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Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

Registration packets for the Athens City Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year are available for pickup now at any of the Athens City elementary schools or the Administration office. They must be turned in by April 5th. To attend PreK, your child must be 4 years old on or before August 15th, 2021.

✓ Registration for the McMinn Schools PreK and Kindergarten is coming soon. Students need to be 4 by August 15th to enroll in PreK, and 5 by August 15th for Kindergarten. For more information, call 745-1612 or visit mcmminnschools.com/register

✓ On February 16th, the McMinn County Education Foundation and the Let's Read 20 Program lost their office spaces when the Athens Housing Authority Building burned. Everything was destroyed, including about 11,000 books. They are trying to find a space to move into for little or no rent. If you have an empty building or know of one that would be affordable or free, please call Julia Reedy at 404-4191.

✓ There's potentially some good news for the kids concerning the Splash Pad at Athens Regional Park. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says sanitizing equipment has been installed at the splash pad. He also says the splash pad has enough space to allow social distancing. He says current plans call for opening the splash pad when the temperature reaches around 80 degrees. The splash pad was closed last summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Options on Drivers Services Portal

The Tennessee Driver Services division announces the addition of document uploads to its online services options. This allows customers to upload required identity documents to be pre-vetted and added to the customer's profile prior to visiting a Driver Services Center. The online portal can be used to complete driver services such as driver license or CDL renewal, or to apply for a READ ID and a State ID card. The Driver Services Center says one of the biggest frustrations they see for their customers is to find out they don't have the correct documents with them when they arrive. To access the portal, go to: www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services/online

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Anthony Greev. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 3-16

Tennessee: 794,137 cases, up 1,342. 11,650 deaths, up 12.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,059 up 11	95	93
Meigs	1,282	12	23
Monroe	5,466 up 4	91	92
Polk	1,836 up 7	56	24
Bradley	13,492 up 59	405	141
Rhea	4,201 up 2	47	73

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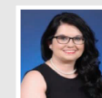
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Vivian Creasman Trotter**, age 90, of Etowah, died Sunday. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Goodsprings Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Rebecca "Becky" A. Yates Barnett**, age 65, of Riceville, died Monday at her home. She was retired from BB&T Bank after 41 years of service. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home chapel.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equity markets were little changed on Tuesday ahead of the Federal Reserve policy announcement on Wednesday. The Nasdaq and technology stocks outperformed, while the cyclical sectors closed lower, signaling a cautious tone in the market. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrials: 32,825.95 -127.51; S&P 500: 3,962.71 -6.23; NASDAQ: 13,471.57 +11.86.

CORRECTIONS:

In the obituary announcement for Dorothy Prichard Steed in Tuesday's Fax, we mistakenly spelled her last name as Sneed. Our apologies.

In the story and photo of the Athens Optimist Club Oratorical Contest winners published in Tuesday's Morning Fax, we reported the contest was held at Athens Middle School. Actually, it was held at the Niota Depot.

Litter Crew Finds THC Edibles

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says the Sheriff Department Litter Crew found a package of a 400mg THC edible on a roadside on Monday. Sheriff Guy says if you think this is candy, it is not. He says this high concentrate THC edible (THC is the "get high" compound in marijuana) is labeled that it is not for children or pets, but it is clearly marketed as, and could be mistaken for a harmless candy. This item is illegal to possess or sell in Tennessee. Sheriff Guy says parents should keep a close eye on the "candy" your kids possess and consume. He says a high concentrate edible like this could cause severe effects in children, and would greatly impair a person's ability to drive safely.



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McMinn Schools

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

Calhoun, E.K. Baker,
Riceville &
Rogers Creek
April 6, 2021
from 8:30 - 6 p.m.

Englewood,
Mountain View
& Niota
April 7, 2021
from 8:30 - 6 p.m.

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Pre-K & 5 by Aug. 15, 2021 for Kindergarten

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