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Monday, August 31, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

♦ REMEMBERING A FORMER POLICE CHIEF

A ceremony was held outside the Athens Municipal Building this past Friday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the last time an Athens police officer was killed in the line of duty. On August 28th, 1920, Police Chief S.A. Jenkins was shot and killed by a McMinn County deputy sheriff in a confrontation between Jenkins and county deputies who were allegedly running illegal liquor. A wreath-laying ceremony was held in memory of Chief Jenkins.



◆ UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS IN THE AREA

The unemployment rate in McMinn County was 9.4% in July, down from 9.8% in June. Meigs County's jobless rate dropped to 10.4% in July, down from 10.7% in June. In Monroe County, the unemployment rate was 8.8% in July, down from 9.9% in June. Polk County reported a 7.9% jobless rate in July, down from 8.3% in June. Bradley County's unemployment rate was 8.7% in July, up from 8.5% in June.

FOOTBALL SCORES: MCHS 55, Sequoyah 0...Tellico Plains 13, McMinn Central 0...and Meigs County 38, Greenback 0.

Community News You Can Use

✓ E. G. Fisher Public Library is extending operating hours starting today. The library will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free curbside pick-up will continue to operate Tuesday through Friday. All regular library services are available, including checkouts, computer sessions, printing, and faxing. Library visits are limited to one hour. Masks are required.

✓ The Athens City Schools will present a virtual seminar offering tips for parents on how to deal with stress, school anxiety, and COVID-19 trauma Tuesday, Sept. 1st, at 7 p.m. Call 745-2863 ext 2009 for information on how to access the seminar.

NOTE: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Rose Farr, owner of The Gallery Boutique & Spa. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wyxi.com

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE SUNDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 153,115 cases, up 835. 1,747 deaths, up 22.

<u>CASES</u>	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
791 up 3	561	207	23 (up 2)
162	114	46	2
738 up 12	439	284	15
326	229	87	10
2,468 up 8	1967	485	16
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WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - 70% chance of showers, high of 84 Mon. night - 30% chance of showers, low of 70 Tuesday - Partly Sunny, 30%

showers, high of 86. More Weather at: wyxi.com Monday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:00 • Tuesday-Athens-PaPaw's Place -10:30 - 2:00 • Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00 (across from Johnson's Dept Store) • Thursday-Loudon -10:30 - 2:00

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

•Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs- Lunch & Supper Saturday-Athens Regional Park Horse Show Lunch & Supper (most of the day)

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Obituaries

- William Rex Boyd, age 82, of Englewood, died Saturday at Life Care of Athens. He was retired from Olin Chemicals and was a veteran of the Air Force. Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
- Allen Ott, age 31, of Athens, died August 24th. There will be a private family viewing, but no formal public services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Daisy Mae Fairman Woods, age 99, of Bradenton, Florida, died Friday in Florida. She was a native of Athens. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday.
- Curtis Blaine Bitner, age 80, of Athens, died Saturday at Spring City Care and Rehabilitation. He was a native of Chuckey, TN. He served in the Army Reserve. He worked at Raytheon in Bristol, the Shaffer Corp. in Gallatin, and Metals Engineering in Greeneville. He retired from Conrad Industries in Weaverville, North Carolina, after 29½ years. He and his wife then moved to the Morning Point Village Senior Living Community in Athens in 2015. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Chuckey. Companion of Athens is in charge.

AMMP Presents Two Checks

AMMP (All McMinn Modern Professionals) recently presented two scholarship winners a check for \$500 each. Each applicant had to complete an application which included a short essay. The AMMP board of directors then voted on a winner. They awarded one winner from McMinn Central High School and one from McMinn High School. Pictured left to right: Brianna Baker, C. Seth Sumner, Melissa Hughes, Krissi Smith (VP of AMMP), Katie-Grace Reynolds (McMinn Central scholarship winner), Kristina Wilson (McMinn High School scholarship winner), Matt Harper, Drew Holbrook (President of AMMP), Reily Kennedy, and Erin Holbrook. (Photo from Erin Holbrook)



19th AMENDMENT STAMP UNVEILED

Niota hosted the unveiling of the new "19th Amendment" postage stamp this past Saturday. The stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote. The new "forever" stamp was unveiled at the Niota Depot.



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