

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Friends of the Library says the response was so great at last month's Pop-Up version of their annual Book Store that they decided to have a second sale on Friday, October 23rd. It will be held along the sidewalk in front of the E.G. Fisher Public Library from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tents and tables will be set up along the sidewalk. Masks will be required for the safety of both volunteers and shoppers.

✓ Volunteer Energy Cooperative has been awarded a USDA Reconnect Grant for South Meigs County. The \$3.7 million grant and the VEC 25% match will provide over \$5 million to allow the build-out of 137 miles of new fiber/broadband for internet service to an additional 2,000 homes. VEC President and CEO Rody Blevins said VEC is pleased to bring internet service to their members.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE MONDAY P.M.

Tennessee:	217,682 cases, up 2,965. 2,774 deaths, up 7.			
COUNTY	CASES R	ECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,352 up 20	1,147	174	31
Meigs	258 up 1	229	25	4
Monroe	1,202 up 14	1,059	122	21
Polk	448 up 3	401	34	13
Bradley	3,250 up 25	2,998	232	20
Rhea	977 up 6	867	94	16

Early Voting Starts Tomorrow

Early voting for the November 3rd election begins tomorrow, October 14th, in Tennessee and goes through October 29th. You can vote early at your local county election commission office. In Athens, the office is located on the ground floor of the McMinn County Courthouse. You can also register in the conference center at Athens Regional Park. Registration will not take place at the Regional Park on Saturdays. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The ballot includes the federal and state general elections and the Athens, Calhoun, and Niota city elections.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 118 says the Popcorn "Show & Sell" at Keith UMC last Saturday was so successful that they plan to host another Drive Thru event this coming Saturday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. They will be selling both popped and unpopped popcorn.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have a nature-themed Facebook Live Storytime and Craft this Thursday, Oct. 15th, at 4 p.m. Due to COVID, no programs are being held at the library. If you have questions, call the library at 263-9475.

NOTE: Governor Bill Lee will be interviewed live on WYXI Radio (AM-1390, FM-94.5) this morning (Tuesday) at 8:45. He will be discussing COVID, the economy, and other issues.





Obituaries

• Lewis R. Martin, age 65, of Athens, died Saturday at Decatur Health and Rehab. He worked for many years for Hammer and Johnson as a cement truck driver. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

• Harry King Elliott, age 92, of Harbour Beach, Florida (and formerly of Athens), died of heart failure on October 5th the day after his birthday. He grew up in Athens and moved to Atlanta where he was news director at WSB Radio. He later worked for the transit authorities in Atlanta and Miami. Services will be Oct. 16th, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eau Galle, Florida.

• Fred Junior Womac, age 78, of Ten Mile, died Saturday at his residence. A graveside service will be held in Roberts Cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday. No formal visitation will be held. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge.

• Sally Mae Hendrix Hobbs, age 98, of Englewood, and a native of Chattanooga, died Sunday at her residence. She was the mother of Larry Hobbs of Athens. She retired as assistant to the manager of Samuel Stamping and Enameling/Roper. Funeral services will be 6 p.m. Wednesday at White Oak United Methodist Church, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge of the arrangements.

• James "Jimmy" Lee McCormack, 72, of Etowah, died last Friday. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in Etowah Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• Walter "Jack" Long, age 90, of Etowah, died Monday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

• **Tyler Reed Neil,** age 31, of Madisonville, died September 16th at his home. He was employed at R&R Tractor in Madisonville. A Celebration of Life Service will be Friday at 5 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. prior to the service.

• Eugene M. Morgan, age 89, of Madisonville, died Saturday at his home. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army after faithfully serving his country during the Korean War. There will be no formal services at this time. He will be laid to rest in the Wilson Station Presbyterian Church Cemetery at a later date. Companion of Athens is in charge.

• Jerry Diane Nunley, age 79, of McMinn County died Sunday at her home. A celebration of her life will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 11 to 1 p.m. prior to the service.

Athens Police Learning Jiu-Jitsu

Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch sends out a big THANKS to Terry Chandler and Athens Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for donating their time and facilities to teaching martial arts skill to members of the Athens Police Department.

(Photo from the Athens Police Department)



