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## Today's News... This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

### Coronavirus Information

- ✓ **UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN TENNESSEE & MCMINN CO:** The latest data from The Tennessee Department of Health shows 615 people tested positive for the coronavirus in Tennessee as of Monday, March 23rd. Two people in McMinn County have tested positive for the virus. Data is updated daily by the Tenn. Dept of Health.
- ✓ The Thrift Store at Coordinated Charities is closed temporarily. Please do not bring store donations at this time. Groceries and other assistance will be administered on a "drive thru" basis Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for those in need.
- ✓ The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA is closed and hopes to re-open on April 6th.
- ✓ The Athens City Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch on a "drive thru" basis Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ingleside School and Westside School. Multiple meals will be provided to students on Monday and Thursday at pickup.
- ✓ Bob Watts Financial Services is operating on a by-appointment only basis. Call 781-7395 to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ McMinn County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company has closed its lobby until at least April 2nd. Customers can call 745-4341 to make electronic payments or place a money order in the locked Drop Box on the building by the door. Please call if you drop a payment, since employees will be working remotely.
- ✓ For the safety of their members and employees, Bowater Employees Credit Union has closed its lobbies temporarily. The drive thrus are still open.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open for REFILLS only today, March 31, April 14, and April 28th. Patients should remain in their vehicle and provide a written list of medications to be filled.

### Jobless Rate Across TN

The unemployment rate went up in January in 94 of Tennessee's 95 counties. The only exception was Meigs County. Here in the Athens area:

COUNTY	JANUARY	DECEMBER
McMinn	4.2%	3.8%
Meigs	5.5%	5.5%
Monroe	4.3%	3.6%
Polk	4.6%	3.7%
Bradley	3.7%	3.1%

### CLEAN-UP WEEK SET FOR APRIL 20-24

We don't know where things will stand with the coronavirus pandemic in another month, but the City of Athens Public Works Department announces that the annual Clean-Up Week in Athens will be April 20-24. This is your annual opportunity to put furniture, tires, appliances, and yard sale junk at the curbside and they will be picked up. You must remove compressor/coolant lines from appliances. Tires must be separated from the rims. Separate scrap metal junk items from non-metal items. Crews will NOT pick up gas tanks from automobiles or cooking grills. Do not place any shingle-type building materials to the curb. Crews will not accept any roofing or siding shingles. You should recycle as much as possible. Good, usable clothing, furniture, etc., can be donated to Coordinated Charities or The Better Living Center.

### MONEYWISE

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy. Possible rain. High 64.  
**Tue Night:** Mild with possible rain & t'storms. Low 56.  
**Wednesday:** Clouds & sunshine. High 67.  
**Wed Night:** Clear & cooler. Low 45.  
**Thursday:** Warm with clouds & sunshine. High 74.  
More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Eugene Martin**, age 88, died March 17th. The memorial service scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, has been postponed and will be re-schedule that for a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the family regrets any inconvenience that may have caused anyone.
- ♦ **Ray Fagg**, age 76, of Ten Mile, died last Friday at his home. He was the owner of Foshee Pass Campground. A Memorial Service will be held on May 30th at 11 a.m. at the pavilion at Foshee Pass Campground. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Alice Roberson Cooke**, age 90, of Athens, died last Wednesday at Starr Regional of Athens. She and her late husband, Bill, co-owned and operated the Cooke Paper Box Company in Athens for many years. A service and visitation will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral Home is charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Norma Jean Hutcheson**, age 54, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. No formal service will be held. Companion of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Benny Ray Walden**, age 76, of Niota, died Sunday. He worked at Morgan Manufacturing for 30 years. A memorial service will be held in the future. Companion of Athens is in charge.

### ◆ MORE VIRUS NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ CapStar Bank is offering 90-day full deferment of all loan payments to CapStar borrowers that are less than 30 days past due as of 3-23-20 to relieve clients impacted by Covid-19. All new foreclosure actions will be suspended through the end of April, 2020, unless required by government agencies.
- ✓ The Home Vets, Dr. Les Moss and Dr. Averi Simpson, are still making home visits as usual. They will discuss COVID cautions with each client before visiting. Call 1-800-529-5815.
- ✓ The City of Etowah announces that City Hall is closed to foot traffic until further notice. Payments can be made via the payment drop off box or by phone. The Etowah Community center, Library, Recycling Center, and L&N Depot will be closed until further notice.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

**1820** - The American hymn writer Fanny Crosby was born. She became blind when she was only six weeks old. While attending a school for the blind, she began writing poetry. She later wrote hymns, publishing over 6,000. Many of those are still in our hymnbooks, such as "Blessed Assurance," "To God Be The Glory," "Rescue The Perishing," and "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior."

**1874** - Magician and escape artist Harry Houdini was born in Hungary. He became a master of "escape," with acts in which he extricated himself from ropes, shackles, and locked containers. His most sensational feat consisted of escaping from an airtight tank that was filled with water.

**1958** - Elvis Presley reported to local draft board 86 in Memphis, TN. He became US 53310761. Oddly, since Elvis was now 'government property' serving his time in the Army, Uncle Sam stood to lose an estimated \$500,000 in taxes each year that Private Presley was in the Army.

**1970** - Communist China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East Is Red."

**1989** - The nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

**1990** - The space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

## Emergency Groceries Available

Coordinated Charities is offering emergency groceries during the coronavirus pandemic. Executive Director Kevin Lane says Coordinated Charities is working with United Way and the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Emergency groceries are available on a "drive thru" basis. Those in need can simply drive up, remain in their car, and staff from Coordinated Charities will serve them with limited or no personal contact. Volunteers have prepared "To Go" grocery packages for those in need, including some specifically for the homeless. Hours for the "Drive-Thru Food Bank" will be Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information call 745-9625.



### Recipe for Hope

- A Taste of Faith
  - A Spoonful of Love
  - 3 Cups of Prayer
  - 1 Cup of Trust
  - 4 Ounces of Kindness
  - 2 Cups of Forgiveness
  - 1 Bucketful of Laughter
- Mix all ingredients together but be careful not to let judgment, bad attitude, pride, or bitterness mingle with ingredients. Adjust measurements as needed to fix your daily needs. And always have ingredients on hand. Serve abundantly everyday sharing with as many people as you can.

(Submitted by Linda Knox, Niota)