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Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

BLOOD ASSURANCE NEEDS PLASMA

Blood Assurance continues to collect plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 donors to be used as an investigational treatment for hospitalized COVID-19 patients. As the demand for this treatment increases in hospitals across Southeast Tennessee, Blood Assurance is in desperate need for more plasma donors. To donate convalescent plasma for patients in need, donors must have been officially diagnosed with COVID-19, must pass all standard requirements to give plasma, and must be symptom free for 14 days. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 423-290-5314.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The July 13th Athens City School Board meeting has been rescheduled for next Monday, July 20th, at 5:30 p.m. due to unforeseen circumstances.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be held this afternoon on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S. Congress Parkway. Drive-thru refills will be taken from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sign-ins for physician visits start at 4 p.m. The clinic is for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs Counties.
- ✓ AUB announces that its lobby will be closed indefinitely to limit personal interactions as much as possible. The customer service representatives and cashiers are available to complete transactions at the drive-through window and over the phone.
- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department is offering free COVID-19 tests Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot. No appointment is needed.
- ✓ The City of Athens Public Works Departments announces that Sequoia Drive from Topoca Trail to Towanda Trail will be closed from Tuesday, July 14th at 7 a.m. until Friday, July 17th at 5 p.m. for road repair.

Central-MCHS Graduations Set

Plans have been announced for the Central and McMinn County High School graduation exercises. Central's "Drop By" graduation will be held on Friday, July 24th. Each graduate may bring up to 6 guests. The graduate needs to be wearing his/her cap & gown. Each graduate will be given a number to display on the vehicle dash. The graduates and guests will enter through the main entrance when their number is called/displayed. When notified, the graduate & party will enter the auditorium & proceed to the front. When his/her name is called, the graduate will walk across the stage and pick up the diploma from the table. The graduate & party will then exit the auditorium, go straight to their vehicle, and leave the campus.

McMinn County High School's "Walk Through" graduation will be Saturday, July 25th, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Graduates will be separated by alphabetical order into 6 groups, starting with Group 1 (Achilles thru Cates) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Group 1 will enter the parking lot through Main Stadium Gate on Rocky Mount Rd. Group 2 will enter the parking lot through the Tennis Courts Gate on Congress Parkway. During the remainder of the day, the groups will alternate between the two parking lot entrances. Face masks are encouraged and social distancing will be observed. Graduates will enter the gym lobby and walk down the PE Hall where they will receive their diplomas. They will then enter the gymnasium and walk across the stage, and then exit the building.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Wilma Sue Carmley Wiseman**, age 68, of Athens, died Sunday at NHC of Athens. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Michael "Mike" Duane McDaniel**, age 73, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a retired industrial mechanic. A private interment is planned in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with military honors. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Jake E. Vann**, age 43, of Etowah died July 7th at his home. A gathering of friends will be held Tuesday, July 14th, at Serenity Funeral Home.

COVID 19 VIRUS UPDATE

The number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee keeps going up. Monday's total stands at 65,274, an increase of 3,314 since Sunday, with 36,996 recovered and 749 deaths. McMinn County's total is 293 with 188 recovered. Rhea County has had 350 cases, with 255 recovered. Meigs County has 40 cases with 28 recovered. Polk County's total is 57 cases with 39 recovered. Monroe County has 156 cases, 108 recoveries. Bradley County has had 1,010 cases, 541 recoveries. There were no changes in the death total for the above mentioned counties from previous update.

Athens Native Heads Georgia Educators

Lisa Morgan, a native of Athens, has been elected President of the Georgia Association of Educators. Lisa was born and raised in Athens and graduated from McMinn County High School in 1987. She taught Kindergarten in DeKalb County Schools in Georgia, prior to her election. She says her short-term goal as President of GAE is to help members navigate the unpredictable circumstances surrounding the reopening of Georgia's public schools which have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Schultz Named Deputy Fire Chief

Athens Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth has announced the selection of Captain Tim Schultz to serve as the department's first Deputy Fire Chief. Schultz is a 30-year veteran of the Athens Fire Department. He joined the fire department in 1990 as a firefighter. He became the city's first certified fire inspector and rose through the ranks to Fire Engineer, Lieutenant, and shift Captain. He is also the department training officer.



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County Road 110	Athens	\$159,900
County Road 786	Etowah	\$162,900
Highway 68	Niota	\$163,000
Pennsylvania Ave	Etowah	\$163,600
Blount Street	Athens	\$165,500
Washington Avenue	Etowah	\$167,000
County Road 200	Athens	\$174,900
County Road 703	Athens	\$175,500
Call Drive	Athens	\$176,000
County Road 319	Niota	\$189,900
County Road 286	Niota	\$192,500
County Road 119	Athens	\$199,000
County Road 560	Athens	\$207,000
Tommy Loop	Sweetwater	\$209,900
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County Road 571	Englewood	\$239,900
Stephanie Lane	Athens	\$240,000
County Road 607	Athens	\$250,000
County Road 249	Athens	\$270,000
Highway 307 E	Athens	\$305,000
County Road 116	Riceville	\$470,000

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