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Today's News...This Morning

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Friday, October 2, 2020 Athens, Tennessee

September: Deadly Month for Virus

September was the deadliest month yet for COVID-19 in Tennessee. The Tennessee Health Department reported 1,528 new cases of the virus on Wednesday, the last day of the month, bringing the total number of cases statewide to 196,139. Of those, 51 percent are female and 48 percent are male. The Health Department also confirmed 34 additional deaths. The state reported 700 deaths in September, surpassing the 694 deaths in August. Over the month of September, Tennessee averaged 23 deaths each day.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday P.M.

Tennessee: 197,432 cases, up 1,293. 2,501 deaths, up 47.

| COUNTY | CASES | RECOVERED | ACTIVE | DEATHS |
|---------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| McMinn | 1,179 up 3 | 1,033 | 120 | 26 |
| Meigs | 232 up 1 | 216 | 13 | 3 |
| Monroe | 1,094 up 11 | 977 | 97 | 20 + 1 |
| Polk | 413 up 3 | 368 | 34 | 11 + 1 |
| Bradley | 2,998 up 10 | 2,835 | 146 | 17 |
| Rhea | 870 up 7 | 758 | 97 | 15 |

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens Utilities Board says electricity rates will see a decrease over the next year due to a local rate adjustment that comes from the pandemic relief effort set up by AUB and TVA. TVA approved a 2.5% Wholesale Pandemic Relief Credit for AUB, which will relate to a 1.6% retail rate reduction.
 - ✓ Crews from AUB will flush water lines and fire hydrants throughout the city beginning at 12:30 p.m. next Tuesday, October 6th, weather permitting. During the flushing, residents may experience times of low water pressure and slightly cloudy water. Washing clothes while the work is going on could result in clothes that are dingy or discolored.
 - ✓ The annual Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade in Downtown Athens WILL be held this year. The parade is set for Monday, December 7th. The parade theme this year is "Home for the Holidays." Applications for floats are available at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.
- FOOTBALL:** The McMinn Cherokees will host Heritage tonight...McMinn Central hosts Loudon...Meigs County is off. Tennessee hosts Missouri Saturday at 12 noon with TV coverage on the SEC Network.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Carey R. "Ross" Carroll**, age 83, of Athens, died Thursday at his home. He was owner and operator of Carroll Insurance for 55 years and later was a co-partner of Insurance Inc. of Athens. He served on the Athens Housing Authority Board and played and sang on WLAR when the station first opened. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with Smith Funeral and Cremation Services in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Mary Ruth Norman Culberson**, age 83, of Etowah, died Thursday. Graveside services will be Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Clerk's office is now offering Driver's License/ID renewals, Real ID, and Gun Carry Permit renewals. Call the office at 745-4440 to make an appointment.

✓ The McMinn County Clerk's office will be closed today due to a planned outage associated with power service relocation.

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) will be taking applications for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the 2020-2021 year between October 1st, 2020, and September 2021. You may call the McMinn County SETHRA office at 423-745-8095 or the Meigs County office at 334-3305 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 P.M.

Church News & Events

- Celebrate Recovery at Jones Chapel UMC has started. This Sunday, October 4th, at 7:30 p.m., you are invited to come to Jones Chapel for their in-person groups. The groups are for anyone dealing with chemical addiction, compulsive behavior, loss, or relationship or life challenges. The church is located at 590 County Road 778, Athens.

- The Athens First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service now begins at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday School at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday night activities have also resumed, starting with a Family Meal at 5 p.m.

- Sego the Next Generation will sing this Sunday, October 4th, at 10:30 a.m. at Solid Rock Baptist Church. The church is located at 4975 U.S. 11 in Calhoun.

- Christian comedian and motivational speaker Dennis Swanberg will appear at Delano Baptist Church, 144 Carolina Avenue, tonight, October 2nd. He will be joined by The Hymnsmen. The Hymnsmen will sing at 6 p.m. Swanberg takes the stage at 7 p.m. The event is free to the public. A love offering will be taken.



- The Athens Church of the Nazarene will host a craft/vendor show on November 7th. Any vendors and food trucks who would like to participate should call Anita Adkins at 423-650-3430 after 3 p.m. on weekdays. The fair is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces are inexpensive.



As we continue to monitor the situation and to help lessen the risk of exposure of the virus to our valued citizens and employees of The City of Etowah, we will be conducting all meetings in a virtual setting until Governor Lee provides further guidance.

A Special Called Meeting in place of our postponed September 28, 2020 City Commission meeting will be conducted via teleconferencing beginning at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 5, 2020. A recording of the meeting will be posted via Facebook Live at the "The City of Etowah" Facebook page. The agenda is currently posted on our website. All citizens are encouraged to participate with comments during the meeting.

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