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Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

Trump News Secretary To Speak

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces that Kayleigh McEnany, former Press Secretary to President Donald Trump, will be the featured speaker at the Chamber's 15th Annual Benefit next year. Ms. McEnany formerly produced "Huckabee" on Fox News and served as the 33rd White House Press Secretary for the Trump administration from April 2020 to January 2021. The event will be held on June 25th, 2022. For tickets & table information, call the Chamber at 745-0334.



COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 5-24

Tennessee: 860,966 cases, up 193. 12,393 deaths up 6.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,572	53	99
Meigs	1,400	8	25
Monroe	5,911	45	96
Polk	2,102	24	25
Bradley	15,176	95	152
Rhea	4,374	16	75

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The AUB Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m. today. One item on the agenda is a discussion on when to re-open the Athens Utilities Board lobby.
- ✓ You've no doubt noticed those "blue" streetlights popping up all over Athens. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says these are LED lights. He says the primary advantage is lower cost and the light can be more focused to an area that you want lit up instead of spreading the light out everywhere.
- ✓ The City of Athens has announced the Memorial Day closings. The Municipal Building, Public Works Department, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will all be closed next Monday, May 31st, in observance of Memorial Day. Residential garbage pickup for Monday will take place on Tuesday instead. All other residential garbage routes will be on the regular schedule.
- ✓ The Athens Farmers Market at the downtown Market Park Pavilion will be open today from 3 to 6 p.m. The market did not take place last Thursday because there were no vendors.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic for today, May 25th, will be REFILLS only. No physician visits. Next clinic will be June 8th.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Alvin Lee Ellis**, age 83, of Englewood, died Sunday. He was a minister and evangelist for 64 years and in recent years was the minister of Mt. Cumberland Community Church. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, May 25th, at 10 a.m. in Ironsburg Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Brenda Sledge Plaster**, age 69, of Decatur, died Sunday. She was a retired school teacher and guidance counselor. She was the wife of the Rev. Jerry Plaster. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at East Niota Baptist Church, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Shirley Rose Casteel Buckner**, age 85, of Englewood, died Sunday. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Conasauga Cemetery, with visitation Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home.

A WARNING FOR HOLIDAY BOATERS

The Memorial Day holiday weekend is the traditional start to the summer boating season. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency wants to emphasize the use of life jackets when you are boating. In fact, lifejackets are required on kayaks and stand up paddlecraft. TWRA also stresses the responsible use of alcohol when boating. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal in Tennessee. Over the 2020 holiday weekend, there was one boating-related fatality which occurred in an incident below Fort Loudoun Dam.

Monroe Co. Fire Burns Victim

Fire departments responded to a structure fire with flames visible on County Road 401, Madisonville, this past Saturday morning. One occupant escaped without injury, but a second occupant was flown by Lifestar helicopter to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville for facial and possible internal burns. Responding were the Englewood, Niota, and Athens Rural Fire Departments along with Madisonville City Fire. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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(Just behind the McMinn County School Board Office)

Check-in is between 8:30 & 9 am. Bike Rodeo will be from 9-11am. There will be two age groups: Children, ages 5-6 and 7-8. Bring your bike to ride. There will be safety stories with puppets by Athens Anchors, State Trooper Travis Ryans will be talking about Bike Safety and there will be a bike inspection. Children will receive a snack and treat bag.

FREE helmets to 1st 25 that registers. To register your children, please email : PilotClubofAthens@gmail.com