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Monday, October 18, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

News from the City of Athens

- ✓ The special called council meeting of the Athens City Council will take place at 5:30 p.m. today (10-18) at the Conference Center at the Athens Regional Park. The council will address issues with the City Manager, C. Seth Sumner, about missing Nest Cameras from the police department, his firing of Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch, his demeanor with city staff members and an incident involving a handgun in his possession at the Knoxville airport.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday (10-19) at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Athens Municipal Building. The council will consider purchasing air packs for the Fire Department, Paving, and presenting the monthly VIVID award.
- ✓ The City of Athens mailed 2021 property tax statements to property owners last week. If you do not receive your notice by November 1st, call the City Finance Department at 423-744-2710. Taxes can be paid Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the municipal building located at 815 North Jackson Street. All property taxes are due by February 28, 2022.

FOOTBALL: McMinn County 42, Walker Valley 21; (McMinn Central had the night off) Marion County 56 Polk County 7; Meigs Co. 19 Tyner Academy 18; Brainerd 36 Sweetwater 0. Ole Miss 31 TN 26. The SEC commissioner condemned Tennessee fans for throwing litter and pelting Ole Miss Coach Lane Kiffin with a golf ball after referees turned the football over to Ole Miss with only 54 seconds left in the game. It took over 20 minutes to remove the litter, the student section, the cheerleaders, dance team and marching band before play could resume.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department's annual Mother Son Dance will be held November 6, 2021 at the McMinn County High School Cafeteria. The dance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 per attendee and can be purchased online at athenstngov/parks or in the Parks and Recreation Office. Photos will also be available for purchase. All tickets must be purchased before 5 p.m. on November 5th. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- ✓ The Hiwassee Sons of the American Revolution will be presenting Quilts of Valor to two WWII Navy Veterans and Hiwassee SAR members; Dewitt (Jack) Ferrell and John Summitt. Beth Sizemore will present the quilts today (10-18) at 6:30 p.m. at Mexi Wing Restaurant at 114 North White Street in Athens. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 10-15

Tennessee: 1,263,068 cases up 2,088. 15,829 deaths up 60.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,345 up 20	191	125 up 1
Meigs	2,147 up 2	37	28
Monroe	9,587 up 17	162 down 10	121 up 3
Polk	3,150 up 7	79 down 5	29
Bradley	21,875 up 38	341 up 6	187
Rhea	6,909 up 9	161 down 5	91

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- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 1:30 (across from Johnson's Dept Store)
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Joanne Price Burke**, age 83, a lifelong resident of McMinn County, died Friday at the home of her daughter in Bryant, Alabama. She had served as a seamstress in the garment industry and was also an associate at Walmart. At her request, there will be no formal visitation or funeral service. Ziegler Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Wilma Goodin Marcus**, died Friday at Blount Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Mary Lou Patrick**, age 87, of Riceville, died Thursday. She was originally from Petros. In 2016 she moved to Riceville to live with her son, Terry. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Alvaro Castillo "Chief"**, age 65, of Etowah, died Thursday. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.
- ♦ **David McCaslin**, age 57, of Athens, died Friday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was the owner of The Bed Store of Athens for 13 years. A graveside service will be Monday (10-18) at 11 a.m. at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Judi Marvin**, age 58, of Englewood, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was an administrative assistant at East Athens Baptist Church for over 6 years, she illustrated children's books and was an excellent cartoon artist. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Saturday (10-23) at East Athens Baptist Church with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the church before the service. Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Gerald "Jerry" Moates**, age 75, of Etowah, died Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Jerry got the call to preach at the age of 16. He earned an undergraduate degree and a Masters Degree in theology. Afterwards, he went into active duty with the U.S. Army where he served approximately 30 years as a Lieutenant Colonel Chaplain. There will be no visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Danny George Honeycutt**, age 67, of Etowah, died Thursday. No formal services will be held. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

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Monday - Mostly sunny and pleasant. High 70
Mon. night - Clear skies with a low of 42
Tuesday - Sunny and very pleasant. High 71.
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Wreck Near Etowah Injures One

Last Thursday night around 8:30 the driver of a 2016 Ford Focus hit a tree head-on at County Road 527 & County Road 623, near Etowah, resulting in one patient being transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Dept responded. THP Officer Dakota Bromley investigated the accident. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept



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