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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Department of Health now has a second number you can call to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination. If you are 75 or older, call 1-866-442-5301.
- ✓ Public schools in the area will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Day.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission will have its monthly meeting this coming Monday, January 18th, at 7:30 p.m. It will be conducted via Zoom.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session on Tuesday, January 19th, at 5 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday, July 19th, at 6 p.m. in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday P.M.

Tennessee: 670,482 cases, up 4,983. 8,232 deaths, up 84.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,985 up 63	4,413	500	72
Meigs	1,107 up 16	973	118	16
Monroe	4,420 up 23	3,912	446	62
Polk	1,373 up 7	1,207	149	17
Bradley	10,500 up 145	9,302	1,107	91 up 2
Rhea	3,717 up 23	3,258	404	55

Details Released on Wacker Accident

We're learning new details two months after a deadly industrial accident at the Wacker Plant in Charleston. At the time plant officials said five contract workers were injured during a leak at the plant, and one of those workers died. Now an autopsy report obtained through an open records request reveals new details about his death. According to the postmortem examination, 22-year-old Jesus Montes Aguilar died at 10:59 a.m. on November 13th, 2020, of "multiple blunt force injuries" when he fell from a "height." According to Wacker, four other contractors were injured when there was a small release of steam and hydrochloric acid.

UNITED WAY TO CONDUCT WORKSHOP

United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will conduct its annual Agency Workshop virtually on Thursday, January 28th, at 9 a.m. Any 501(c)3 non-profit agency interested in applying for funding from the 2021 Campaign and becoming a United Way Partner Agency must attend. Agencies must meet certain criteria, including being in operation for at least two years, having an active Board of Directors providing oversight, providing services in McMinn and Meigs counties, agreeing to help promote and support United Way fundraising events, and having bylaws that state the purpose of the organization and provide rules for the number of officers and committees along with financial and legal procedures. To receive the meeting link, call the office at 745-9606.

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Obituaries

♦ **Frankie Louise Cagle Simpson**, age 97, of Decatur, died on January 12th. Her career varied due to her husband's military career in the Marine Corps. She worked for the rationing board, as secretary for School Superintendent Frank Smith, and a teller at Meigs County Bank. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Decatur Cemetery, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Decatur Funeral Home.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities finished mixed ahead of the new administration's stimulus-plan announcement. The S&P 500 approached all-time highs before pulling back later in the day. Investors balanced the likelihood of further government aid against near-term economic headwinds. The energy, real estate and financial sectors gained. Communication services and technology lagged, dragging the S&P 500 into negative territory. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 68.95 to 30,991.52. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 14.30 to 3,795.54, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 16.31 to 13,112.64.

Church News & Events

- A virtual/online community worship service will be held at 12 noon on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, Monday, January 18th. Pastor Chris Eady from the Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Athens will deliver the message, and the service will be live-streamed from Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. Only the participants in the service will be in the sanctuary for the live stream. Here is the link to the Athens Area Ministerial Association's Facebook page where you can watch or listen to the service: www.facebook.com/Athens-Area-Ministerial-Association-112839480456757

- MLK Day of Unity will be held on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, January 18th, at noon at the Everlasting Life Christian Center, 1710 Highway 441 S., Etowah. The main speaker will be Rev. Jack Bryan. Everyone is welcome.

- The McMinn County Branch NAACP will NOT celebrate the 8th annual Dream Achievers Awards (in person) at TWU during the M.L. King, Jr., holiday weekend due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students of African-American Heritage who maintained a 3.0 GPA or greater will receive their certificates of recognition and a scholarship that can be used at Tennessee Wesleyan University in the mail.

- Lighthouse Church International at 8593 Hiwassee Street NW, Charleston, has resumed Sunday night services at 6 p.m. Sunday morning services are 11 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7 p.m.



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