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Today's News... This Morning

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Thursday, October 8, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ "Let's Read 20" of McMinn County announces that any churches or organizations in Athens that are planning a fall festival or trunk and treat event for Halloween can request FREE books to give away at the event. If you are interested, contact 745-1796.

✓ The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA will be handing out 1,000 fresh produce food boxes to the community every Thursday during October. Staff and volunteers will be in the lower lot of the YMCA from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Thursday to hand out the boxes drive-thru style as cars arrive. The event is open to anyone in need. Groups are encouraged to contact Debbie@athensmcminnymca.org to arrange pick up in an effort to reach those who do not have transportation.

100 Quarantined at TWU

Approximately 100 students at Tennessee Wesleyan University are currently in quarantine because of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. TWU President Dr. Harley Knowles says there has been a recent uptick in cases of the virus on campus. He says they have had approximately 17 positive cases. Most of the positive cases and the people in quarantine are student-athletes who are showing mild to no symptoms. Dr. Knowles says in several cases, they are quarantining entire athletic teams out of an abundance of caution. The people in quarantine are only those who have had direct contact for more than 15 minutes with someone who has tested positive. Most of those who have tested positive have chosen to go home and isolate there. Dr. Knowles says a few students cannot get home so they are isolating in single rooms in a section of a residence hall designated for isolation. They are being checked on regularly and food is being delivered.

Dr. Knowles says the increase in positive cases came after the school began doing rapid testing in the Health Center for those who are exhibiting symptoms or those who have had direct exposure to people who have tested positive. He says they are also doing significant contact tracing on campus, which has led to students being directed to the Health Center. Dr. Knowles says as the rapid testing (which gives results in 20 minutes) is ongoing, they are beginning to see an increase in positivity. Dr. Knowles says students must be vigilant in wearing masks and keeping their physical distance from one another.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 207,455 cases, up 2,080. 2,642 deaths, up 21.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,259 up 20	1,102	129	28
Meigs	245 up 2	223	19	3
Monroe	1,157 up 11	1,017	119	21 + 1
Polk	437 up 8	386	39	12
Bradley	3,139 up 18	2,920	200	19
Rhea	926 up 9	829	82	15

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Thursday: Sunshine mixed with clouds. High 81.
Thu Night: Hazy. Low 59.
Friday: Cloudy. Possible shower in p.m. High 77.
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Obituaries

♦ **Ethel (Squeak) Bates**, age 86, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Health and Rehab Center. She lived in the Springtown Community most of her life. A graveside service will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Witt Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 noon Friday at Towee Baptist Church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Walter "Steve" H. Plemons**, age 64, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was currently employed by M&M Mars as Maintenance Supervisor. The family will receive friends Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home. There will be no formal service.

♦ **Rev. Gilbert Alec Roberts**, age 88, of Calhoun, died Sunday. He was the former pastor of several Baptist churches including associate pastor at Calhoun First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends Thursday, October 8th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Calhoun First Baptist Church. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. at the church. Covenant Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will hold a called meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Blue Room of the Courthouse to review new voter registration applications.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between September 3rd and October 1st. A score of 70+ is passing.

- Taco Bell, 690 S. White St. - 100**
- The Dairy Barn - 100**
- Open Door Café - 99**
- Krystal - 99**
- Applebee's - 98**
- Subway, 1440 Decatur Pike - 97**

SCHOOLS:

- Rogers Creek Elementary - 100**
- E.K. Baker Elementary - 100**
- McMinn County High School - 99**
- North City Elementary - 99**
- Ingleside Elementary - 99**
- Westside School - 99**
- Athens City Middle School - 98**

TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 8th

1871 - The Great Chicago Fire started. It destroyed more than 17,000 buildings and killed more than 250 people. Many people believe the fire started when a cow owned by a Mrs. O'Leary kicked over a lighted lantern in a barn.

1890 - World War One flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker was born. He shot down 22 enemy planes. He later became president of Eastern Airlines.

1905 - The very first hair permanent was given by Englishman Charles Nessler. He had built a machine that could wave a woman's hair in five hours.

1918 - Sergeant Alvin York of Tennessee became a World War One hero by capturing a hill in the Argonne Forest of France, killing 25 enemy soldiers and capturing 132 others single-handedly.

1944 - Country singer Susan Raye was born. Her biggest hit record was "L.A. International Airport."



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