

### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

## **Community News You Can Use**

✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library is now offering evening hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights until 7 p.m. The interior of the library is open, and all checkout, computer, printing, and faxing services are available. All patrons, ages 5 and up, are required to wear a mask.

 $\checkmark$  The Good Faith Clinic will be open today, with drive-thru refills from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and physician visits at 4 p.m. The clinic is for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties.

✓ The Athens Parks Department is offering Daddy-Daughter virtual Song of the Day photo contests each day this week. The City of Athens Facebook page will feature a different song each day that is traditionally played at the Daddy-Daughter Dance. Fathers and daughters are invited to post a photo of them sharing a fun time together. For details, call 744-2700.

**COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday P.M.** 

## **New Etowah Chamber President**

The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Kavitha Reddy as the Chamber President for 2021. Kavitha has operated

Athens Movie Palace since they opened several years ago. She has been instrumental over the past two years with organizing Good Morning Etowah. Reddy says, "I hope to help our businesses in new and unique ways as many of them continue to suffer from the effects of the pandemic. It is our job as a chamber to



celebrate victories but also make sure we are using our resources to provide support during a crisis, too."

#### WRECK ON CONGRESS PARKWAY S.

A two-vehicle crash on Congress Parkway S. and Velma Road on Monday caused traffic problems. (Photo by Micah Bush)

<b>Tennessee:</b>	745,826 cases, up 1,226. 10,566 deaths, up 97.			s, up 97.
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>RECOVERED</b>	<b>ACTIVE</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
McMinn	5,527 up 12	5,227	215	85 up 1
Meigs	1,246 up 1	1,181	46	19
Monroe	5,004 up 13	4,686	236	82 up 2
Polk	1,622 up 5	1,511	90	21
Bradley	11,984 up 30	11,294	562	128
Rhea	4,078 up 9	3,882	130	66 up 1







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### **Obituaries**

• Patricia Anne Ferguson Horton, age 78, of Athens, died Sunday at Erlanger. Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.

• Dorothy Corn Steward, age 92, of Etowah, died Saturday. She retired from working in the cafeteria at Woods Memorial Hospital. She also worked in the cafeteria of Polk County High School and at Benton Manufacturing. A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. today (Feb. 9th) at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery in Polk County with a brief family visitation at 3:30 prior to the service at the cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• Marcella Kaye Crabtree, age 68, of Ten Mile, died Friday at her residence. She retired from Western Sizzlin' after 20 years of service. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Ten Mile. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home.

• Nina Williams Bryan, age 99, of Etowah, died Saturday. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Goodsprings Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

+ Jear Lean (Mullins) Moore, age 61, died Sunday at Sweetwater Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Meigs County Memorial Gardens. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• Thomas Hugh Boe, age 65, of Athens, died Sunday. In honor of his wishes, there will be no public services at this time.

# **A Moment of Black History**

"Rosenwald School" was the name given to more than 5,000 schools, metal workshops, and homes built for teachers in the early 20th century. Much of the money came from Julius Rosenwald, who was president of Sears, Roebuck & Company. He would donate partial funding, with the community and the local school board providing the rest. The schools were primarily built to serve Blacks, especially in the South. There were two Rosenwald Schools in Etowah, and others in Calhoun and Niota, and J.L. Cook School in Athens. Some were one-room, some tworoom, and some like J.L. Cook which had several rooms. The schools had no electricity or running water. Most of the schools were wood-framed, except for J.L. Cook which was brick. The photo below shows the West Etowah school.

(Photo and article submitted by Harriel Blair)



