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## Today's News... This Morning

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Friday, May 15, 2020 Athens, Tennessee

### Friday's Coronavirus Update

The total number of McMinn County residents who have died from the coronavirus now stands at 10. As of Thursday afternoon, there have been 123 cases of the virus in McMinn County. Forty-four of the patients have recovered. Around the area, Bradley County has had 80 cases of the virus, with 58 patients recovered and one death. Monroe County's total stands at 37 cases. Nineteen of the patients have recovered and there has been one death. In Meigs County, there have been 22 cases so far. Eighteen of the patients have recovered. Polk County's total is 12 cases, with nine patients recovered. Statewide, there have been 16,699 cases of the coronavirus, with 8,881 of the patients recovered. There have been 287 deaths in Tennessee.

#### MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The Tennessee State Parks says all public pools in its parks will be closed for the summer due to COVID-19. That includes the popular Cumberland Mountain State Park.
- ✓ Many communities are also closing their swimming pools for the summer. That has left many people asking if the coronavirus can spread to people in the water. The Centers for Disease Control reports there is currently no evidence that COVID-19 can spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. The CDC says proper maintenance, including disinfection with chlorine and bromine, should inactivate the virus in the water.

### A Moment of McMinn History

The Etowah railroad depot was the first permanent structure built in the new boom-town in 1906, after the site was chosen by the L&N railroad for its rail yard, mechanical shops, and headquarters of its Atlanta Division.

Besides the railroad offices, the building housed the main freight and passenger service terminal for north and south-bound trains. The town of Etowah quickly sprang up around the railroad operation, as the "one-sided town" was laid off in east-west streets and north-south avenues. Homes and businesses sprang up as the railroad brought many new employees and their families into the area.

The depot was a center of mail service, business, and news; goods and people were loaded on and off the rail cars. But the fortune of the railroad would change in 1927, and as the shops were relocated the business in the depot began a long, slow decline. As the railroad offices closed over time, the depot itself was left vacant in 1974.

Threatened by rot and ruin, the old building was saved by a group of concerned citizens, and the City became the owners of the depot in 1977, restoring it to much of its former splendor in 1981. Today it is the emblem of Etowah, a venue for events, and home of the Etowah Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Overhill, and a museum that chronicles the story of Etowah, the boom town born from the L&N railroad. (History Moments by Joe Guy)

**TODAY IN HISTORY-May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**1859** - Pierre Curie, co-discoverer of radium, was born in France. He and his wife, Marie, shared the Nobel Prize for Physics for discovering radium.  
**1918** - The world's first regular air mail service was established between Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York. The aircraft used was a Curtiss "Jenny" biplane.  
**1918** - Country singer Eddy Arnold was born. He was known as the Tennessee Plowboy. His hit records included "Anytime," "Cattle Call," and "Make the World Go Away."  
**1930** - Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight from San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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**WESTERN SIZZLIN'** RESTAURANT  
 To our loyal customers: We had planned to open June 1st, however, with the current meat situation we are unable to get the meat shipments required until the meat processing issues are resolved. With that said, we will have to delay the opening. At the present time, we do not have an anticipated opening date. **Western Sizzlin'.**

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
**Friday** - Periods of clouds & sun. High 81.  
**Fri Night** - Mainly clear. Low 59.  
**Saturday** - Partly sunny. High 83.  
**Sat Night** - Partly cloudy. Low 61.  
**Sunday** - Cloudy & warm. Possible t'storms. High 87.  
 More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Sherrie Sue Parks Jenkins**, age 73, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She retired from Athens Utilities Board. Graveside services will be Saturday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Due to COVID-19, friends and family may come to sign the book at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday.
- ♦ **Michael Odoran Crockett**, age 86, of Englewood, died Wednesday. He retired from Lockheed Martin after 32 years of service. The family will receive friends Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Timothy L. "Tim" Buckner**, age 52, of Etowah, died Wednesday at CHI Memorial Hospital. He served four years in the military and was a Ferrier for many years, shoeing horses all over the country. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Shady Grove Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Carolyn K. Norton**, age 61, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at her home. There will be no services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **James Andrew "Andy" Womac**, age 67, of Calhoun, died Tuesday at his home. He was retired from Crescent Hosiery of Niota. In honor of his wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

## Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens will resume services at the church starting this Sunday. There will be two services, one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 10:45 a.m.
- The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio (FM 94.5/AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#)) 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 will resume services in its sanctuary this Sunday, May 17th, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- The Redemption to the Nations Church will resume services this Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. See their ad below for the schedule for the rest of May and click on the link at the bottom of the ad for more information and to see a message from Senior Pastor Kevin Wallace.
- The Athens Christian Church at 802 Matlock Avenue will be having parking lot services during the month of May on Sunday mornings. They will start at 11 a.m. and last 30 to 40 minutes. They will be streaming them as well as broadcasting them on a low-powered FM transmitter. For more information, call Richard White at 865-279-4371.
- If your church has news or events you would like us to publish on Friday mornings, e-mail the info to: [wvxi@bellsouth.net](mailto:wvxi@bellsouth.net)



### IMMEDIATE JOB OPENINGS

The City of Etowah will be accepting applications for (2) Part-Time employees with the possibility of transitioning to Full-Time for the Public Works/Sanitation departments. CDL license required.

Physically demanding. Duties require employees to safely drive garbage truck while others riding along; Lift heavy objects and work in all weather conditions; Operate truck mechanisms for lifting and dumping.

Perform some manual labor for items such as brush piles or furniture that trucks can't lift.

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Perform some manual labor for items such as brush piles or furniture that trucks can't lift.

Applicants for all positions must be able to pass a drug test and background check and possess a high school diploma or a GED equivalent

Applications are available online at [www.cityofetowahtn.com](http://www.cityofetowahtn.com) EOE

## RTTN MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

- MAY 17 | 10AM & 1:30PM Online Service
- MAY 20 | 7PM @ Chattanooga & Athens Campuses
- MAY 24 | 10AM & 1:30PM Online Service
- MAY 27 | 7PM @ Chattanooga & Athens Campuses
- MAY 31 | 10AM @ Chattanooga Campus
- | 10:30AM & 1PM @ Athens Campus

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