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Athens, Tennessee

Virus Cases Jump in McMinn

The latest figures from the TN Department of Health show there have now been 65 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in McMinn County. That's a big jump from the 14 cases reported on Sunday. Only four of the patients have recovered. Life Care Center of Athens is now reporting that 54 residents have tested positive for coronavirus. McMinn County has now tested 921 people, more than any surrounding county. Meigs County has 6 cases, with 3 recoveries. Monroe County reports 15 cases, 10 recoveries and one death. Statewide, there have been 9,918 cases, with 184 deaths.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library is planning to reopen to the public on May 26th. The dropbox will be reopened for returns on May 16th. When the library reopens, they will require all patrons to wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth. The library will operate with limited hours (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday) and will only allow patrons to check out 10 items each. Also, the number of computers available will be limited.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will conduct drive through REFILL ONLY clinics for existing patients until further notice. Patients should remain in their vehicle and provide a written list of medications to refill with name and date of birth. The Clinic will be open from 2:30 to 4 p.m. today, Tuesday.

Church at the Drive-In

Athens First Baptist Church held "drive-in" services at the Midway Drive-In Theater on Highway 30 east this past Sunday. More than 120 vehicles were there. People stayed in their vehicles and listened to the service on their car radios via a low-powered FM transmitter. A flatbed trailer was set up so worshipers could see the pastor, the singers, and other participants.



COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City School Board's April Work Session will be held tomorrow, April 29th, beginning at noon via Microsoft TEAMS. The meeting will be recorded and a link to the meeting will be added to the Athens City Schools website-- www.athenscityschools.net under the Board tab following the conclusion of the meeting.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Sun mixed with clouds. High 76.
Tue Night: Becoming cloudy with possible showers in late p.m. Low 58.
Wednesday: Cloudy & cooler. Severe t'storms. High 65.
Wed Night: Partly cloudy. Possible showers. Low 50.
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Elizabeth Ann (Libby) Johnson**, age 90, of Athens, died Saturday at NHC of Athens. She taught elementary schools in Chattanooga, Athens Ingleside School, and for the Department of Defense Schools overseas in Japan and Germany during the early years after her college graduation. She returned to Japan in the 1970's to do missionary work teaching the Japanese English, as well as introducing her students to the Christian faith. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Athens at a later date. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Janet Constant**, age 68, of Etowah, died Saturday. Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home.

♦ **Elizabeth Lorraine Perry**, age 90, of Decatur, died Sunday at her home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Clearwater Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Bowers Funeral Home.

♦ **Hubert Webb**, age 74, of Cleveland, died last Friday. He was a native of Athens and worked in construction most of his life. A private remembrance of life will be held for the family. Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Beatrice A. Postell**, age 94, of Riceville, died Saturday at Soddy Daisy Health Care Center. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 10 to 11 prior to the service.

SCHOOLS SET TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATES

Schools in McMinn and Meigs counties have set tentative dates for graduation.

- ♦ McMinn Central High School - July 24th-7 p.m.-School Gym.
- ♦ McMinn County High School-July 25th-7:30 p.m.-Football Field.
- ♦ Meigs County High School's-June 20th and may be an outdoor event.

It is important to be aware that all of the graduation dates listed above are tentative and subject to change.

Tree Falls on Power Lines

The storm that rolled through Englewood last Saturday afternoon produced marble size hail and winds which resulted in a tree falling on power lines at the intersection of County Road 477 and Highway 39 East. The Englewood Rural Fire Department and AUB responded. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 28th

1758 - James Monroe, the 5th President of the United States, was born. He produced the Monroe Doctrine, which warned European countries not to interfere in the activities of the Americas.

1788 - Maryland ratified the U.S. Constitution and became the 7th state to do so. It was named in honor of England's Charles I's queen, Henrietta Maria.

1896 - The Addressograph was patented by J.S. Duncan of Sioux City, IA.



1939 - Small cars were offered for sale in the U.S. for the first time on this day. The car, better known as the Crosley, sold for \$325, was 10-feet long, had an 80-inch wheelbase and a four-gallon gas tank.

1941 - Actress and singer Ann-Margaret was born. She starred in the movie version of "Bye Bye Birdie." She also co-starred in movies with Elvis Presley.

1945 - Italian ruler Benito Mussolini was executed by the Italian underground. He had started the Fascist political group and tried, unsuccessfully, to make Italy a superpower.

1975 - The last American civilians were evacuated from South Vietnam as North Vietnamese communist forces tightened their noose around Saigon.