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Thursday, July 2, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Athens Fireworks Schedule

The Buddy Liner July 4th Fireworks Show will be shot on July 4th beginning at 9:30 p.m., rain or shine, from inside the Athens Regional Park. The park will be closed to the public all day on July 4th, including during the fireworks show. The show is a high-altitude show designed to be seen from a distance, so people can enjoy the show while maintaining social distancing. The show will be 18 minutes long and will feature more large shells than have ever been launched during a show in McMinn County. Prior to the show, at 8:10 p.m., the 134th Air Refueling Wing of the Tennessee Air National Guard, will perform a fly-over along U.S. 11 with a KC-135R Stratotanker. The City of Athens requests that citizens be respectful of private property when selecting a site for viewing the flyover and the fireworks show.

Speaking of fireworks, Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch reminds you that shooting fireworks is illegal inside the City of Athens. Fireworks are legal in the unincorporated areas of McMinn County.

◆ ETOWAH LIBRARY REOPENS

The Etowah Carnegie Library has resumed regular operating hours. Library visits will continue to be restricted to one hour once per day and social distancing protocols will remain in place. Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. The library will be closed July 4th-6th for Independence Day.

State and Local Virus Related News

- ✓ The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association says there will be no high school football or girls' soccer games as long as Governor Lee's executive order is in place. The order also affects basketball and wrestling.
 - ✓ Tennesseans who visit the states of New York or New Jersey in the near future will be required to quarantine for 14 days once they arrive in either of those states. The move is designed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - ✓ In the official news release about the Governor's order extending the State of Emergency to August 29th it was stated that administration of driving tests is suspended. That was incorrect. The driving tests are still being given.
 - ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Also there will be no coronavirus testing that day. They will resume normal business hours on Monday at 8 a.m. and testing will resume from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday.
 - ✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a called meeting today, July 2nd, at 4 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting is open to the public. For information on joining the meeting, call 745-7782.
- NO MORNING FAX FRIDAY. HAVE A GREAT 4TH!**



HAPPY 4th OF JULY

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RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Johnny (Pappy) Albert York**, age 77, of Athens, died June 30th at Life Care Center of Athens. He was a mechanic in Athens for many years. He was a Vietnam vet and served in both the Army and the Marine Corps. There will be no service at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Annette Hoskins Hall**, age 90, of Etowah, died last Sunday. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Jeffrey "Adam" Powell**, age 38, of Etowah, died June 29th. A graveside service will be Friday at 4 p.m. at Mars Hill Cemetery with Bordwine Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Nickey Gerald Malone**, age 50, of the Athens/Ten Mile area, died June 26th at his home. He was a gifted mechanic. A graveside service will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the Roberts Cemetery in Ten Mile. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

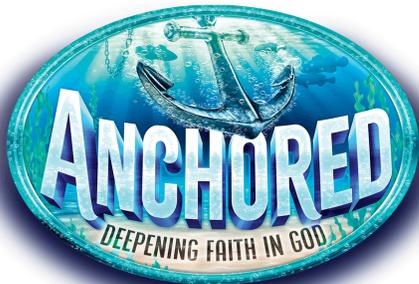
Tennessee Virus Cases Climb

There's been another big jump in the number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee. Tennessee's total stands at 45,315 cases, up 1,806. There have been 609 deaths. McMinn County's total is 216, up 6 from Tuesday, with 158 recoveries and 17 deaths. Meigs County has 32 cases with 27 recoveries. Monroe County stands at 135 cases, with 91 recoveries and 4 deaths. Polk County has reported 41 cases to date, with 31 recoveries. Rhea County has 272 cases with 238 recoveries. Bradley County now has 580 cases of the coronavirus (up 30 from Tuesday) with 342 recoveries and 3 deaths.

Church News & Events

- During July, First Baptist Church of Athens is holding one Sunday service. The time is 9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School at First Baptist has been rescheduled for the week of July 20th-23rd.
- First Baptist Church of Niota will have VBS on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10th - 12th. The theme is "Anchored. Deepening Faith in God." Meals will be provided each evening. The time is 6:30 to 8 each evening and an ending Celebration on Sunday morning at 10:45. There will be classes for K thru 6th grades. (See their ad below, left)
- As of Wednesday evening, Keith United Methodist Church had not decided whether to hold inside services this Sunday. Pastor David Graybeal suggests you check their website at www.keithumc.org. The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio [FM 94.5/AM 1390](http://www.wyxi.com) at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church will hold VBS July 19-24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with supper served nightly. Call 568-2395.
- The Church of Jesus Christ International is holding tent revival services through July 3rd at 1403 Hammerhill Road in Athens.
- Athens Lutheran Church has resumed a normal worship service schedule with Contemporary Worship at 8 a.m. and Traditional Worship at 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service will continue to be broadcast over a low-powered FM transmitter for those who wish to participate from the parking lot.
- The Annual Homecoming at Lane's Chapel AME Zion Church in Niota has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Come to Vacation Bible School
July 10-12 K thru 6th grade classes
Friday & Saturday, 6:30-8:00 pm (Meal provided)
Celebration on Sunday starting at 10:45am.



First Baptist Church of Niota
6 Main St., Downtown Niota



Thursday July 2, 4:00 Until 8:00

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