.



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WEATHER FORECAST
Tuesday: Cloudy & humid. Possible t'storms. High 87.
Tue Night: Mostly cloudy & humid. Possible t'storms. Low 72.
Wednesday: Humid. Times of clouds & sun. Possible t'storms in P.M. High 89.
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Obituaries

♦ **Willie "Bill" Frances Bell**, age 77, of Athens, died last Thursday, August 27th, at Sweetwater Hospital. She spent 42 years in Carson, California, where she worked as a secretary and receptionist. She returned home to Athens in recent years to be near her family as her health began to decline. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, at 12 noon at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home in Athens, with a walk-through visitation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

♦ **Bill Martin**, age 73, died Saturday after battling complications from cancer. He taught physical education at Athens Middle School for 40 years, continuing to serve as Athletic Director after he retired. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m., Thursday at Athens Church of Christ. There will be no visitation. A private interment and seating will adhere to social distancing guidelines. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **James Edward "Eddie" Rynes**, age 74, of Decatur, died Saturday. He served in the U.S. Army as PVT E-1 and worked for forty four and half years at Alstom Power. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Clear Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. If you plan to attend the service, due to Covid-19, bring and wear your mask during the service and practice social distancing. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Curtis Blaine Bitner**, age 80, of Athens, died Saturday, at Spring City Care and Rehabilitation. He was a native of Greene County. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1962-1967. He was employed with Raytheon, Bristol, TN; Shaffer Corp., Gallatin, TN; and Metals Engineering, Greeneville, TN. In 1970 he was employed as comptroller and personnel manager of Conrad Industries at Weaverville in Western North Carolina for 29 1/2 years and served as vice president for the last 16 years. He remained active and productive in a variety of work endeavors and interests. He and his wife moved to Athens in November, 2015. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Pleasant Hill cemetery in Chuckey, TN. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

Rules for the TWU Crosswalk

Now that Tennessee Wesleyan University students are back on campus, it's important for motorists to know how to respond to the yellow and red lights at the crosswalk on Green Street. It's actually fairly simple. The lights remain off until a pedestrian activates the push button. When the button is pushed, approaching drivers will see a FLASHING YELLOW light for a few seconds, indicating that they should reduce speed and be prepared to stop for a pedestrian in the crosswalk. The FLASHING YELLOW is followed by a SOLID YELLOW and then by a SOLID RED, requiring motorists to stop at the stop line. After the pedestrian walks across the street, motorists will see a FLASHING RED LIGHT. That is essentially a stop sign. Stopped vehicles are allowed to proceed if the crosswalk is clear. Motorists approaching a FLASHING RED LIGHT must stop, and then proceed if the crosswalk is clear. One fly in the ointment is when students decide to walk across the crosswalk without taking time to push the button. It's always a wise idea to scan the edges of the walkway on both sides to make sure no students are there. If they are, be aware that they might start walking across the street and no yellow or red lights will come on. In that case, you need to stop to let them cross. It takes both students and motorists to follow the rules at the crosswalk to avoid a pedestrian being hit.

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(1) program ticket to see Jack Nicklaus on October 17.
This banquet is hosted by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce



Visit at least 5 places and have this "passport" signed along
your journey. After 5 signatures, return this card to the
Athens Area Chamber of Commerce
13 North Jackson Street by October 3rd.
Drawing and announcement will be made by
October 9, 2020 "Sign anywhere on the card!"

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Listed below is another sampling of verifiable property sales from July 1st
to August 1st in McMinn County.

County Road 793	Etowah	170000
County Road 587	Englewood	165000
County Road 78	Riceville	160000
County Road 110	Athens	159900
County Road 50	Athens	158000
Eighth Street	Etowah	157000
8th Street	Etowah	155500
8th St	Etowah	150000
County Road 456	Athens	149000
Kilgore St	Athens	145000
County Road 110	Athens	143048
Georgia Ave	Etowah	139000
Louisiana	Etowah	129000
Haley St	Athens	121000
County Road 750	Athens	120000
Haley St	Athens	120000
Washington Avenue	Etowah	115000
Hogan Street	Athens	113500
County Road 854	Etowah	95400
Ohio Avenue	Etowah	95000
Thompson	Athens	95000
County Road 177	Athens	93500
County Road 629	Etowah	91000

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