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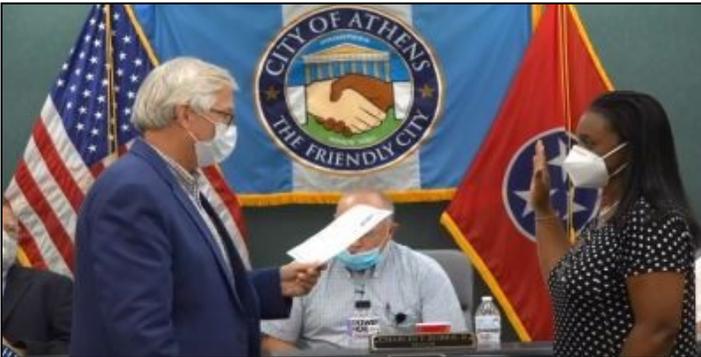
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Athens, Tennessee

City Council Has New Member

The Athens City Council met in regular session last night and voted unanimously to approve Lisa Dotson as a Council member. She was sworn in by Athens City Attorney Chris Trew, pictured below. Dotson will fill the unexpired term of John Coker who resigned last month after moving outside the city. Several items of business were acted upon by the council. One of the major items was the annexation of a new subdivision which will be built at the corner of Cedar Springs Road and Keith Lane. The new subdivision will allow for the construction of up to 42 new housing units. Athens City Manager C. Seth Summer announced that the city will hold a wreath laying ceremony on August 28th to commemorate the death in 1920 of former Police Chief Jenkins, the only APD officer killed in the line of duty within the past 100 years. (Facebook Photo)



More Help for Small Businesses

Governor Bill Lee and the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group have announced new and expanded financial relief programs for small businesses, agribusinesses, displaced workers, and the tourism industry through the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Tennessee Small Business Relief Program will expand to include additional industries adversely impacted by reductions in commercial activity in April, with \$83.5 million added to the program's initial \$200 million allotment. The Tennessee Small Business Relief Program will expand to include additional businesses provided they have less than \$10 million in annual gross sales and fall within an industry impacted by executive order limitations on activities, gatherings, and other non-essential businesses and activities; or a retail industry that experienced a 25% reduction in taxable sales in the month of April due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. In addition to the above, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture will establish \$50 million in an economic support program for agricultural businesses and forestry businesses to help ensure stability of the food supply chain and agribusiness economy. The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development will utilize \$25 million to remarket and support the State's tourism industry and \$9.5 million will go to workforce development for re-employment and training for those whose jobs were impacted due to Covid-19. A full list of and instructions for eligible businesses will be available from the:

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Carol Ann Morgan Pernell**, age 56, of Athens, died Thursday, August 13th, at her home. There will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **William Richard Huxley**, age 72, of Riceville, died Thursday, August 13th, at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. He was retired from Texas State Hospital where he worked as a pharmacy tech. There will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Randall Eugene Shelton**, age 59, of Athens, died Friday, August 14th. He was well known as the "Driving Guy." No formal services are planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

COVID-19 UPDATE (as of Tuesday)

- Tennessee:** 135,778 cases, up 1,034. Deaths 1,426, up 39.
- McMinn Co:** 627 cases, up 10, with 147 active. Deaths are 20.
- Meigs Co:** 121 cases, with 29 cases active. Death count now 1.
- Monroe Co:** 526 cases, with 192 active. Deaths are 10.
- Polk Co:** 281 cases, with 89 still active. Deaths are now 9.
- Bradley Co:** 2,192 cases, with 544 active. Deaths are now 16.
- Rhea Co:** 589 cases, with 110 still active. Death count is 2.

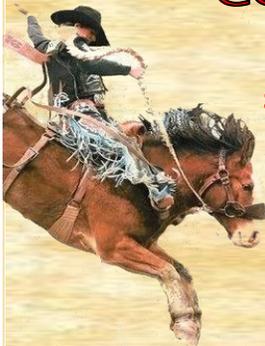
Mural Almost Finished

Artist Sam Welty is getting closer to finishing a large mural on the wall of the White Street Market. Welty works mostly at night as the images he paints are projected on the side of the building. The photo shows Welty at work on Monday night. He is expected to be finished by Thursday morning when a Dedication Ceremony is planned for 10 a.m. that day. (Photo by Julie Simbeck with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce)



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