

Friday, August 13, 2021

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that College Street will be closed from Jackson Street to Long Street today, Aug. 13th, at 10 a.m. and will remain closed through Sunday, Aug. 15th, at 6 p.m. The purpose of the closure is for the Tennessee Wesleyan University Welcome Weekend.

✓ All next week, everyone who donates a pint of blood to MEDIC will receive a free ticket to Dollywood. They will also receive a coupon for a Texas Roadhouse appetizer and a tie-dye tshirt. The MEDIC Donor Center in Athens is located at 213 E. Washington Avenue, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

✓ Have you ever wondered what your kids are hiding from you? What is truly in their room? You are invited to a FREE Hidden in Plain Sight event on Saturday, August 21st, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the McMinn Higher Education Center, 2345 Denso Drive. A mock teen bedroom will be set up for adults to search through and try to find hidden signs of drug and alcohol use. There will be opportunities to learn more about the importance of keeping a drug free home and how to have healthy communications with your teens. Special guests will include McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy, Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch, Meg Paisley (Director at Health Connect America), and Sarah Kite with UT Extension-McMinn. Refreshments will be served. This event is for Adults Only. If you have questions, call Sarah Kite at 745-2852.

Driver Swerves to Miss Deer

The Tennessee Highway Patrol warns motorists not to swerve to miss a deer which runs out in front of you because it often can cause you to lose control. That happened at 5 a.m. Wednesday on County Road 660, Etowah. The driver of this 2008 Suzuki KL7 swerved to miss a deer and went down an embankment, hitting a pile of rocks. The driver was transported by AMR to Starr Regional in Etowah. THP Officer Whitney Stooksbury investigated. Etowah police also assisted with the call, along with the Englewood Rural Fire Depart-(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept) ment.







Obituaries

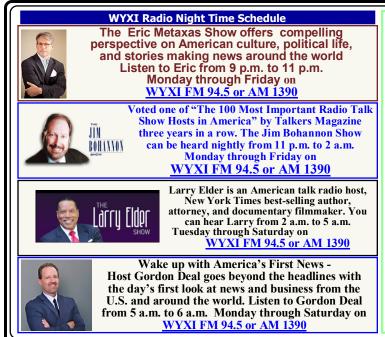
• Don E. Long, age 59, of Chattanooga, died Thursday at his residence. He was a longtime resident of McMinn County. Don worked for many years with the Athens Police Department and Athens Federal Community Bank. He was currently employed with Simply Bank in Chattanooga. There will be no formal services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• **Connie Young**, age 54 of Niota, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be Sunday, 2 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Cemetery in Ten Mile, with visitation on Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 14.88 to 35,499.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 13.13 to 4,460.83, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 51.13 points to 14,816.26.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 8-12

Tennessee:	936,614 cases up 5,507. 12,912 deaths up 20.		
<u>COUNTY</u>	CASES	<u>ACTIVE</u>	DEATHS
McMinn	7,218 up 60	354	108
Meigs	1,521 up 4	59	24
Monroe	6,393 up 32	278	98
Polk	2,270 up 15	103	25
Bradley	16,314 up 99	646	158
Rhea	4,698 up 35	207	83



Church News & Events

- 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.

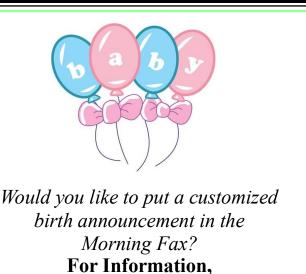
- Athens First Baptist Church will have a Blessing of the Players this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Players and their families and coaches from McMinn County High School and McMinn Central High will be attending. Lunch will be provided following the service.

- Celebrate Recovery meets each Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God. Everyone is welcome.

- Everlasting Life Christian Center in Etowah will have its Women of Wisdom Annual Conference Sept. 4th and 5th Jalia Arnwine will be the speaker on Saturday, the 4th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spring Brook Country Club. Lunch is \$20. Andrea Arnwine will speak Sunday, Sept. 5th, at 11 a.m. at Everlasting Life Christian Center. To register, call 263-2359. The theme for the conference is "Equipped."

- Oak Grove Baptist Church, 2012 CR 100, has a free community soup kitchen every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

- Jones Chapel United Methodist Church has a Celebrate Recovery service every Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. There are group meetings for those dealing with hang-ups, hurts, life challenges, loss, and distractions. There will also be a free to-go meal. Everyone is welcome.



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