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Today's News...This Morning

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McMinn Co. FFA
Spring Greenhouse Sale
SALE DATES & TIMES:
4/14, 4/21 & 4/28 10am-2pm
4/24 9am-2pm
6 packs \$3; Quart Pots, \$3; Flats, \$15;
Hanging Baskets, \$10; Japanese
Maples, Range \$10-\$50 Succulent/
flower arrangements, \$10. **Info:**
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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Governor Bill Lee has issued a statement regarding the return to in-person learning: "In-person learning is safe and it's the only way our students will get back on track after significant learning loss. I support the State Board of Education's work to ensure that in-person learning is again the standard in Tennessee and virtual learning is reserved for emergency use only."
- ✓ The McMinn County Branch of the NAACP, the McMinn Health Department, St Mark AME Zion Church and Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will provide a free COVID vaccination clinic on Friday, April 23rd, in the parking lot of Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ✓ Athens City Schools say the concrete pouring process will begin soon, resulting in trucks, lights and noises around City Park. Pouring will begin around 2 a.m. and last 10-12 hours a day.

Revisiting the Patty Striker Murder

It's been 21 years since Patty Striker, 35, was murdered while she was working at Striker's Winery on County Road 172 off Highway 30 just outside the city of Athens. Her body was found by an employee of the winery behind the cash register area on April 10, 2000. She had been shot in the head and the cash register was missing. The register was never found. Suspicions turned to Patty's husband, Stan. The couple was going through a very difficult divorce at the time. But Stan Striker had a solid alibi. He was at work at Bowwater (confirmed by video footage) and could not have been the shooter. However, authorities say he could have helped set it up. Then fast forward to February 2014 when tragedy hit the winery again. Striker took the couple's two teenage children to the winery and shot both of them. They were able to run away and survived. At that point, Striker went back to his automobile and committed suicide. Sheriff Joe Guy says it made him suspicious to what role he may have played in his wife's death, but there was no confession letter and no leads to the identity of the actual shooter. A \$5,000 reward is being offered to any one with information that would lead to an arrest and conviction. If you have information, call 745-5620.



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◆COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 4-12

Tennessee: 824,914 cases. 12,015 deaths.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,290	96	95
Meigs	1,326	13	23
Monroe	5,656	82	95
Polk	1,971	53	24
Bradley	14,342	307	147
Rhea	4,288	35	75

(NO SALES TAX) SALES EVENT

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<https://www.athensmcminnymca.org/node/153>



Obituaries

♦ **Ronald "Ronnie" K. Morgan**, age 58, of Riceville, died Saturday. He worked at ABB (Thomas & Betts) for 38 years. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with the funeral service to follow at 7 p.m.

♦ **Jessie Lee Dethridge Arnwine**, age 86, of Niota, died Saturday. She was a lifelong member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as president of the Usher Board for many years. Homegoing services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Niota, with visitation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Services will conclude at Sweetwater Memorial Gardens. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home, Athens, is in charge.

♦ **Delores Mary Bagley**, age 94, of Athens, died April 7th. She moved to Athens after a 30-plus year career at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy, New York. In Athens, she volunteered at Women at the Well and New Attitude. A memorial service will be held at a later date at River Worship Center in Delano. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Ms. Bobbie Joe Smith Sharp**, age 65, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Ziegler Funeral Home, with services to follow.

♦ **Brian McKenley Frye**, age 27, of Athens, died Saturday. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Carolyn Fay Layman McCosh**, age 73, died Sunday. A celebration of life service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Fairview Baptist Tabernacle in Sweetwater with visitation beginning at 5 p.m. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

Ribbon Cut for SENTEXT

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, SENTEXT, located in Athens. The photo shows those who attended, front, left to right: Tina South (Chamber Diplomat), Dick Pelley (Athens Councilman), Mark Crane (SENTEXT), Julie Simbeck (Athens Chamber), Amy McDonald (Diplomat), & McMinn County Mayor John Gentry. Back row: Joseph Ladner (Diplomat), Bo Perkinson (Athens Mayor), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Daniel Atkinson (Property Assessor's Office), Todd Watson, & Tim Tatum (Diplomat).



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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Partly sunny and mild. High 75.
Tue Night: Cloudy. Low 52
Wednesday: 40% chance of storms. High 69.
Wed Night: 30% rain. Low-49
Thursday: Mostly sunny and cooler with a high of 62.
 More Weather at: wxi.com