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## Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Cherokees Football Media Day will be Thursday, July 29th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cherokee Stadium. Come meet the team.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that S. Jackson Street will be closed from Rose Drive to Canal Street from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, for street repairs.
- ✓ The singer at this Saturday evening's Sounds of Summer Concert will be Jason Eskridge, an R&B/soul artist from Nashville. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and is free.



### COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 7-27

Tennessee: 886,519 cases up 2,102. 12,710 deaths up 20.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,785 up 14	88	105
Meigs	1,443 up 2	8	24
Monroe	6,076 up 12	61	98
Polk	2,135	15	24
Bradley	15,528 up 25	150	156
Rhea	4,460 up 15	59	82

### Sales Tax Holiday Coming Up

Tennessee is having three Sales Tax Holidays this year. Here is what is coming up.

---Event 1 (Friday, July 30th-Sunday, Aug. 1st): No sales tax on clothing and apparel, school supplies, and computers. As usual, there is a dollar limit. Clothing and school and art supplies must cost less than \$100 per item. Computers, laptops, and tablets must be less than \$1,500. Not included is any piece of apparel that costs more than \$100. Additionally, jewelry, handbags, and sports and recreational equipment are not included. Flash drives, computer software, printer supplies, and household appliances are not eligible.

---Event 2 (Friday, July 30th-Thursday, Aug 5th): No sales taxes on food, food ingredients, and prepared food. All food items are eligible for the tax-free week, as is prepared food from restaurants, food trucks, caterers, and grocery stores. The state defines prepared food as food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller, or the vendor selling the prepared food also provides eating utensils. Alcohol, tobacco, candy, and dietary supplements are not included in the tax-free holiday.

---Event 3 (July 1st to June 30th, 2022): Gun safes and gun safety equipment. Firearms are not included in the tax-free event.

**NOTE:** Items sold online are also included in the tax-free events provided they meet the qualifications listed above.

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Robert "Neal" Holifield**, age 42, of Athens, died Sunday near his residence. He was a native of Petal, Mississippi, and had lived in Athens for the past 4 years. He was employed at United Grocery Outlet in Athens. There will be a celebration of Neal's life at 1 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Bailey Duane Witt** died unexpectedly on July 24th. He was a graduate of McMinn County High School and Hiwassee College, both with the help of his many friends in Upward Bound. He was a member of the Boy Scouts for many years and a member of the McMinn County Highlander Rugby Club. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

♦ **Arthur Louis Andre**, age 77, of Niota, died Sunday at NHC of Farragut. He served as an Aerial Photographer for the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He also worked as an insurance agent. The family will have a private graveside service at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

## A Minute of McMinn History

To say he was an outlaw would be to put it mildly. For during the first decade of the 1900's, Buster Duggan was known throughout eastern McMinn and Monroe counties as a man to be feared.

Born William Winfield Duggan, in 1869, he was the son of Union Civil War veteran Colonole DC Duggan. Known as "Buster," he grew to be an outlaw with a dangerous temper. It is believe Buster killed at least five men, maybe more, including his father-in-law, and two of his formerly close friends in Monroe County: John Hicks and John Moses. For several years after 1910, Buster regularly terrorized the residents of the Conasauga Valley. Buster was known to force his way into an enemy's home while the man was away, lying in the man's bed and forcing the terrified wife to cook for him. At times he would get drunk on the whiskey he made and shoot at people on their way to church just for fun.

He was twice tried for murder and was released, but soon his overconfidence got the best of him when he killed John Boring in 1914, son of powerful Bart Boring in Polk County, in an effort to take over Boring's moonshine operation. That winter and spring, Buster found himself hunted by Boring's men. In March, he chanced to visit his wife and family at his home on Mecca Pike. The next morning, as he washed his face before breakfast, he was shot by an assassin concealed in a nearby corn crib. His murderer was never caught.

Buster certainly left his mark on the people of the Conasauga Valley, as he was so hated and feared that a few days after his death, his grave in Conasauga Cemetery was dug into and set on fire. It may have been done as one last act of anger, or perhaps, just to make sure he was dead.

(These Minutes of McMinn History are written by McMinn County Historian, Sheriff Joe Guy)

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stock indexes finished lower for the day. Global equities were weighed down by regulatory fears surrounding China's technology and private education sector. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 85.79 to 35,058.52. The S&P 500 was down 20.84 to 4,401.46, and the NASDAQ was down 180.14 to 14,660.58.

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