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## Today's News...This Morning

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Thursday, August 25, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

### More Athens Bicentennial Photos

One of the speakers at the City of Athens Bicentennial Celebration on Tuesday evening was Scott Anderson, who shared his experiences growing up in Athens. His late father, Leroy Anderson, served as the Mayor of Athens for two terms, beginning in 1959. Scott now lives in Nashville. He related a story of working one summer in the 60's for a construction crew that had reclaimed many of the bricks from the "Red Elephant" Hotel in North Athens that had burned to the ground decades earlier. Scott said that some of those bricks were used in an expansion of First Baptist Church of Athens. (Staff Photo)



### Food City Acquires More Stores

◆ Food City officials have announced plans to acquire the Cooke's family of stores in the Greater Cleveland market area which include five Fresh n' Low locations, as well as the Cooke's Food Store & Pharmacy. Food City plans to retain the Cooke's/Fresh n' Low name and operate both formats in a similar fashion for the immediate future. Food City will also endeavor to hire the vast majority of the store associates. Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer stated "We hope to finalize the acquisition and begin operation of the Cooke's family of stores by October 1st."

### AUB Rate Increase

Directors at Athens Utilities Board (AUB) are considering a local rate increase in the power division for the utility going into the final quarter of the year. The current increase being considered is only one percent (1%). The AUB board passed the first reading of a resolution on the rate increase Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the utility's August board meeting. A second reading of the rate resolution is set for the utility's September 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The local rate actions, if approved, will be effective October 1. This increase will increase power revenue for AUB by some \$569,967 annually. "We hope this is the last such increase for a while," stated Eric Newberry, General Manager. According to Newberry, a 'local' rate increase in power versus a TVA rate increase means additional revenue will stay at AUB for operating the division, and that's what this increase is for. This will add about \$3.00 to \$4.00 to the average residential bill. Part of this would be an additional 26-cents on the residential customer availability fee, going from \$16.06 to \$16.32 per month.

## MEDIC

REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER  
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### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday** - Cloudy. Possible t'storm. Humid in p.m. High 85.

**Thursday Night** - Partly cloudy & humid. Low 68.

**Friday** - Sun mixed with clouds. 50% Possible t'storm. High 84.

**Saturday** - Sunny. High 88.

Weather at: [wx.com](http://wx.com)



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## Obituaries

♦ **Robert S. Seigny**, age 76, of Athens, passed away Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Starr Regional Medical Center from complications after a stroke. He was born in Rochester, New Hampshire. He was an electrical contractor in Rochester, NH and later moved to Americus, GA as an engineer with Davidson Rubber Interior Trim Division and then to Athens with the same company which became Textron. He later worked for Magna which he retired from. After retirement he created his own consulting company, 7E Solutions. Visitation will be Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home and a funeral service will be held immediately after. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>

**1718** - The City of New Orleans was founded when hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana.

**1819** - One of the founders of private detective agencies, Allan Pinkerton, was born.

**1913** - Walt Kelly, creator of the "Pogo" comic strip, was born in Philadelphia.

**1978** - The first man to ever **walk** across the English Channel did so on this date. Walter Robinson used shoes shaped like surfboards in his 11½ hour walk.

**1984** - The Cabbage Patch Kids and Trivial Pursuit were replaced by the latest fad toys: robotic action figures that fought galactic battles. They were called Transformers.

**2005** - Soon-to-be-infamous Hurricane Katrina moved across South Florida leaving four people dead in its path.

## Market Report

Equity markets were higher following a 3-day losing streak. European and Asian shares have also been volatile as global recession risks rise. The 10-year Treasury moved further above 3%. Oil passed \$95 a barrel on expectations of lower supply. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 59.64 to 32,969.23. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 12.04 to 4,140.77, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 50.23 to 12,431.53.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 08/14/22 - 08/20/22

There were 4,013 cases (per day) and 14 deaths (per day) last week

**Tennessee:** 2,270,438 Total Cases      27,318 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	DEATHS
McMinn	18,404	270
Meigs	3,775	60
Monroe	16,174	251
Polk	5,161	84
Bradley	36,157	428
Rhea	10,894	164

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.



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## McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, August 25th @ NOON**  
History for Lunch with Pam and Josh Bragg.  
Bring your lunch and enjoy a conversation with Pam Bragg and her son Josh Bragg. Born and raised in Athens.

**Saturday, September 17th @ 11:00**  
Cemetery Preservation with Graham Perry: free for members \$5 for non-members  
Come learn about historical preservation from a professional.

**Thursday, September 22nd @ NOON**  
History for Lunch with the Grubb Brothers: Free Admission  
Bring your lunch and listen to the Grubb Brothers interview about growing up playing sports in McMinn County.

Programs sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation, Tennessee Arts Commission, Hugh M. Wilson Family Foundation, and City of Athens

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

Admission:	
Adults:	\$5.00
Senior 60+:	\$3.00
Students:	\$3.00

### More Information

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[www.livingheritagemuseum.org](http://www.livingheritagemuseum.org)