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Monday, March 8, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ A called meeting of the City of Athens Recreation Advisory Board will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Athens Municipal Building, at 815 North Jackson Street. The purpose of this meeting is to meet with the consultant, on the county-wide recreation plan, and to re-review a draft of the plan.
- ✓ The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday (3-9) will be Jennie DeCook, Director of the TN Small Business Development Center at Cleveland State Community College. The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390 FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Sunday 3-07

Tennessee: 783,484 cases, up 1,287. 11,547 deaths, up 4.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,975 up 4	5,770	112	93
Meigs	1,270 up 2	1,234	13	23
Monroe	5,406 up 11	5,172	143	91
Polk	1,798 up 7	1,718	58	22
Bradley	13,111 up 44	12,584	386	141
Rhea	4,163 up 8	4,030	60	73

### Easter Egg "Hunt" Plans Released

The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a free Easter Egg Giveaway on Saturday, March 27 beginning at 10:00 am at the Athens Regional Park with over 12,000 prize eggs, and a drawing for a 70" Smart TV. Trinity United Methodist Church has joined the event and will be supplying the bags and an interactive Easter experience, which will feature palm branches, live animals, and the Easter Bunny. Everyone, under the age of 12, who attends the event will receive a bag of eggs, guaranteed to be filled with prizes, and will also be entered into a drawing to win a 70" Smart TV. The event will be taking place in the western portion of the park in front of the Conference Center. Signage will be located throughout the park to show how to enter and exit the giveaway area. A video of the drawing for the 70" Smart TV will be posted on the City of Athens Facebook page on Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Each child must be in the car to receive the eggs and be entered into the grand prize drawing. "I am very excited to be partnering with Trinity to provide a safe alternative to our traditional Egg Hunt and Easter events which annually draw thousands of people. Working together we have planned a fun event, that will be enjoyed by all ages, with the opportunity to win some great prizes. Having pre-viewed the exciting Easter experience area, I can assure you it is something the children will not want to miss," said Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Trinity United Methodist Church is excited to partner with Athens Parks and Recreation to celebrate Easter with this creative solution. We are looking forward to joining the Easter Egg Giveaway this year in the hopes of returning to our large Easter Egg Drop next year," stated Rev. Skip White, Senior Pastor of Trinity UMC. Athens Regional Park is located at 2405 Decatur Pike in Athens off Exit 49 on I-75.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

**Monday** - Sunny and warmer. High 63.

**Mon. night** - Mostly clear and cold with a low near freezing.

**Tuesday** - Mostly sunny. High 64.

**Wednesday** - Mostly sunny and warmer. High 67.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Edith Lucile Mizner Newman**, age 87, of Calhoun, died Tuesday, February 23rd, at the home of daughter, Kathy. A service celebrating Edith's life was held on Sunday at the Benton Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Betty Moon Hickman**, age 76, of Decatur, died Thursday, March 3rd, at Rhea County Medical Center. She retired from the Hamilton County School System, where she served for 32 years. A memorial service will be Monday at 5 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Mary "Rose" Lyle**, age 85, of Cleveland, died Saturday. She was retired from Cleveland City Schools. A graveside service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Calhoun Baptist Church Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Carl Austin Sanders**, age 78, of Decatur, died Thursday, March 4th. He retired from Labor Local 543. Funeral services at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation at 5 p.m.

## TN Overhill Director Honored

Adrian Lambert, executive director for the Tennessee Overhill, was recently honored and recognized for her 15 years of service and commitment to the Polk County Chamber of Commerce while she served as the director at that organization. A plaque was presented to her at the Polk County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, which was held recently. In the photo: (L-R) James Woody, Polk County Chamber President, Adrian Lambert, Tennessee Overhill Executive Director, and Hannah Godfrey with Fannin County (Georgia) schools. (Submitted Photo)



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## TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>

- 1917** - This date marked the start of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution, as the Russian people rebelled against Czar Nicholas II and his government. The revolution caused the downfall of the Russian Empire and led to the creation of the communist Soviet Union.
- 1947** - Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager was born. She wrote such songs as "Don't Cry Out Loud," "Arthur's Theme," "Heartlight," "That's What Friends Are For," and "When I Need You."
- 1965** - Nearly 4,000 U.S. Marines landed in Vietnam.
- 1971** - Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision at Madison Square Garden in New York in the first of three bouts between the heavyweights.
- 1999** - Baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died at 84.
- 2008** - President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using water-boarding and other coercive interrogation methods on suspected terrorists. Bush stated that the bill Congress sent him would take away one of the most valuable tools in the war on terror. Bush said, "So today I vetoed it."