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### **Community News You Can Use**

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.
- ✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the United States Tennis Association to again host the USTA Rally Cats Beginners Tennis Program for children ages 4 to 10. The four-week program will be held on Tuesdays, May 18th and 25th, and June 1st and 8th, from 6 to 7 each evening at the Ingleside Tennis Complex. Registration is \$35, and the registration deadline is May 14th. For more information, call 744-2700, extension 3.
- ✓ The next Good Faith Clinic will be next Tuesday, April 27th, on the campus of Christ Community Church in Athens.

#### **♦**COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 4-19

**Tennessee:** 835,842 cases, up 470. 12,081 deaths, up 17. **COUNTY CASES** ACTIVE **DEATHS** McMinn 6,365 110 97 Meigs 23 1.348 24 Monroe 5,709 84 95 Polk 2.000 56 24 Bradley 14.599 378 147 Rhea 4,312 29 75

### **More Community News**

- ✓ The power rate from Athens Utilities Board for the coming month of May will decrease a bit. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says May will be the second of two consecutive "transition rate" months, which have the lowest per-kilowatt hour charge of the year. Scarbrough says the overall power rate for May is coming down a bit based on the fuel charge from TVA. The charge decreased for May 1.8 cents versus 2.1 cents in April.
- ✓ A benefit concert for MCHS Tim "Coach" McPhail will be held this coming Thursday, April 22nd, on the McMinn Football Field from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be live performances by Mending Wall, Cole Sitzlar, and Chris Hennessee. Tickets are \$15. Food will be available. Proceeds and any donations go to benefit the McPhail family.
- ✓ The Etowah Christian Ministerial Association is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer event at the Historic L&N Depot in Etowah on Thursday, May 6th, at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have the following Facebook Live programs this week: Tuesday, 4 p.m., Bee Storytime with Craft. Thursday, 4 p.m., Bird Feed STEM Activity. Grab and Go craft packets for the month of April are available at the library while supplies last. Also, April's teens and adults self-care program is planting wildflowers. Pick up Grab and Go bags at the library. For info call 263-9475.

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### **Obituaries**

- Billy Ray Whittenburg, age 81, of Decatur, died Sunday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.
- Robert "Bob" Neil Ellison, age 82, of Ten Mile, died Sunday. He was a member of Laborers Local Union 846 for 56 years. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Decatur Funeral Home, with a graveside service to follow at 2 p.m. at Ten Mile Cemetery.

#### TENNESSEE NEWS HEADLINES

- ✓ The U.S. Supreme Court is leaving in place an appeals court decision that upheld Tennessee's policy of rationing life-saving hepatitis C drugs to prisoners as constitutional.
- ✓ A bill in the state legislature would prohibit the distribution of condoms and other contraception material at public schools. The bill says family life curriculums should focus on promoting abstinence.
- ✓ Chattanooga police say a 14-year-old boy has been charged with shooting an 11-year-old and slightly injuring another 14-year-old boy. Investigators say the 14-year-old was "handling a firearm" when it discharged accidentally, striking the two victims. The 11-year-old who was shot is hospitalized with life-threatening injuries.

### **Students Bring Cheer to Seniors**

Students, faculty, and staff at the Athens City Middle School recently marched from the school to the nearby Morning Pointe Assisted Living Center and brought smiles to the residents' faces. The marching band led the way. The students carried signs of love and encouragement as the band stopped to play and the cheerleaders cheered.

(Photo by Diane Hutsell, Morning Pointe Life Enrichment Director)





