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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Aida Frey, America's most decorated Junior Ranger, will visit E.G. Fisher Public Library this Friday, August 13th, at 3:30 p.m. She will be discussing her book, "America Can I Have Your Autograph," and will talk about her experiences as a junior ranger. The program is free and open to all ages.
- ✓ The annual Meet TWU event is coming up on August 25th. Meet TWU is designed for local businesses, churches, and organizations to set up on campus, connect with students, and show all that Athens and McMinn County have to offer. There is still space available. Register at twesleyan.edu/meettwu.



Fatal Motorcycle Wreck in Athens

There was a fatal motorcycle accident in Athens this past Saturday night. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says it happened at West Madison Avenue and Stanton Lane around 9:25 p.m. The THP says a 2021 Kia Optima was traveling on West Madison Ave. and attempted to make a left turn onto Stanton Lane when the driver pulled in front of a motorcycle which was traveling on Stanton Lane. The operator of the motorcycle was killed. He was identified as Gene Arnwine, 32, of Athens. A small child riding in the Kia Optima was injured. The THP says charges against the driver of the Kia are pending.

NEW SENIOR CITIZEN RIDE SHARE PROGRAM

MyRide McMinn and the McMinn Senior Activity Center are making it easier for local senior citizens to travel from place to place with a new transportation program. Beginning in October, MyRide McMinn will be providing assisted door-to-door transportation to the region's residents age 60 and above. MyRide McMinn is a senior-friendly volunteer transportation service made possible with the support of volunteer drivers who use their personal vehicles to carry McMinn County seniors to a variety of destinations, including medical appointments, banks, grocery and drug stores. Riders will pay a \$25 annual membership fee and then pay a small fee for the first round trip and one-dollar for each additional stop. There will be a scholarship program for seniors in need. If you are interested in being a driver, call 745-6830.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 8-9

Tennessee: 923,520 cases, up 2,183. 12,844 deaths, up 6.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	7,098 up 76	307	107
Meigs	1,502 up 18	53	24
Monroe	6,279 up 60	201	98
Polk	2,232 up 25	89	24
Bradley	16,074 up 121	527	157
Rhea	4,609 up 42	150	83

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Obituaries

♦ **Hubert Dewayne Webb**, age 53, of Niota, died Saturday at his residence. He was employed with Ron Cook Construction. Grave-side services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 10th, at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Decatur. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Donnie Ray Massingale**, age 29, of Riceville, died unexpectedly on Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. There will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Bettye Janie Bandy Guffey**, age 62, of Athens, died Monday at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equities were mixed to slightly lower. Global equity markets were also mixed, with China outperforming. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 106.66 to 35,101.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.17 to 4,432.35 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 24.42 points to 14,860.18.

HERE COME THE MASKS

Top retail and food chains are reinstating mask requirements for workers and recommending masks for all customers. They include Target, Walmart, Costco, Home Depot, McDonald's, and Starbucks. In most cases, workers are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. In areas with high COVID transmission rates, customers will also be required to wear face coverings.

Jeep Lands in Creek

Sunday morning at 4:30 the driver of this 2007 Jeep Liberty lost control on County Road 443 at County Road 422 and went down an embankment, landing in a creek. The driver left the scene of the accident. The Englewood and Athens Rural Fire Departments responded, along with McMinn County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Harrison who investigated.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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