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## Today's News... This Morning

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### MEDIC REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The groundbreaking for the new Athens City Schools Building Project scheduled for Monday, Dec. 28th, has been cancelled due to an uptick in COVID-19 cases.
- ✓ Several churches in the Athens area will have Christmas Eve services or programs, including Athens First Baptist Church at 5 p.m., Union McMinn Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m., and the Athens Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Athens Lutheran will also have a Christmas morning service at 10 a.m.
- ✓ Athens residential garbage collections for Dec. 24th will be next Monday. December 25th collections will be next Tuesday.
- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be closed today and Christmas Day. They will reopen on Monday and will resume COVID-19 testing then. People will need to call on Monday or Wednesday for self-testing at 745-7431. Drive-thru testing is Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., no appointment needed. The office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st.

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

Tennessee:	541,240 cases, up 7,221.	6,380 deaths, up 111.		
COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,048 up 48	3,339	648	61 up 1
Meigs	877 up 15	691	172	14
Monroe	3,499 up 35	2,817	630	52
Polk	1,067 up 12	859	193	15
Bradley	8,406 up 137	6,912	1,431	63 up 2
Rhea	2,891 up 41	2,267	579	45 up 1

## Just In Case You Missed Him

Santa made his annual pre-Christmas visit to the Friendly City this week. As usual, Santa rode in the back of a white pickup truck and was escorted around the Athens neighborhoods on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He traveled by pickup so his reindeer could rest up and his elves could grease up the skids on his sleigh for the Christmas Eve journey around the world.



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*"For God So Loved The World..."*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

Throughout the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, may we remember the true reason for the season.

**Jesus Christ...the greatest gift ever given.**

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# Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 21 - January 1, 2020! REOPEN January 4 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. The year 2020 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2020. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2021! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2021!

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Kenneth Leon Arndts**, age 71, of Ten Mile, died Tuesday at his home. Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Judy Lorraine (Hughs) Long**, age 72, of Vonore, and previously a resident of both Coker Creek and Athens, passed away at her home on Wednesday, December 23rd. Arrangements are by Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville.
- ♦ **Larry Allen Moses**, age 68, of Athens, died unexpectedly on December 1st at his home. He was retired from Mayfield Dairy Farms. A private service for the immediate family will be held as soon as safely possible. Arrangements by Companion.

## COVID NEWS

- Tennessee Health Commissioner Dr. Lisa Piercey says she expects the state to receive about 90,000 vaccines a week as soon as next week. She says 50,000 will be from Pfizer and 40,000 from Moderna. Dr. Piercey says that will be about 360,000 doses per month, and that will allow the state to begin planning mass vaccinations. Piercey says the state will begin vaccinating residents in long-term care facilities on Monday.
- The Tennessee Supreme Court has suspended all jury trials through February 26th and all state and local in-person court proceedings through January 29th. That includes municipal, juvenile, general sessions, trial, & appellate courts.

## COVID-Safe Holiday Train

The Covid-Safe Hiwassee Holiday Train 2020 carried over 2000 children on a magic Holiday journey earlier recently to visit Santa and deliver their letters filled with Christmas wishes, down the Hiwassee River. Hot chocolate, gingerbread cookies, and silver bells were given to everyone. There was "no sitting" on Santa's lap or hugs to Mrs. Claus this year. But each letter made its way into Santa's hands, as Conductor Robert Duncan and the Tennessee Overhill Elves collected their handwritten letters.



And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10 & 11

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 13 & 14

The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
from the  
**Morning Fax Staff**

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