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Today's News... This Morning

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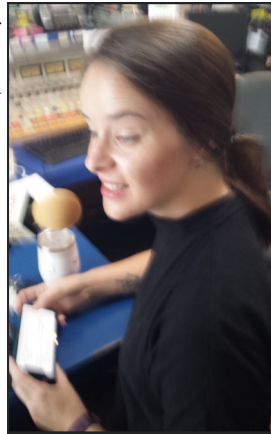
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Thursday, June 24, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

## Remembering the COVID Victims

The latest numbers from the Tennessee Department of Health show 102 people have died in McMinn County over the last year and a half from COVID-19. Virtually everyone has been impacted. Everyone knows someone who died from the virus, either a family member, a co-worker, or a friend. This coming Sunday, June 27th, the Athens Ministerial Association will hold a COVID-19 Memorial Service to honor and remember the lives lost to the pandemic in McMinn County. The service will be held at 7 p.m. at Market Pavilion in Downtown Athens. Everyone is invited to attend the brief service. Bring a chair. The photo shows Rev. Claire Brown, the new Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She will be participating in the Memorial Service.



**NOTE:** The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Samantha Braley. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that Ingleside Avenue will be closed from Tellico Avenue to Woodward Avenue today, Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for tree removal. Watch for detour and traffic signs, pedestrians, and work crews.
- ✓ The official event celebrating the Athens Farmers Market 11th season has been postponed until Saturday, July 11th, so there will be a bigger selection of produce at the market. More details soon.
- ✓ There will be a called meeting of the Athens Recreation Advisory Board next Tuesday, June 29th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Athens Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to review and vote to accept the final county-wide recreation master plan.
- ✓ The Summer Reading Program at 1:30 p.m. today at the Etowah Carnegie Library is Millie the Cow with crafts.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 6-23

Tennessee:	866,608 cases up 189	12,539 deaths up 5.	
COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,665 up 1	13	102
Meigs	1,428	2	24
Monroe	5,978 up 2	7	96
Polk	2,114	7	24
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## Obituaries

♦ **Jerryd Keith Keller**, age 36, of Athens, died Tuesday. He was formerly employed by Erosion Solutions. During high school, he played quarterback for the McMinn County Cherokees. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, (6-24) at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Sandra Kay "Sandy" Brock**, age 66, of Etowah, died Saturday, June 19th, at Covenant Health Park West in Knoxville. A private celebration of life will be held. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.

## Ribbon Cut for Peoples Bank

A ribbon cutting was held recently for Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Peoples Bank, as they opened up a new Athens branch located at 835 South Congress Parkway. Pictured below, from left, front row: Madison Limburg (Chamber Diplomat), Brett Kepley, Dannielle Sierra, Stacey Hester, Larae Graves, Tom Hughes, Chris White & Jim McDonald (People's Bank), Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Lisa Rhea (Diplomat). Back row: Lauren Shepherd (Arts Center), Ashton Burrows (Diplomat), Cheryl Ingram (County Register of Deeds), Payten Holcomb, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), State Rep. Mark Cochran, Tim Tatum (Diplomat), County Mayor John Gentry, Todd Watson (People's Bank), Joseph Ladner (Diplomat)

(Photo by Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



## ENGLEWOOD WATER TANK GETS GRANT

The Tennessee Historical Commission has announced that the Town of Englewood will be receiving a \$30,000 Historic Preservation Fund grant. The money will pay for the first phase of restoration of the landmark Englewood Water Tower. The tower is listed on the National Register. The Englewood Water Tower is one of 35 grant recipients across the state of Tennessee.



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### Upcoming events at McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

History for Lunch - The Legacy of Hannah Richards  
Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon

It's the revival of our monthly bring-your-lunch-to-history day at the Living Heritage Museum! Enjoy your lunch as we show one of our recent interviews with Harriet Blair and Ann Boyd as they discuss the lives and legacies of Hannah Richards, and her grandson, William Henry Richards.



Program - *The History of the Carousel* by Johnny McGrew  
Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM

Join Johnny McGrew as he describes his personal journey into the history of the carousel, telling of his decision to visit and study antique carousels and the techniques of the carvers, which includes not only horses but a menagerie of animals. Johnny will show from start to finish how he restored his first horse, and will demonstrate the carving of one. Admission is \$5, or free with a Museum membership.

#### Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Sunday - Monday: Closed

#### Admission

Adults: \$5  
Seniors (60+): \$3  
Students: \$3



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