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Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Virus in TN is "Uncontrolled"

Public health experts report that Tennessee is one of 18 states that are showing rates of "uncontrolled spread" of COVID-19. The latest count shows Tennessee has had 66,788 cases of the virus, an increase of 1,514 in a 24 hour period. There have been 767 deaths in the state, up 18. McMinn County's total number of cases now stands at 307, up 14 over the past 24 hours. Currently, there are 99 active cases of the virus in McMinn Co. There have been 19 deaths in the county. Bradley County's total has reached 1,061, with 5 deaths. Monroe County is reporting a total of 156 cases with 6 deaths. Meigs County's total to date is 40 cases. 28 of those patients have now recovered. Polk County's total is 57, with 40 patients recovered.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Genesis Baptist Church, 111 Elizabeth Street, will be having a School Supplies Giveaway this coming Saturday, July 18th, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until supplies are gone. This will be in the church parking lot.
- ✓ The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the 16th Annual MCARC Hamfest this Saturday, July 18th, at the McMinn County Expo Center at the Athens Regional Park. Items pertaining of interest to ham radio enthusiasts may be sold or bought from individuals or vendors attending the event. Ham operators from the four-state area are expected to attend. Admission is \$5, and the Hamfest begins at 7 a.m. Testing for ham licenses will be given Saturday morning. Prizes will be awarded hourly. The "talk-in" frequency is 147.060 (-) 141.3.

S. White St. Project Finally Done

After several years of work, the construction project on S. White Street between Jackson Street and Knight Road is finally finished. The project involved removing the grass median and replacing it with a turning lane. In case you haven't driven on that stretch of road recently, the construction barrels have now been removed and the 45 mph speed limit signs are now in place. All the curb work and sidewalk construction is finished, and the construction crews have moved on to their next job.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Mostly sunny. High 93.
Wednesday Night - Clear. Low 71.
Thursday - Warm & humid with periods of sun. High 93.
Thursday Night - Mainly clear & humid. Low 72.
More Weather at: wysi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Bob Johnson**, longtime anchor at WTVC News Channel 9 in Chattanooga, died Monday night after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Johnson was a native of Marietta, Ga. He was a news anchor at Channel 9 from the mid 1970s to 2007. Along with his co-anchors Don Welch, Darrell Patterson, and MaryEllen Locher, Johnson was a fixture on Chattanooga TV news.



(Photo courtesy of [Newschannel 9.com](http://Newschannel9.com))

♦ **Mary Bell Martin Moore**, age 81, of Englewood, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m.. To 1 p.m.

♦ **Deborah June Smith**, age 62, of Decatur, died June 24th. A graveside service will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Decatur City Cemetery.

♦ **James Reuben (J.R.) Keylon**, age 86, of Lenoir City and formerly of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was a Service Manager for AT&T for 34 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean and Vietnam wars and the Tennessee National Guard retiring after 34 years with the rank of Colonel. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Patsy Sue Boyd**, of Riceville, died Tuesday. She retired from Maytag in Cleveland after 30 years. Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Riceville Cemetery.

♦ **Crystal Marie Bowman Falls**, age 36, of Decatur, died Saturday at Tennova in Turkey Creek. She worked at Denso in Athens for several years. A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Faith Baptist Church in Decatur with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service.

Learning About Radio

The members of this year's Leadership McMinn participants recently visited the studios and offices of WYXI Radio and The Morning Fax. Pictured: (L-R) Tod Marnar (McMinn County E-911), Hugh Willson (VIP Promotions), Joseph Ladner (Edward Jones), Chris Anderson (Tennessee College of Applied Technology), Lisa Rhea (McMinn County Sheriff's Dept.), Chris Brown (Starr Regional Medical Center), Mark Lefler (WYXI Radio), Beth Stovall & Julie Ladd (Full Circle Medical Center for Women), Jamie Hamby (Cleveland State Community College), Brittini Wright (First Horizon Bank), Kara Gross (City of Athens), Stephanie McPhail (Servpro), Steven Croft (City of Athens), Jessi Know (Mills Products), & Rob Preston (Athens Area Chamber of Commerce) (Photo by Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 15th

1606 - The Dutch painter Rembrandt was born. His best-known painting is called "The Night Watch."

1779 - Clement Moore was born in New York City. He wrote the popular Christmas poem, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," also known as "T'was the Night Before Christmas."

1799 - French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

1912 - The U.S. team led by Jim Thorpe won more medals than any other nation at the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden.

1913 - Country singer Cowboy Copas was born. His hit records include "Alabam" and "Sunny Tennessee." He died in the plane crash that also claimed the life of Patsy Cline.

1946 - Singer Linda Ronstadt was born in Tucson, Arizona. Her hits include "Somewhere Out There," "Blue Bayou," and "Different Drum."

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