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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Due to the weather, Athens Utilities Board has rescheduled its fall flush of water lines until Tuesday, October 19th.
- ✓ The McMinn County Senior Activity Center has extended its hours effective immediately. The Center is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. If you are 50 or older, you are invited to come join in the numerous activities at the Center.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department is searching for program instructors. The department is encouraging qualified instructors to apply to teach their craft. If you are looking to teach fitness classes, basket weaving, or any other specialty, you can contact the Parks Department at 744-2700 extension 3. Ask for Brianna Baker, Program Coordinator.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 10-05

Tennessee: 1,241,204 cases up 3,181. 15,404 deaths up 81.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,168 up 15	233 down 28	120 up 1
Meigs	2,111 up 2	51 down 5	27
Monroe	9,390 up 11	242 down 25	116
Polk	3,075 up 11	100 down 1	27
Bradley	21,558 up 29	485 down 7	172
Rhea	6,767 up 19	226	89

4-H Chicken Show Winners

The McMinn County 4-H Club held its annual chicken show on September 25th. The 4-H'ers sold chickens they had raised. The winners are pictured below, along with Brooke Cass, 4-H Extension Agent.



Left: Nate Brady, 1st place, Rhode Island Reds



Right: Cam Witt, 1st place, Delaware



Left: Hayden Blankenship, 2nd place, Rhode Island Reds



Right: Abigail Henry, 2nd place, Delaware



Left: Kendall Latham, 2nd place, Barred Rock

Not pictured: Millie Latham, 1st place, Barred Rock

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TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 6th

1846 - Inventor George Westinghouse was born. He invented such things as the gas meter and air brakes for railroad trains.

1914 - Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl was born. He became famous for traveling from Peru to eastern Polynesia in a balsawood raft.

1927 - "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson opened in New York City. It was the first full-length talking motion picture. However, there were only 291 spoken words in the film.

1962 - Robert Goulet finally stepped out of the role of Sir Lancelot after singing and acting the part since 1960 in the fabulously successful Broadway musical "Camelot." It also starred Richard Burton as King Arthur and Julie Andrews as Queen Guenevere.

1973 - The Yom Kippur War began when Egypt and Syria attacked Israel. Israel won the war 19 days later.

WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - 70% chance of rain & t'storms. Flash flood watch 8am-8pm. High 74.

Wednesday night - 40% rain & t'storms. Low 66.

Thursday - 65% rain & t'storms. Flash flood watch 8am to 8pm. High 74.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Kenneth Dean 'Kenny' Gering**, age 58, of Madisonville, died Sunday at Tennova Healthcare in Knoxville. He was a native of Wyandotte, MI and lived in Monroe County since 1998. He was a former foreman for Home Sweet Home Quality Home Improvement and Landscaping. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m., Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3:30 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **James D. Hutcheson**, age 64, of Athens, died Friday, Oct. 1st, in a Chattanooga hospital. He was a veteran of the Army. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Oct. 10th, from noon to 2 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Betty Jean Sanders Stansberry**, age 88, of Athens, died September 30th. She retired from WalMart at the age of 83 after 23 years of service. There will be a private family service at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Lillian Allene Nolen Smith**, age 94, of Athens, died October 2nd. She taught English and Bible at McMinn County High School and later taught at Forrest Hill and Westside Elementary schools. She was named Teacher of the Year for the Athens City School System. Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday. Interment will be in McMinn Memory Gardens.
- ♦ **Jerry Rodney Shadden**, age 65, of Englewood, died Monday. He was a lifelong farmer. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine is in charge.
- ♦ **Marshall Jones**, age 59, of Decatur, died October 4th at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Ribbon Cut for Pigeon Roost

The ribbon was cut recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, Pigeon Roost Goods, located at 6 S. White Street. Front row (L-R): Ann Zack, Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Ashton Burrows (Chamber Diplomat), Jennifer Carr, Rita Barrett, & Mike Barrett (Pigeon Roost Goods), Michelle Schumacher, Traci White (Diplomat), Donna Ballew (Chamber Board), McMinn Co. Mayor John Gentry. Back row (L-R): Connie Woodcock (Diplomat), John Rodriguez, Heather Bateman & Danielle Sierra (Diplomats), Daniel Atkinson (Property Assessor's Office), Larae Graves (Diplomat), Janene Putman, Jason Eby, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), State Rep. Mark Cochran & Doug Bailey (Diplomat). (Photo by Julie Simbeck)



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