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Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## It's Beginning to Look Like...

Christmas comes to Downtown Athens this week with a "Home for the Holidays" celebration this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A Santa Shop Hop will take place all three days at the stores in the Downtown area. Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas takes place on Friday with the stores open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. No outdoor vendors will be allowed this year.



There will be entertainment around the Courthouse Square starting at 5:30 p.m. Santa will be on hand from 6 to 8 p.m. And the lighting of the official Athens Christmas Tree will take place at 7 p.m. at Market Park. The photo above shows AUB crews putting up the Snow Flakes.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," will be Connie McIntosh. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5, or [ONLINE](#).

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council held its first meeting since the election. Last night the Council members chose Bo Perkinson to be the new mayor and Mark Lockmiller was named vice mayor.
- ✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library announces that beginning this Thursday, Nov. 19th, the library will be open until 7 p.m. each Thursday with the exception of Thanksgiving Day. Library hours other week days will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library will present a special online storytime about leaves this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Storytime will be streamed live on the library's Facebook page.
- ✓ The Meigs County Clerk's Office is closed due to COVID-19 until further notice.
- ✓ The Bradley County Schools have announced that Walker Valley High School and Ocoee Middle School will switch to virtual learning for the remainder of the week starting today, Nov. 18th.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE TUESDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 320,729 cases, up 1,841. 3,995 deaths, up 75.

	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>RECOVERED</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
<b>McMinn</b>	2,186	up 13	1,825	311	50 up 2
<b>Meigs</b>	427	up 2	364	53	10
<b>Monroe</b>	1,849	up 14	1,594	213	42 up 2
<b>Polk</b>	607	up 5	550	43	14
<b>Bradley</b>	4,498	up 38	3,930	538	30 up 1
<b>Rhea</b>	1,448	up 10	1,258	162	28

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 Thursday, November 19  
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**Monday (Last day) 9—11 am**



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Cecilia Diane Connar Bottoms**, age 61, of Athens, died Saturday at UT Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow at 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Margaret Ann Powers Dotson**, age 79, of Athens, died Sunday at her residence. She was a former employee of Damy Industries. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Peggy Brackett**, age 85, of Riceville, died Monday at her home. The family will have a private graveside service at Clearwater Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge.
- ♦ **Howard Knox**, age 75, of Niota, died at his home this past Saturday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens with visitation 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Companion of Athens.
- ♦ **Johnna Nicole Nelson**, age 37, died October 18th. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Bethesda Baptist Church in Decatur with Companion in charge.

♦ **PFIZER TO DO PILOT PROGRAM IN TN**  
Pfizer has chosen Tennessee and three other states for a pilot program on its new COVID-19 immunization, The pilot program will help with planning vaccine delivery and deployment. The other three states are Rhode Island, Texas, and New Mexico. They were chosen for the pilot program because of their differences in size and population. The vaccine must be stored at an ultra-cold temperature of minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit, which presents a distribution challenge. The company says it will take what it learns in the pilot program and adapt it to other states across the country.

## Ribbon Cut for New Chamber Member

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Restoration 1, located in Athens. Pictured front row: (L-R) Luke Shepherd (Chamber Diplomat), Steven Bauer, Jim Nephew, Mona Presley, Jerry Presley, & Glen Quillen (Restoration 1), Danielle Niki Snipes, Tonya Higgs (Athens Chamber). Back row: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), John Rodriguez.

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