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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The North McMinn Fire & Rescue Department on Highway 68 will host the 2nd Annual Horse and Wagon Ride tomorrow (Saturday). Gather for prayer at 9:45 a.m. and the ride begins at 10 a.m. There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, and fixings. Kids 6 and under eat free. 7-12 years 5.00. 13 & up 10.00. No horse or wagon, no problem. Just come and eat anyway.
- ✓ The Fall Farmers Market will be open tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens.
- ✓ In high school football games tonight: McMinn Central (1-3) will host Meigs County (5-0)...and the McMinn High School Cherokees (4-0) will travel to Bearden (0-4). The Cherokees are ranked No. 4 in Class 6A. The UT Vols crank up their season Saturday when they travel to South Carolina. The game is 7:30 p.m. on the SEC Network. The Vols are ranked 16th.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday P.M.

Tennessee: 187,544 cases, up 835. 2,310 deaths, up 35.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,100 up 6	943	132	25 + 1
Meigs	223 up 2	202	18	3
Monroe	1,022 up 12	932	73	17
Polk	382 up 2	360	12	10
Bradley	2,893 up 10	2,727	149	17
Rhea	798 up 7	725	61	12 + 1

Were You There?

On September 24th, 1985, President Ronald Reagan came to Athens. The president spoke to a large crowd in front of the McMinn County Courthouse. In the photo below, you may recognize such dignitaries as Athens City Manager Marvin Bolinger, Professor W.E. Nash, City Council member John Perdue, McMinn County Trustee Chuck Redfern, former Tennessee Governor Winfield Dunn, and Educator Oran Creasman on the far right.



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Obituaries

♦ **Bryan Leroy (Roy) Sliger**, age 96, of Dominion Assisted Living in Athens, died Thursday. He was an aircraft engine mechanic in the Army Air Force. He retired from TVA after more than 30 years. Due to COVID-19 there will be no funeral service. A graveside service will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m., Sept. 26th, at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

TENNESSEE HEADLINES

✓ Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn says online classes have had a major impact on student proficiencies, especially among younger children. She estimates there has been a 50% decrease in proficiency in 3rd-grade reading and a 65% decrease in 3rd-grade math. She says it is hard to teach a child to read, but it is REALLY hard to teach a child to read through a computer.

✓ The National Transportation Safety Board says several wrong decisions by the pilots flying a plane carrying NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt, Jr., caused the aircraft to crash at Elizabethton Municipal Airport a year ago. The NTSB says the crash was caused by the pilot's decision to continue landing despite an "unstable" approach which caused the plane to bounce several times during the attempted landing, which led to a loss of control of the craft and a crash landing. The final report says the pilots should have aborted the landing and attempted a "go-around."

Church News & Events

- The Young Musicians Choir of East Athens Baptist Church will present the Children's program: "Mission Possible" this Sunday, September 27th, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Masks are recommended.

- The Athens First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service now begins at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday School at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday night activities have also resumed, starting with a Family Meal at 5 p.m.

- Christian comedian and motivational speaker Dennis Swanberg and friends will appear at Delano Baptist Church, 144 Carolina Avenue, on Friday, October 2nd. Doors open at 5:30. Swanberg takes the podium at 7 p.m. He will be joined by The Hymnsmen and Thomas Brown. The event is free to the public. A love offering will be taken.

- The Athens Church of the Nazarene will host a craft/vendor fair on November 7th. Any vendors and food trucks who would like to participate should call Anita Adkins at 423-650-3430 after 3 p.m. on weekdays. The fair is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces are inexpensive.

- Union McMinn Baptist Church has postponed the one-day Bible School scheduled for Saturday, September 26th.



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