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Monday, April 13, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

COVID-19 Virus Update

The number of coronavirus cases in McMinn County now stands at four. Three of those patients have fully recovered. The fourth is being treated at Starr Regional Medical Center. Test results from a total of 313 people have been received. 309 of the tests came back negative. Around the area, Monroe County has 8 cases of the virus. Polk County reports 4. Meigs County has 3 cases. Bradley County is reporting 31 cases. Statewide, there were 5,308 cases as of Sunday evening. Statewide, 101 people have died from the coronavirus.

FREE CORONAVIRUS TESTING CONTINUES

Free tests for the coronavirus will take place each day this week from 9 a.m. until noon at the McMinn County Health Department off Highway 30 East behind the National Guard Armory. Anyone is welcome to receive a test. You do not have to be exhibiting symptoms and you do not have to have a doctor's order. Testing took place this past Friday and Saturday at several Health Departments in Southeast Tennessee. McMinn County had the largest participation per capita in Southeast Tennessee.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be McMinn County Mayor John Gentry. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390, or online at wysi.com

Underdown named SAR Veep

Fred Underdown of Athens has been elected Vice-President of the Tennessee Society of the American Revolution. The SAR organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education. Underdown is very active with the McMinn County Historical Society.



COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open for REFILLS ONLY for existing patients tomorrow, April 14th, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. The Good Faith Clinic is located on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 South Congress Parkway.
- ✓ The annual Clean Up, Fix Up week will take place April 20th-25th. McMinn County and Keep McMinn Beautiful invite you to bring your trash to the County Landfill at 391 County Road 750 free of charge. For questions, call Stephanie Myers at 506-7316. If you live in Athens, you can put your unwanted trash at your curbside next week and it will be picked up.
- ✓ There will be temporary traffic shifts on S. White Street from Jackson Street to Knight Road for the next week or so to accommodate final milling and paving. Once the paving is complete, traffic will begin using all four lanes.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Dallas Arthur Nance**, age 68, of Athens, died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was an employee of Walmart for 20 years and a minister for over 53 years. A graveside service will be held Monday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Richard "J.D." McDonald**, age 93, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. He was a truck driver and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Frankie Sue Abrams Ferrell**, age 87, died at her home in Farragut on April 10th. She and her husband of 67 years, Jack Ferrell, lived in Athens for over 40 years and in Farragut for the past 8 years. No arrangements have been announced at this point.
- ♦ **Jerry Darrell Hughes**, age 81, of Roswell, Georgia, died last Thursday at his residence. Graveside services were held Saturday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Athens City School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. today. The meeting is under the provisions of Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 16. The meeting is not open to the public in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare in light of the coronavirus. Public access to the meeting will be via live streaming on the Athens City Schools' Facebook page.

Scouts Sew Masks

Since 1910, the ideals of Scouting have guided young people to perform "service to others and to the community." During World War One, Boy Scouts planted vegetable gardens to provide food for the hungry. President Roosevelt called on Scouts to collect food for the needy during the Great Depression. During World War Two, Scouting "good turns" involved planting Victory Gardens. And during today's coronavirus pandemic, Scouts are helping by producing facemasks for local healthcare providers. The photo below shows Scout Brenna Davis of Troop 2019 delivering the masks she made to Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation Center. Pictured L-R: Crystal Hudgins, Amber Bain, and Amanda Clark, with Brenna. (Photo from Christy Seibert)



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