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### Thursday, August 26, 2021

# Athens, Tennessee

## **Fire on Boaz Street**

A house on Boaz Street in Athens was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. The family lost everything, including clothing for their three boys, ages 10, 8, and 2. To help, call 423-829-5052.



(Photo by Shawn Forry)

(Facebook Photo)

## **Community News You Can Use**

✓ Meigs County Schools have cancelled classes for the rest of the week due to COVID. The Friday night football game against The King's Academy has been cancelled.

✓ Rhea County's football game against Elizabethton has been postponed due to COVID concerns.

✓ Coordinated Charities is closed for the remainder of the week after several more workers tested positive for COVID-19. Executive Director Kevin Lane says they hope to reopen assistance services next Monday.

✓ The guests on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be the students at Women at the Well. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio: AM-1390, FM-94.5 & <u>ONLINE</u>

✓ The Tennessee Department of Health stated on its website Wednesday evening; "There will be a delay in posting daily COVID data on 8/25/2021 due to unforeseen technical issues. Data will be updated on 8/26".

✓ The WYXI RADIO Trading Post show is celebrating its 50th

year of continuous broadcasting in 2021. (See Ad Below) Thousands of vehicles, animals, yard sales and other items have been on the show. Occasionally a very rare item will be for sale such as a restored 1934 Dodge Sedan. If interested, call or text 423-443-6182.







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### **Obituaries**

• Harold Glen Presswood, age 67, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a former employee of Heil Corporation and taught school with the Meigs County School System. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 3 to 5 p.m.

• Melissa Lane Spurgeon, age 54, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Sweetwater hospital. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Johnny Black, age 79, of Etowah, died Wednesday. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Englewood Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service on Friday. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

#### FREE HUNTING DAY

Saturday is Free Hunting Day in Tennessee. Tennessee residents will be allowed to hunt without a license on Saturday, which coincides with the opening day of squirrel season. Free Hunting Day is an event the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency annually provides in hopes of increasing interest in hunting. On Free Hunting Day, state resident hunters are exempt from hunting licenses. Hunters are reminded to ask for permission to hunt on private lands.

#### **TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 26th**

**1883** - The volcano of Krakatoa in the Dutch East Indies began an explosive eruption which destroyed two-thirds of the island and killed 36,000 people. The eruption was heard thousands of miles away.

**1906** - Albert Sabin was born in Russia. He moved to the U.S. and won fame for developing the oral polio vaccine.

**1920** - The 19th Amendment to the Constitution was certified. It gave women the right to vote. State Rep. Harry T. Burn from Niota cast what turned out to be the deciding vote in favor of the resolution in the Tennessee legislature at the request of his mother.

**1942** - Singer Vic Dana was born. Among his hit records, "Red Roses For A Blue Lady" and "Bring A Little Sunshine (To My Heart)."

**1944** - French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

**1949** - Singer Bob Cowsill of the Cowsills was born. Their hit records include "Indian Lake" and "The Rain, the Park, and Other Things."

**1958** - Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

## **Early Morning Concrete Pour**

Much of the concrete pouring necessary at the Athens City schools construction site takes place in the early morning hours. The photo below, taken at 5 a.m. Wednesday, shows a contingent of workers spreading the concrete that was delivered to the scene by a steady stream of concrete trucks.

(Staff Photo)





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#### BRING YOUR LUNCH COME ENJOY HISTORY for LUNCH with Dr. VANT HARDAWAY

Thursday, August 26, 12:00 NOON Dr. Hardaway shares stories about growing up, challenges he faced, integration & heartwarming stories of his life. Sponsored by: C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation

Due to COVID issues and the increase in cases we are going to cancel this year's TRASH & TREASURE SALE. We are so sorry for this bad news and any inconvenience.

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

| Admission      |     |
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| Adults:        | \$5 |
| Seniors (60+): | \$3 |
| Students:      | \$3 |
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