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Athens, Tennessee

Juliette and Zeke Represent Athens Well

The 83rd All American Soap Box Derby is now history. Athens Soap Box Champions, Juliette Couch and Zeke Hembree, competed in the championship race in Akron, Ohio. The 2021 race was highly anticipated

since the 2020 Derby was cancelled due to COVID-19. Juliette made her first appearance at the race this year and competed in the Stock Division. She was able to make it to the second round of the contest but was eliminated by 167 thousandth of a second. Zeke participated in the Super Stock Division but was eliminated by a mere 53 thousandth of a second. Juliette and Zeke will be appearing on WYXI RADIO at approximately 7:30 a.m. Monday to give a summary of their exciting week in Ohio. Athens Parks and Recreation Director, Austin Fesmire, will accompany the Champs along with their parents. Live radio coverage this year was provided by A&J Body Shop, Domino's Pizza and Athens Utilities Board.



(Athens Parks Department Photo)

Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a meeting on Monday, July 26th at 6 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens. The meeting is open to the public.

✓ The Athens City Schools has issued amended health and safety protocols for reopening next month:

- Masks will be optional for staff and students.
- Social distancing required by grade level cohort groups.
- Hand washing and sanitizing stations will continue.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of rooms, buildings, and buses will continue.

ACS is prepared to implement additional health and safety protocols should the local situation change now or in the future.

✓ MEDIC and Blood Assurance are teaming up to increase red blood cell collections in a friendly competition this week. The blood center collecting the most RBCs will be declared the winner and will win a trophy. All donors this week will receive a TN Smokies game ticket, a special edition tie-dye t-shirt and a Texas Roadhouse coupon. MEDIC is the primary blood product provider for 24 hospitals in 22 counties including Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens and Etowah. Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling 865-805-2008 or go online at www.medicblood.org. Walk-in donors are allowed. The Athens Center is at 213 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 104.

• Tuesday-Madisonville - WilSav - 10:30 - 1:30
• Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 1:30
• Thursday-Athens PaPaw's Place-10:30 - 1:30
• Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:00
• Saturday-McMinn Co Airport -11:00 - 1:00

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Gateway Church of Christ
Gospel Meeting
July 25-28



Speaker:
Phil Sanders

Meeting Times

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am, 7 pm
Monday-Wednesday: 7 pm
Gateway Church of Christ
405 County Rd 801 ~ Etowah, TN 37331

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Car Crash Injures One

The driver of this 2013 Chevy Camaro lost control and hit a power pole around 7 a.m. Saturday on Hwy 307, receiving slight injuries. Niota Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and Sgt Alex Barger with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department responded. Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Obituaries

♦ **William Moulton Buchanan**, age 79, of Decatur, died October 31st, 2020. He began a career with Volunteer Energy Cooperative in 1963. He became the CEO/President in 1982 and held that position until his retirement in 2005. He was a former Mayor of Decatur and was a board member of the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties. He was also co-owner of Southern Hydraulic Cylinder and served on the boards of the Meigs County Bank and SouthEast Bank and Trust. A Celebration of Life Service was held Sunday, July 25th, at Decatur United Methodist Church. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services was in charge.

♦ **Anna Lou Henry Shamblin**, age 89, of Riceville, died Saturday in Etowah Health Care. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 4:00 p.m.

◆ **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 7-23**

Tennessee: 880,789 cases up 1,527. 12,673 deaths up 7.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,743 up 11	55	105
Meigs	1,437	4	24
Monroe	6,044 up 10	37	98
Polk	2,131 up 3	12	24
Bradley	15,463 up 30	112	156
Rhea	4,431 up 6	36	82

LISTENING REMINDER: Join us for Main Street Moments on Tuesday. The guests will be Lisa Dotson and Timberly Guffey. They will be sharing about the "Fifth Friday" coming up on the 30th. (See ad below) The program will be heard at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI Radio: AM-1390, FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

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Fifth Friday
back to school bash

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