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Friday, July 24, 2020

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ McMinn Central High School's Drop by Graduation is today between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. McMinn High School's graduation will be tomorrow in groups of 6 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- ✓ The Senior Bowling League will start its fall season August 19th. An organizational meeting will be held at 12 noon that date at Classic Lanes in Athens. Bowlers must be 50 or older.
- ✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center will have a blood drive this coming Monday, July 27th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Family Life Center at St. Mary Catholic Church.
- ✓ The TSSAA says contact football practice will begin August 30th and the regular season will start on September 18th. The TSSAA will come up with a region schedule for teams to play. Attendance will be limited and everyone will have to have their temperature checked before entering a stadium.
- ✓ The Athens-McMinn YMCA will be closed Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon due to a planned water outage by AUB.

COVID-19 UPDATE

TENNESSEE: 86,987 cases, up 2,570. 925 deaths, up 37.
McMinn County: 393 cases, up 9. Of the 393 cases, 133 are still ill (active). There have been 20 deaths, up one from Wednesday.
Monroe County: 225 cases, with 79 active, and 7 deaths.
Bradley County: 1,330 cases, with 435 active. There have been 9 deaths, up one from Wednesday.
Meigs County: 62 cases. 32 recovered, 30 are still ill.
Polk County: 85 cases total. 49 patients have recovered. 36 are still sick.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

Now that many restaurants in Athens are open again, the Health Department inspections have started again. The following eateries were inspected between May 11th and July 16th:

- Dairy Queen - 99
- Brownies - 99
- Big Belly Deli - 99
- Buddy's BBQ - 99
- Michael's of Athens - 99
- The Beanery Uncorked - 99
- Western Sizzlin - 98
- El Jinete Mexican Restaurant - 98
- BJ's Snack Bar - 97
- Mexi-Wing II - 97
- Suette's Diner, Deli, & Sweets - 97
- Monterey Mexican Restaurant - 96
- Captain D's - 96
- Ming Dynasty - 94
- China Wok - 91

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WEATHER FORECAST
Friday - Cloudy & humid. T'storms in some areas. High 88.
Fri. Night - Partly cloudy & humid. Low 70.
Saturday - Partly sunny & humid. Possible P.M. t'storms. High 89.
Sat. Night - Partly cloudy & humid. Low 69.
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Obituaries

♦ **Jerome Dean Heltz**, age 85, of Athens died Wednesday. He served in the Navy and taught Latin, History, English, and Math at McMinn County High School. He also served in the Peace Corps. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Dennis Gerald Kirkland**, age 67, of Tellico Plains, died Tuesday at his home. He was retired from the Convenience Center. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers Funeral Home in Tellico Plains, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

HOUSE HEAVILY DAMAGED BY FIRE

A house on Highway 163 near County Road 775 was heavily damaged by a fire early Tuesday morning. The homeowner was not at home at the time. The Etowah Rural Fire and Rescue Department responded along with the Claxton and West Polk County fire departments. Assistant Fire Chief Mike King was in charge. (Photo courtesy of the Etowah Rural Fire Dept)



Church News & Events

- During the months of July and August, First Baptist Church of Athens is holding one Sunday service. The time is 9:30 a.m.
 - The Home Service Sunday School Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio [FM 94.5/AM 1390](#) at 10 a.m. Sunday.
 - The Hymnsmen Quartet will sing at Rockview Baptist Church, 401 County Road 279, this Sunday at 11 a.m. and at Freedom Baptist Church in Athens at 6 p.m.
 - Niota First Baptist Church will have VBS from July 31st to August 2nd. K thru 6th grade classes Friday & Saturday, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Meal provided) There will be a Celebration on Sunday, August 2nd, at 10:45 a.m.
 - Redemption to the Nations Church (RTTN Athens) will have midweek Summer Revival Night on July 29th at 7 p.m.
 - The Transformation Project, a 12-month non-residential recover and discipleship program is being held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Athens First Baptist Church. For information, go online at fbcathens.com/transformation-project or call 745-5441.
 - Beulah Chapel has moved its annual Homecoming from the 3rd Sunday in July to the 3rd Sunday in September this year.
- NOTE:** If you have church announcements you would like us to report in this Friday column, just email us at wysi@bellsouth.net

TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 24th

- 1704** - The British captured Gibraltar, allowing them to freely travel in and out of the Mediterranean Sea.
- 1783** - The Venezuelan general Simón Bolívar was born. He was known as "The Liberator" in much of South America, and he helped win independence for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela.
- 1866** - Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.
- 1897** - Aviator Amelia Earhart was born. In 1935, she made the first solo flight from Honolulu to the U.S. mainland. In 1937, she disappeared over the Pacific ocean while trying to make a round-the-world flight.
- 1969** - Apollo 11, the first manned mission to the moon, splashed down safely in the Pacific.
- 1979** - A Miami jury convicted Ted Bundy of first-degree murder in the slayings of two Florida State University sorority sisters.
- 1974** - The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

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