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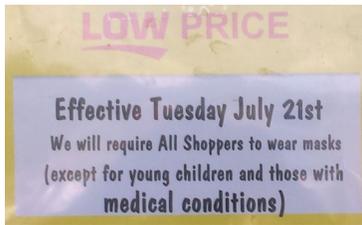
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Monday, July 20, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Get Those Face Masks Ready

As a new week begins more and more businesses will be requiring customers to wear face coverings. Among those: Food City, Ingles, Walmart, Target, Lowes, Home Depot, and Publix. The list will no doubt grow longer.



Starr Regional Medical Center is urging people to wear face masks or cloth face coverings in public areas where social distancing is not easily achieved. Starr already requires anyone entering its facilities to wear a face mask at all times. John McLain, chief executive officer of Starr Regional, says one of the easiest and most effective things we can do to look out for each other and aid in the fight against COVID-19 is to wear a face mask in public spaces. He says until there is a vaccine, wearing a mask in public, practicing social distancing, and proper hand hygiene are the best lines of defense in reducing the spread of the coronavirus in our community. Recent studies have shown that universal masking can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially in people who may be asymptomatic and unaware that they are ill. McLain says by looking out for each other, we'll get through this together.

The McMinn County Health Department has free face masks.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) AT 6 p.m.
 - ✓ The Athens Public Works Department says Slack Road will be closed today (Monday) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. between Shadows Lawn Drive to Old Slack Road for stormwater pipe repairs.
 - ✓ The UT Extension-McMinn will be presenting a series of online courses on home food preservation this week. The topics will include freezing, picking, and pressure canner vs. water-bath canner. No registration is required. The time is 7 to 8 p.m. nightly starting tonight. If you cannot make it at those times, you can watch at your convenience. The Facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/utextensionmcminncounty/?ref=settings>
- LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Lee Parkinson, director of the McMinn County Schools. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wysi.com



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- Tuesday-Athens-PaPaw's Place -10:30 - 2:30
- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:30 (across from Johnson's Dept Store)
- Thursday-Loudon -11:00 - 2:30
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
- Saturday-Sweetwater- Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
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Tuesday - Mostly Sunny, high of 95. 60% chance of showers.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Eric Daniel Cline**, age 32, of Etowah, died Friday. He had a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. He was an avid motorcycle rider. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family is asking everyone to wear bright colored clothing to the service.
- ♦ **Alicia Charlene "Sissy" Hoffman**, age 71, of Etowah, died July 15th. No formal services will be held. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **John Michael "Butch" Raper**, of Ooltewah (and a former resident of Athens), died July 2nd at Life Care of Ooltewah. He worked in the family business, Athens Poultry and Egg, until its closing. He was with Mayfield Dairy as plant manager in the Smyrna, Georgia, plant. He retired as Distribution Director. A graveside service will be held Thursday, July 23rd, at 7 p.m. in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

MEETING NOTICE: The Athens City School Board will have its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Administration Building. This meeting was originally scheduled for last Monday, July 13th, but had to be postponed until today due to unforeseen circumstances. The meeting will be accessible via Microsoft Teams.

Graffiti Art On Exhibit

The Etowah Historical Commission invites you to check out "Graffiti Art by AirMoe," a display in the Upstairs Gallery of the L&M Depot Museum. The exhibit features paintings by Max Ortiz, also known by his graffiti name as "AirMoe." Ortiz lives in McMinn County, but he grew up in New York and at a young age he noticed the colorful works that street artists were putting on subway trains. By age 11, he was sneaking into rail yards to place his own "tag" on trains. Gradually he switched to painting on canvas. He is shown below with two of his paintings.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 20TH

1859 - American baseball fans had to pay an admission fee for the first time. Fifteen-thousand people paid 50-cents to see Brooklyn play New York.

1919 - Sir Edmund Hillary, the New Zealand explorer who became the first man to conquer Mount Everest, was born.

1944 - A time bomb planted by German generals exploded in Nazi leader Adolf Hitler's headquarters in an assassination attempt. Hitler had nearly 5-thousand people executed in revenge.

1969 - Man set foot on the moon. Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to step onto the moon. His first words were: "That's one small step for a man...one giant leap for mankind."