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Grand Opening for Higher Ed Center

A grand opening ceremony for the new McMinn Higher Education Center will be held on Friday (6-11), at 10 a.m. The center is located at 2345 Denso Drive. It houses Cleveland State Community College, the UT McMinn Extension Office, and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Classes are already being held in the new facility. Sarah Kite reports that the UT Extension-McMinn County office is now open at the McMinn Higher Education Center, Suite 167, and the office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT CRACKDOWN

Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch says one of the biggest problems his officers are dealing with these days is catalytic converter thefts. Catalytic converters are exhaust emission devices used to reduce the toxic gases and pollutants created by automobile engines. They contain precious metals and are easy to steal. Thieves then sell them for a quick profit. However, beginning on July 1st, a new law will take effect that should help end those thefts. The new law states that any person engaged in the business of buying or selling scrap metal, including unattached catalytic converters, must give written notification to the chief of police and sheriff of each city and county in which the activity occurs. In addition, any scrap metal dealer who buys a catalytic converter must obtain a copy of the seller's drivers license or vehicle registration.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library's Summer Reading Program today (6-10) at 1:30 p.m. will feature a "Little Red Hen" program with craft. Free lunch from 1 to 1:30 p.m. for children 18 and under.
- ✓ The Friends of the Etowah Library will have a pop-up book sale at the library today (6-10) from 3 to 5 p.m.
- ✓ The Downtown Summer Nights Concert Series in Decatur kicks off this Saturday with the East TN Catfish Festival and music by Maya Trippe and Scotty Williams, called "The Garth Brooks Experience." The concerts start at 6 p.m. There will be food and craft vendors.
- ✓ The Athens Farmers Market at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. The market will open on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning this Saturday, June 12th.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 6-09

Tennessee: 864,583 cases, up 189. 12,494 deaths up 2.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,594 down 1	18	101
Meigs	1,414 up 1	9	25
Monroe	5,950 up 2	21	97
Polk	2,109	5	25
Bradley	15,235 up 6	53	153
Rhea	4,383 up 1	7	74

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Obituaries

♦ **Terry Lynn Rummel King**, age 63, of Niota, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Linda Faye Wright**, age 74, of Etowah, died Tuesday at her home. The family will receive friends at Athens Church of Christ on Friday from noon to 1 p.m. with a celebration of life service at 1 p.m. Serenity is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equity markets finished slightly lower but remained near record levels, while bond yields declined. The 10-year Treasury yield fell below 1.50%, the lowest level in nearly three months. At the closing bell: DJIA 34,447.14 (-152.68), S&P 500 4,219.55 (-7.71), & NASDAQ 13,911.75 (-13.16).

STORM CAUSES TREE FIRE

In the aftermath of the storm that moved through Tuesday around 11 p.m., a large tree limb fell on some power lines causing the tree to catch fire on County Road 571, Englewood. Several AUB customers lost power temporarily. The Englewood Rural Fire Department and AUB responded. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



Scholarship Winners

The annual AMMP (All McMinn Modern Professionals) Scholarship winners have been announced. The McMinn High School winner is Brady Adams (photo below, with Krissi Smith and Chris Anderson, AMMP board members). The McMinn Central winner is Carsi Beaty, photo to the right, shown with Krissi Smith and Matt Harper, board members). (Photos by Erin Holbrook)



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Upcoming events at McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

History for Lunch - The Legacy of Hannah Richards
Thursday, June 24th, 12:00 noon

It's the revival of our monthly bring-your-lunch-to-history day at the Living Heritage Museum! Enjoy your lunch as we show one of our recent interviews with Harriet Blair and Ann Boyd as they discuss the lives and legacies of Hannah Richards, and her grandson, William Henry Richards.



Program - *The History of the Carousel* by Johnny McGrew
Saturday, June 26th, 11:00 AM

Join Johnny McGrew as he describes his personal journey into the history of the carousel, telling of his decision to visit and study antique carousels and the techniques of the carvers, which includes not only horses but a menagerie of animals. Johnny will show from start to finish how he restored his first horse, and will demonstrate the carving of one. Admission is \$5, or free with a Museum membership.

Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday - Monday: Closed

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