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Sonic Drive-In Closed Due to Wreck

The Sonic Drive-In located on Decatur Pike is closed indefinitely for repairs after a traffic accident last Sunday afternoon. Athens Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth says the Fire Department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident and, on arrival, found a single vehicle that had struck the building causing extensive damage to the structure. Chief Ainsworth says the area damaged from the crash was the kitchen area around the deep fryers. He says the intrusion into the building caused severe damage, dislodging the hood fire suppression system and moving the cooking appliances approximately 4 to 5 feet. Firefighters assessed the driver of the car and also evacuated employees from the building due to the damage to the structure. No employees were injured as a result of the crash. Athens Utilities Board responded to secure the power and natural gas. The day after the crash, the building was inspected by building official Gene McConkey to further look into the damage to the structure. At this point, it is unknown how long Sonic will be closed for repairs. Meantime, the building and lot have been taped off with yellow caution tape.

Update on Fatal Shooting

Athens police have released the name of the young man who died from a gunshot wound Wednesday afternoon. Police Chief Cliff Couch says officers were called to Walthall Street in reference to gunshots being fired. They found a young male, identified as 21-year-old Zavion Ferguson of Athens, lying in the grassy area next to the basketball courts. He had been shot, and died on the scene. After working through the night, officers charged Logan Rowe, 18, of Niota, with 2nd degree murder.



- ✓ The 2021 McMinn County Rabies Clinic continues today and tomorrow at most veterinary offices in the county. The cost of the rabies shot is \$10. You should call ahead for an appointment. A reminder--dogs and cats should receive their first rabies vaccination as soon as possible after three months of age. State law requires ALL dogs and cats to have a current rabies vaccination.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will provide an Introduction to READS training next Wednesday, May 12th, at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Call 263-9475 for instructions on how to participate.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Ronnie Ray Cook**, age 66, of Athens, died Tuesday. He worked for Fox Photo and McMinn Ford as a car mechanic. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Mary Louise Liner Tennyson**, age 74, of Hixson, formerly of Athens, died Wednesday night at her home. She was employed with Volunteer Electric CoOp for 29 years until her retirement. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Yolanda Sue Dodson Montville**, age 51, of Walker, Louisiana, died on April 5th. She is survived by siblings Freddie and Julie Wiley of Athens. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Foster Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Patricia "Nett" Louise Elizabeth Bradley Lewis**, age 70, died in Greenwood, South Carolina, on Monday. She was formerly from Niota. Homegoing services will be this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Lane Chapel A.M.E. Church in Niota, with a walk-through visitation from 12 noon until 1 p.m. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.,

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 5/6

Tennessee: 852,072 cases, up 1,187. 12,245 deaths up 17.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,506 up 7	91	98
Meigs	1,388	23	25
Monroe	5,837 up 14	68	95
Polk	2,076 up 10	62	24
Bradley	15,010 up 15	268	149
Rhea	4,343 up 2	21	75

Church News & Events

- Cooke Ministry Center will resume Gospel Singing today, May 7th, at 7 p.m., and each Friday night thereafter. The group, Recognized, will be singing tonight. A different group will be featured each Friday. Cooke Ministry is located at 714 Walter Street in Athens. Please wear a mask. For more information, call Ed Clowers at (423) 506-3563.
- The Athens Christian Church at 802 South Matlock Avenue in Athens will have a special Mothers Day service this Sunday at 11 a.m. to honor our mothers. There will be a special gift for all the moms present.
- The Bernetts will be appearing at Solid Rock Baptist Church on Sunday, May 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 4975 U.S. 11 in Calhoun.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call: 423-435-8986.
- Buttram Chapel Church will have homecoming worship and lunch on May 9th at 11 a.m. The church is located at 700 County Road 220. Bring a dish or two to share if you can. Paper goods, drinks, and ice will be provided. Bring a chair.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday at the Englewood Church of God at 6 p.m.



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