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Lisa

Friday, May 8, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Friday's Coronavirus Update

As of Thursday afternoon, the Tennessee Department of Health reported there have been 14,096 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Tennessee and there have been 237 deaths in the state. (The number of deaths was adjusted downward from 239 reported on Wednesday) McMinn County's total now stands at 108 cases. Fourteen of the patients have recovered. The number of deaths remains at three. Bradley County's total is 64 cases, with 48 recovered and one death. Monroe County has 26 cases, 15 have recovered, and one patient has died. Meigs County's total stands at 17 cases of the virus, with six patients recovered.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Small group, non-contact recreation businesses like bowling alleys and mini-golf will be able to reopen today. The guidelines recommend capacity limits, spacing requirements, and frequent sanitization.
- ✓ The Great Smoky Mountains National Park will reopen many roads and trails this weekend. New safety measures will be implemented including reduced group size limits, disinfectant fogging for restrooms and public buildings, and installation of plexi-glass shields at visitor centers.
- ✓ The University of Tennessee system is planning to welcome students back to each of its campuses for the fall semester. It's expected that wearing masks and temperature checks will be a part of the fall semester requirements.

Arrest Made in Athens Murder

The Athens Police Department has released the identity of the young woman who was shot to death at the Clem Jones Housing Complex on Walker Street this past Tuesday morning. She was 27-year-old Layla Clair Wilson Long. On Tuesday, May 5th, at approximately 12:15 a.m., officers were called to Clem Jones Housing Complex in reference to a shooting that had occurred in an apartment. When they arrived, they found two victims. A man identified as Tremon Hall was treated at Starr Regional Medical Center and then released. Ms. Long died at the scene. Following an investigation, officers obtained arrest warrants for two suspects for First Degree Murder and Attempted First Degree Murder. Wednesday evening, one of the suspects, identified as Johnathan Clayton of CR 78, Riceville, was taken into custody in Sweetwater by the Athens Police Department's SWAT Team with help from the Sweetwater Police Department and the Drug Task Force. The second suspect was identified as Joseph Kibodeaux who remains at large. Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call 911. He may be armed and dangerous. Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch says Detectives Blake Witt, Nick Purkey, and Freddy Shultz and numerous other officers spent countless hours trying to get justice for the victims and get the suspects off the street.



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Friday - Cloudy & cooler. Possible t'storms. High 56.
Fri Night - Mainly clear & colder. Low 34.
Saturday - Remaining cool with plenty of sunshine. High 58.
Sat Night - Clear & cold. Low 38.
Sunday - Plenty of sun. High 58.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Samuel Kaye Housley**, age 71, of Englewood, died Wednesday. He retired from Thomas & Betts where he was an electrician. A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Englewood Christian Church, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Roy Junior Boyd**, age 62, of Etowah, died Wednesday at his home. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. on Monday in the Shiloh Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Charlotte Ann Martin McPhail**, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Athens. A private graveside service will be held Saturday at Sunrise Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Zelma Lea Arnold**, age 91, of Athens, died in St. Simons Island, GA where she relocated 6 years ago to be near her daughter. She was associated with White Westinghouse until her retirement and with Walmart for 15 years after her retirement. A private graveside service for family only, will be at Rogers Creek Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Lloyd Morgan**, age 88, of Niota died Thursday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

A SALUTE TO OUR NURSES

May is National Nurses Month. Starr Regional Medical Center is proud to recognize the positive impact their nurses have on the health and well-being of our community. Ronald Hall, Chief Nursing Officer of Starr, says "Our heroic nurses are always on the front lines of caring for the sick and injured. Their compassion, clinical expertise, and servant leadership are fundamental in our ability to provide the high-quality care our patients have come to rely on." Hall says during the fight against COVID-19, Starr Regional's nurses have truly stepped up and are making countless sacrifices daily to ensure the safety of patients and each other, and to help protect our community. "They are heroes in every sense of the word."

Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens will have "Drive-In Church" again 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. First Baptist of Athens is hoping to resume services at the church starting next Sunday. The plan is to hold two services, one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 10:45 a.m.
- Churches in the Athens area are making plans to begin holding in-church services soon. Check with your church.
- The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio (FM 94.5/AM 1390) at 10 a.m. Sunday. Pastor David Graybeal says he is awaiting word from the bishop on when Keith UMC can gather together again.
- 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](#). Fairview plans to resume services in its sanctuary next Sunday, May 17th, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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