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Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will have a called meeting on Thursday, July 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. One topic on the agenda deals with proposed changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar. The Board will resume meeting as a governing body but will continue to provide electronic meeting access to the public on the school's website and on McMinn County Schools social media sites.
  - ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will present "Business Before Hours" Thursday morning (July 23rd) at 8 a.m. at The Daily Post-Athenian, 320 South Jackson Street. Please wear your face mask.
  - ✓ The July McMinn County Commission meeting will be next Monday, July 27th, at 7:30 p.m. The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget will be adopted. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.
  - ✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that College Street will be closed from Jackson Street to Long Street on Friday, July 24th, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for TWU's University Square ribbon cutting.
- CORRECTION:** In Monday's Morning Fax we reported on the death of motorcycle driver Eric Cline last Friday. We reported in some editions of the Fax that his middle name was **David**. That was incorrect. The correct middle name is **Daniel**.

## Schools Ready to Open Soon

The McMinn County schools will be opening in early August with a combination of in school and "virtual" classes. School Director Lee Parkison says out of a student body of 5200 students, 800 to 900 will be attending online virtual classes. That's about 17% of the student body. Parkison says each of them will have his or her own computer. And to accommodate families without internet service, flash drives containing the lesson material will be made available to them. For students attending classes at the schools, Parkison says face masks are recommended, but not required, for teachers or students. However, he says desks will be spaced at least six feet apart. As for the fall football season, Parkison says the TSSAA may issue a decision today (Wednesday). He says it would not surprise him to see the start of the football season delayed by a month or two.

### COVID-19 UPDATED STATISTICS

In the past 24 hours, the number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee has jumped another 2,190, standing at 81,944 total cases to date. The death toll is 871, up 24 in the past 24 hours.

**McMinn County:** 382 cases to date, up 11. There are 145 active cases. The fatalities remain at 19.

**Bradley Co:** 1,271 cases to date, 461 are active, and 8 deaths.

**Meigs County:** 60 cases to date. 29 are still active.

**Monroe County:** 213 cases. 72 are active. Death toll is 7.

**Polk County:** 75 cases to date, with 28 still active.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Carrie Ruth Scott**, age 93, of Chattanooga, died Monday. She was a native of Meigs County. A private graveside service will be held in Decatur Cemetery on Friday. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Ola Mae Rinehart Cooper**, age 88, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Health and Rehab Nursing Home in Etowah. There will be no formal visitation. Graveside services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home in charge.

## TVFCU Presents "Movie Night"

Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union will be hosting their 3rd annual Movie Night on Thursday, July 30th, at dusk at the Midway Drive-In Theatre. TVFCU says holding the event at the Drive-In will offer a socially-distant community night. Gates will open at 7 p.m. TVFCU is covering the cost of "The Secret Life of Pets" (PG) for the first 250 cars. Holly Gaines, Athens Branch manager, says TVFCU hopes the movie will give families a small sense of normalcy as summer wraps up. TVFCU will be opening an in-store branch inside the new Food City in Etowah this fall to provide added convenience for members who live in the Etowah area.

## Trees Knock Out Power

A tree fell across County Road 659 Tuesday morning, taking down three spans of electrical line and causing a broken pole. AUB crews responded to remove the tree, make repairs, and get the power back on.

(Photo courtesy of AUB)



A large thunderstorm hit Athens at about 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday and caused this tree to fall across Central Avenue. Power was out in most of East Athens and part of North Athens. Also, reports of a power outage occurred in Englewood. It took about 3 hours to get the power restored by AUB repair crews.

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