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Friday, December 4, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ McMinn County Clerk Melinda King announces that the County Clerk's office will be closed until further notice. She says they have had a couple of positive COVID-19 tests and she wants to give the other girls in the office a chance to get tested.
- ✓ The Etowah Arts Commission is seeking businesses, community groups, and families who would be willing to donate books to local school libraries. Books from this year's Young Authors Conference have been divided up into 14 stacks, one for each of the 14 schools in our area. For \$90, a stack of new books can be donated to a school. Inside each book cover will be the name of your business, group, or family as the donor. If you would like to participate, call 263-6708.

CHRISTMAS PARADES: Englewood, 6:30 tonight; Decatur, 2 p.m. Sunday; and the Jimmy Limer Memorial Parade in Athens is 7 p.m. Monday, December 7th.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday P.M.

Tennessee: 388,252 cases, up 3,967. 4,781 deaths, up 93.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	2,810 up 40	2,383	371	56
Meigs	525 up 3	463	50	12
Monroe	2,341 up 29	1,976	319	46 up 1
Polk	709 up 4	638	56	15
Bradley	5,716 up 73	4,981	698	37
Rhea	1,878 up 19	1,626	216	36 up 3

Lost Billfold Found After 25 Years

Oneil Gray, longtime owner of Gray's Heating and Air Conditioning, has been reunited with a billfold lost 25 years ago and never expected to see again.

Oneil says he was working in the attic at Etowah First Baptist Church in 1995 changing light bulbs. When he came down from the attic, he realized his wallet was missing. He searched for it, but could not find it.

Now, though, he has the wallet back. He says he got a phone call recently from Anita Gieser with East Tennessee Construction Company advising that his billfold had been found. She said workers were changing light bulbs in the church attic and noticed a pink paper sticking out of something, which happened to be Oneil's wallet.

Tim Trotter from East TN Construction returned it to him. Oneil says the wallet had apparently laid there in the church attic untouched and undiscovered for 25 years. It still contained \$125 in cash, a \$100 Traveler's Check, his military ID card, and his drivers license.

SHAZZON BRADLEY FIGHTING COVID-19

Family members are asking for prayers for Shazzon Bradley as he battles COVID-19. Shazzon was a star football player at McMinn County High School and later became an outstanding defensive tackle at the University of Tennessee. He later became a boxer, going 21-0 before retiring in 1999 due to an eye injury.

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December 20 Youth Christmas Program 6:30pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Program 6:30pm

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Allen Memorial United Methodist Church
Dr. Charles Ensminger, Pastor



LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 6th 4pm

Music by: David Cawlfild, Sylvia Gossett,
Savannah Self, Mike & Kay Simmons

Reservations Required
(423) 745-1560

Masks Required and Social Distancing Observed

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Kathleen Brown Carter**, age 92, of Englewood, died Wednesday at her home. She assisted her late husband Jerry in the operating of The Trophy House in Athens and served as a dental assistant for many years. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date to be announced. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Elizabeth "Beth" Aylor**, age 67, of Dixon, died last Friday night at her home. She was laid to rest in a private family graveside service at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Eva Grace Coleman Humphreys**, age 85, of Athens, died Thursday at her home. A service celebrating her life will be Sunday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Jerry Lynn Thompson**, age 66, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Blount Memorial Hospital. He was an employee of Skiers Choice of Maryville. He was a member of Tennessee Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame (2017). Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Vonore Baptist Church with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE: The Meigs County Tigers will play Peabody at 4 p.m. Eastern Time Saturday for the Class 2A trophy. The game will be played at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. Tennessee hosts Florida Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The game will be on CBS.

Church News & Events

- The Athens Lutheran Church, 710 Forrest Avenue, will be continuing Wednesday Advent services on December 9th at 7 p.m.
- East Athens Baptist Church, 301 Central Avenue, invites you to attend their "Hanging of the Greens Service" on Sunday, December 6th, at 10:45 a.m. The service will feature the Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choirs, and Ladies Trio. Masks are recommended.
- First Baptist Church of Athens will have the annual Hanging of the Greens this Sunday at 5 p.m., featuring the Senior Adult Choir singing "Christmas All Year Long."
- Allen Memorial United Methodist Church presents "Lessons & Carols" this Sunday at 4 p.m. There will be music by David Cawlfild, Sylvia Gossett, Savannah Self, and Mike & Kay Simmons. Reservations and masks are required. Call 745-1560.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church, 314 County Road 316, Niota, will have a drive-through Nativity on December 11th and 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. For details, call 568-2395.
- Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene will host Jason & Kristen Robinson in concert at 6 p.m. on December 13th. The church is located on Highway 68 about 6 miles west of Exit 60 off I-75.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or marital issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, invites you to attend free Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call: 423-435-8986.

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