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### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department is revising its schedule for COVID testing and vaccinations effective next Monday, August 30th. Drive-through COVID testing will be done Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 10 a.m. (No appointment is necessary). COVID vaccines will be given Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Cherokees host Cleveland tonight and McMinn Central hosts Tellico Plains. The Meigs County-King's Academy game has been postponed due to COVID.
- ✓ The David Gerald Blues Band will perform Saturday evening at 7 at the Sounds of Summer Concert in Downtown Athens. The band will play from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion.
- ✓ The American Legion's Labor Day Celebration at Market Park Pavilion has been cancelled due to COVID concerns.
- ✓ Firefighters from Riceville, Etowah, Englewood, Meigs County, and Bradley County battled a fire on Patty Road in Delano Thursday morning involving two large hay barns and several trailers.  
(Photo by Brandon Ainsworth)



### This and That

- McMinn County Mayor John Gentry and State Rep. Mark Cochran stopped by Tennessee Overhill this week to pick up copies of the new updated version of the Waterfalls brochure. It contains a map and details for 16 fabulous hikes that end at a waterfall in Monroe or Polk counties. Copies are available at the L&N Depot.
- Athens Mayor and Eagle Scout Bo Perkinson visited the East Niotia Baptist Church recently to help Boy Scout Troop 624 earn their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. He even brought some of his memorabilia from his scouting days to show the scouts.



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Raymona Joyce Varnell Reno**, of Decatur, died August 22nd at her home. For many years, she was the pianist at Rocky Mount Baptist Church. She retired from Olin Chemical. Funeral services were held August 25th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Becky Joan Tallent**, age 66, of Athens, died August 19th. A private service will be held for the immediate family. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **James F. "Jim" Pickering**, age 70, of Cleveland, died Sunday, August 22nd. He was a native of Athens and was a graduate of McMinn County High School, Class of 1969. He retired from Olin with 48 years of service and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. A memorial service will be Friday, Sept. 10th at 6 p.m. at Jim Rush Funeral Home, North Ocoee Chapel, with visitation from 5-6 p.m.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 8-26

Tennessee: 1,013,943 cases up 6,673. 13,304 deaths up 48.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	7,859	585	110
Meigs	1,688	159	24
Monroe	7,189	728	100
Polk	2,449	156	25
Bradley	17,558	1144	160
Rhea	5,256	505	83


## Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens will have a Grief Support class Wednesdays at 6 p.m. beginning September 1st.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted in Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Niota First Baptist Church has a program for all youth on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. called "Life on Wednesday." All 7th Graders and High School students are welcome for a time of Bible study, game, food, and fun. There will also be classes for 1st grade through 6th grade. The church is located at 6 Main St., in Downtown Niota.
- Bellefonte Baptist Church will be having a Dedication/Appreciation event with a covered dish dinner on August 29th at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate their newly renovated Nursery and Children's wing. The church is located at 132 Bellefonte Road, NE, in Cleveland.
- Everlasting Life Christian Center in Etowah will have its Women of Wisdom Annual Conference Sept. 4th and 5th. Jalia Arnwine will be the speaker on Saturday, the 4th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spring Brook Country Club. Lunch is \$20. Andrea Arnwine will speak Sunday, Sept. 5th, at 11 a.m. at Everlasting Life Christian Center. To register, call 263-2359. The theme for the conference is "Equipped."
- Oak Grove Baptist Church, 2012 CR 100, has a free community soup kitchen every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.




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