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Athens, Tennessee

Time to Get Your Flu Shot

To minimize the spread of influenza this fall and winter, Starr Regional Medical Center is encouraging all community members to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone six months and older. Ronald Hall, chief nursing officer at Starr Regional, says the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the potential for increased flu activity over the next several months make it vital that you get vaccinated against both the flu and COVID. This year Starr Regional will offer two opportunities to get vaccinated as well as support the Friendly Fellow Club's annual Christmas baskets program. Flu vaccines will be available Friday, Oct. 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Athens Market Park Pavilion in conjunction with the 12th annual Think Pink event. The Friendly Fellow Flu Shot fundraiser will be Friday, Oct. 29th, with flu shots from 7 a.m. until noon in the hospital lobby. The vaccine is free, but donations are encouraged.

LOOK AT THOSE HATS?

The McMinn Senior Activity Center observed National Mad Hatter Day last week, with seniors showing off their unusual head gear. The photo from Development Director Diane Hutsell shows Mad Hatter participants Olive Wright and Brenda Austin.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 19th, at 5 p.m., in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct mandatory State Election Commission training.
- ✓ The Hiwassee Sons of the American Revolution will host friends and relatives of John Summitt and Dewitt (Jack) Ferrell when Beth Sizemore of the Quilts of Valor presents quilts to these two Hiwassee SAR members who are World War II Navy veterans. You are invited to join the celebration on Monday, Oct. 18th, at 6:30 p.m. at Mexi-Wing Restaurant, 114 N. White St., in Downtown Athens. Jack Farrell was an aircraft carrier pilot in the Korean war.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 10-13

Tennessee: 1,258,933 cases up 2,431. 15,734 deaths up 47.

| COUNTY | CASES | ACTIVE | DEATHS |
|---------|--------------|------------|----------|
| McMinn | 10,309 up 17 | 192 down 3 | 123 up 1 |
| Meigs | 2,138 up 3 | 35 down 5 | 28 |
| Monroe | 9,559 up 19 | 176 up 4 | 118 up 1 |
| Polk | 3,141 up 18 | 90 up 4 | 29 |
| Bradley | 21,790 up 35 | 339 up 1 | 187 |
| Rhea | 6,890 up 16 | 176 down 2 | 91 up 1 |

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Obituaries

♦ **Richard Gary Stanfield**, age 81, of Calhoun, died Monday, Oct. 11th. He was a founding member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, PCA, in Cleveland. Due to COVID concerns, a graveside only service will be held at Calhoun Cemetery on Friday, October 15th, at 12 noon. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **James "Jim" Sanford Cook**, age 86, of the Goodsprings Community, died Tuesday, Oct. 12th. He worked many years in the enamel business at Athens Stove Works, Madison Industries in Conyers, GA, and Chi-Vit Industries based in Chicago. He later started his own spray foam roofing business called Pro-Tec Unlimited in Tennessee. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Goodsprings Baptist Church Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks ended higher as investors weighed higher-than-expected inflation and corporate earnings. Utilities and technology sectors led the gains. Financial stocks were the biggest underperformer. Consumer spending is fueling demand for goods and services, and could continue for some time.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 0.53 to 34,377.81. The S&P 500 was up 13.15 to 4,363.80, and the NASDAQ was up 105.71 to 14,571.63.

Slow Down Tennessee

On Friday, October 15th, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office will launch its speeding prevention campaign called "Slow Down Tennessee" in partnership with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Triple A, and local law enforcement agencies. From October 15th to the 29th, participating agencies will increase public education and enforcement efforts to reduce speeding-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities statewide. This year, the emphasis will be on teen safety. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death of teenagers in America. According to the National Safety Traffic Safety Administration, there were 2,042 traffic fatalities nationwide in 2019 involving a teenage driver. In Tennessee, there were 100 traffic fatalities involving a teen driver in 2019.



The "Slow Down Tennessee" campaign includes a multi-pronged approach. The public is encouraged to participate by using #SlowDownTN on social media to help spread awareness. Participating law enforcement agencies statewide will increase saturation patrols, conduct high visibility enforcement, and use other tactics to curb speeding drivers. Outdoor signs will display "Slow Down Tennessee" using large banners, TDOT's digital message boards, and yard signs provided by AAA.



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General Annual Memberships: Family - \$45 Individual - \$25
Senior (60+) - \$15 Student - \$10

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

| Admission | |
|----------------|-----|
| Adults: | \$5 |
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