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Friday, May 1, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Friday's Coronavirus Update

✓ As of Thursday afternoon, the number of cases of the coronavirus in McMinn County increased by 3. There have been 92 confirmed cases in McMinn County with one death. At this point, five of the patients have recovered. Monroe County has a total of 20 cases, with 10 recovered and one death. Bradley County's total number of cases so far is 49. Thirty-eight of the patients have recovered and one died. In Meigs County, there have been eight cases, and three of the patients have recovered. Polk County has eight cases. Five of those patients have recovered. Rhea County is reporting five cases and four have recovered. State-wide, there have been 10,735 cases of the coronavirus in Tennessee and 199 deaths.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- Athens Utilities Board is extending the hardship suspension on utility disconnects and late fees until May 18th. It is important to note that there will NOT be another extension to the schedule. These are key dates: On May 18th all accounts that are over 90 days in arrears will be subject to immediate disconnect. On June 1st, all accounts that are in arrears over 60 days will be subject to immediate disconnect. On June 15th, all accounts that are over 30 days in arrears will be subject to immediate disconnect. On June 29th, AUB will return to normal service practices including disconnections and collection of late fees.

United Way Awards Grants

United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties has announced its first round of COVID-19 grants to non-profit agencies that have been working to help those affected by the coronavirus pandemic. They are **Etowah Senior Center** for delivering meals and basic supplies to their seniors who are homebound; **Tri-County Center** for delivering food and basic necessities to their residential clients; **Boys & Girls Club of Meigs County** for delivering afternoon meals and snacks to children with no transportation to pick up their meals at the club; **Athens-McMinn Family YMCA** for providing meals to 900 children each week; **Grace & Mercy Ministries** for providing free carryout meals to anyone in need on Mondays and Fridays; **Meigs Ministries** for providing food, rent and utility assistance; **Full Circle Women's Medical Center** for providing free diapers and wipes for families who are facing economic hardship; **Coordinated Charities** for providing groceries, rent, and utility assistance. In just four weeks, CC has provided more than 1,500 families with groceries and over 400 families with rent and utility assistance; **Athens City Schools** for meal deliveries to children in low income areas; **Nourish One Child** for weekend food bags to Athens City School students; **Hiwassee Mental Health Center** for rent and utility assistance for clients; and **Love, Period** (St. Paul's Episcopal Church) for providing personal hygiene products to women and girls who cannot afford the necessary items.

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Thanks to **ALL** those helping on the front lines!
We are praying for you.

Mars Hill Presbyterian Church
Athens, TN



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Vicky Crisp (Knox)**, age 59, of Athens, died April 21st. She was a veteran of the 278th Army National Guard. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 2nd, from noon to 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Armintha Belle "Min" Oates**, age 94, of Athens, died this past Tuesday at her home. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In honor of her wishes, there will be no public service locally. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Janet Lynn Constant**, age 68, of Etowah, died Saturday at Erlanger Medical Center. She had been a paralegal and later worked as a real estate agent with Garren Realty. Private graveside services were held this past Tuesday. Serenity Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Leroy Baxter**, age 78, of Athens, died this past Monday. He was retired from Webb's Heating and Air. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2nd, at Hampton Cemetery in Englewood. The family will receive friends Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home, while adhering to health guidelines.

Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens will have "Drive-In Church" this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Midway Drive-in Theatre on Highway 30 between Athens and Etowah. Everyone is invited to attend. You will remain in your vehicle and listen to the service on your car radio over a special low-powered FM transmitter.
- The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio (FM 94.5/AM 1390) at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Fairview Baptist Church service is from 11 a.m. to 12 noon., also broadcast live on WYXI Radio. You can also listen to our stream [ONLINE](#).
- Personal hygiene products for needy women and girls will be available free beginning Monday, May 4th, through **Love, Period**, an outreach of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 123 S. Jackson St. in Athens. The items will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the church.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the small and large dog parks at Prof Powers Park will be closed on Tuesday, May 5th, for the installation of water lines that will be used to install drinking fountains designed for dogs and people.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will conduct a budget workshop on Tuesday, May 5th, at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

First Baptist Church of Niota
is looking forward to Worshipping together
again soon.

We are praying for our
Community, County and our
Country during this time of
the Covid-19 outbreak and
we are here to help.



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trust. Psalm 91:2*

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