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Monday, March 16, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Virus Update

♦ CORONAVIRUS CASES UP TO 32

The Tennessee Department of Health reported there were 32 cases of coronavirus in the state as of Saturday afternoon. The new total includes 14 in Davidson County, nine in Williamson County, two in Shelby County, and one each in Hamilton, Campbell, Jefferson, Knox, Rutherford, and Sullivan counties.

◆ STATE CRACKS DOWN ON PRICE GOUGERS

The Tennessee Attorney General's Office has ordered two brothers in Hixson, Matt and Noah Colvin, to stop buying and selling hand sanitizer and other products following reports of possible price gouging. The brothers were featured in a recent New York Times article about their recent actions in buying up items that have quickly become scarce in the coronavirus crisis. They bought the items in Chattanooga and in Kentucky. One of the brothers posed for a photo at a Hixson storage facility where he wound up with 17,700 hand sanitizers. Amazon eventually stopped the practice of allowing individuals to sell sought-after health items at greatly inflated prices.

◆ CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATONS

The Athens, Etowah, and McMinn County schools and Christ's Legacy Academy will be closed for the next two weeks. McMinn County schools will provide Drive thru free breakfast & lunch at Riceville, Niota, and Englewood Elementary Schools. Breakfast will be 9 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. and lunch from 11 to 12:30 p.m.

Huge Boiler Moves Thru Athens

Motorists on Congress Parkway and Highway 30 in Athens found themselves waiting Saturday afternoon while a huge steam boiler moved slowly through the area. State troopers escorted the oversize load which was headed to the Holston Army Ammunition Plant in Kingsport. A total of four boilers will be delivered on a 230-foot-long 20-foot-wide dual-haul transport truck. The photo below shows the boiler as it made its way from Congress Parkway onto Decatur Pike around 5:30 p.m. Saturday. (Staff Photo)





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Obituaries

- Marquis D. Dotson, Sr., age 94, of Athens, died on March 12th. He was the founder of M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Homes in Athens and Cleveland. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by M.D. Dotson & Sons.
- Ricardo Saucedo, age 23, of Athens, died on March 12th. Funeral services were held Saturday night at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Geraldine Jeralds Rollins, age 84, of Athens, died on March 12th. Funeral services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **LISTENING REMINDER:** The Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will feature Brenda Lowe with Mortgage Investors Group. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wyxi.com
- ◆ The City of Athens Department of Parks and Recreation has been notified by Little League International that a temporary suspension of all league activities has been recommended until at least April 6th. Since Little League is the governing body and insurance provider of the local baseball leagues, the City of Athens will be complying with this recommendation.

More Closings/Cancellations

- ◆ Tennessee Wesleyan University will move to online instruction only beginning this Wednesday, March 18th. No classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday.
- ◆ The McMinn Senior Center is closed until further notice.
- ♦ In-person court proceedings for all state and local courts in Tennessee, including municipal, juvenile, general sessions, trial, and appellate courts, will be suspended through March 31st. There are some exceptions. If you have a case scheduled, you should check with the McMinn County Court Clerk's office.
- ◆ The annual Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night has been postponed. A new date will be announced later.
- ♦ E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens is closed through March 29th. There will be staff in-house to handle questions by phone and e-mail. Tax forms are available on the front patio of the library in a plastic, waterproof tub. You will be able to renew books and videos by phone. Library staff will be cleaning, processing returns (and cleaning those, too), repairing damaged materials, conducting inventory on the library collection, and processing incoming new materials. The physical library will be closed to all except library staff. Patrons and volunteers are encouraged to stay home.
- ◆ The United Way *Power of the Purse* event on March 19th has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 23rd.



