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Athens, Tennessee

New TN License Plates

Governor Bill Lee has unveiled the state's next standard license plate chosen by Tennesseans through a statewide vote. More than 300,000+ Tennessee residents voted, with 42% voting for the design shown below. The new plates will be available beginning January 3, 2022.



REMINDER: The next session of the Athens City Council "Night Out" series will be today at 6 p.m. at the playground next to North City Elementary School. You are invited to come meet your city council members.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The American Legion Post 68 will host a Flea Market at the Better Living Center, 407 New Englewood Road, on Sunday, Oct. 10th, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to participate. Set-up is at 6:30 a.m. with \$10 per table. Call 506-2950 for details.
- ✓ The Etowah Chamber of Commerce will hold Good Morning, Etowah, on Friday, October 8th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Glovebreaker, 125th 9th Street. There will be breakfast, fun, and networking.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 10-06

Tennessee: 1,244,366 cases up 3,162. 15,446 deaths up 42.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,189 up 21	219 down 14	120
Meigs	2,117 up 6	48 down 3	27
Monroe	9,399 up 9	219 down 23	116
Polk	3,086 up 11	96 down 4	27
Bradley	21,605 up 47	456 down 29	172
Rhea	6,782 up 15	205 down 21	89



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TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 7th

1849 - Author Edgar Allan Poe died at age 40.
1911 - Singer Vaughn Monroe was born. His many hit records included "Riders In The Sky," and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow." He died in 1973.
1916 - The most lopsided football game on record took place when Georgia Tech clobbered Cumberland University of Tennessee, 222 to 0.
1957 - Christian singer and song writer Michael W. Smith was born. His best-known songs include "Great Is The Lord" and "Friends."
1968 - The Motion Picture Association of America adopted a film-rating system.
1996 - Fox News Channel made its debut.

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Obituaries

♦ **Teresa Rae Fultz Hagood**, 63, of Niota, died on Sept. 29th. She had worked at Denso as an inspector. Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 7th, at 2 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Foster Cemetery.

♦ **Andrea Yvette Mooney**, age 52, died Sept. 29th in a Knoxville hospital. She was a graduate of the class of 1987 at McMinn Central High School. Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Cleveland; visitation 12n - 1 p.m.

♦ **Tony Kenny Shirk**, age 68, of Madisonville, died Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at UT Medical Center. He retired from Bain & Holden after 40 years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Interment will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Niota Cemetery.

♦ **Elder Leuty Nelson McDermott**, age 79, of Riceville, died September 29th. He was pastor of the Church of God Sanctified in Madisonville for over 16 years. He was employed at Tennessee Wesleyan as head chef and worked for over 34 years as a concrete finisher. Homegoing services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Faith Baptist Tabernacle Church on Old Riceville Highway (Hwy 39W), with visitation noon until 1 p.m. Burial will follow the service in Hammonds Cemetery. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home, Athens, is in charge.

♦ **Jose Fernando Sanchez Gonzalez**, 67, of Sweetwater, died Oct. 5th at Erlanger. He had worked in maintenance for McDonald's. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Fairview Baptist Spanish Church, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m. Interment will follow at Hammonds Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

Preece To Head Optimists

The Athens Optimist Club recently held its annual installation banquet. Lois Preece, right, was installed as new president for 2021-2022. The photo shows Becky Penny, left, receiving a plaque acknowledging her service as president for the past year.



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