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MCMINN COUNTY AIRPORT
Friday, December 18th 6-8pm
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Thursday, December 17, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Athens Police/Fire Reports

The Athens City Council heard reports from the police and fire departments about November activity at their monthly meeting Tuesday night.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 68 thefts in Athens in November, 13 motor vehicle thefts, 10 burglaries, 8 assaults, 2 robberies, and 2 sex offenses. Officers issued 153 citations for moving violations. There were 23 drug violations. Officers made 99 arrests in November. There were 71 vehicle accidents, with 18 injuries. Chief Couch's report lists 5 vacancies on the police department.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 137 calls in November. The calls included one building fire, 13 motor vehicle accidents with injuries, and 82 calls for medical assists and assistance to EMS crews. Firefighters also responded to a bomb scare at TWU which turned out to be a hoax. Losses for the month totaled \$20,000.

FREE ONLINE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is offering a free online option to complete Tennessee Hunter Education. The course can be done completely online. Anyone who satisfactorily completes the course will become a certified Tennessee Hunter Education graduate without the previously required 4-hour field day. To access the course: <https://www.tn.gov/twra/hunting/hunter-education1.html>

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Community volunteers will gather to pack Friendly Fellow Club food baskets next Monday, December 21st, at 6 p.m. at 2115 Redfern Drive in Athens. (located off Congress Parkway North behind Dooley Tractor Company in the building across the street from American Bedding). The baskets will be distributed at that location next Tuesday, December 22nd, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Applicants are asked to bring the yellow copy of their application when picking up their box.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission will hold its December meeting next Monday, December 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. The meeting is being conducted via Zoom.
- ✓ The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security is adding new online services for CDL. (Commercial Driver License) Customers may now renew their CDL, order a duplicate CDL, and renew their medical certification in e-Services. For many people, this will allow CDL customers to conduct their business online rather than visiting a Driver Services Center in person. The department urges Tennesseans to utilize the online portal for the health and safety of staff and customers.

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Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 21 - January 1, 2020! REOPEN January 4 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The year 2020 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2020. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2021! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2021!

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Obituaries

♦ **LeRoy Harrison (Jelly Bean) Eaton**, age 81, of Englewood, died Monday at his home. He retired from Mayfield Dairy as a transport driver. He was owner of McMinn Stripping and Refinishing. He served in the U.S. Army 278th Regiment from 1954-1964. Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

♦ **Louise Morgan Benson**, age 94, of Riceville, died Wednesday. She had been a resident of Life Care of Cleveland for the past two years. She retired from Bendix in 1991 and then worked as a CNA in nursing homes in Athens and Cleveland. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday at Hilltop Baptist Church Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Richard 'Rick' Paul Walter Henry**, age 62, of Athens died Tuesday at his home. He had formerly served as manager with Lowe's and Kmart Department stores. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ COVID VIRUS UPDATE WEDNESDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 484,285 cases, up 11,410. 5,668 deaths, up 53.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	3,630 up 63	2,992	578	60
Meigs	755 up 14	573	169	13
Monroe	3,039 up 84	2,496	494	49 up 1
Polk	928 up 11	755	158	15
Bradley	7,352 up 174	6,139	1,161	52 up 2
Rhea	2,465 up 71	1,996	428	41 up 1

Military Wrecker "Wrecks"

Around 10 a.m. Tuesday, a 2010 Dodge R35 and a military wrecker collided on Highway 30 at County Road 603. One person was transported by AMR to UT Hospital. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. THP Officer Whitney Stooksbury investigated the accident.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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