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Today's News... This Morning

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Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Coronavirus Update

Due to the Coronavirus, Governor Lee has extended his "Stay at Home" order until April 30th. Meanwhile, as of Monday afternoon, McMinn County has reported 5 cases of coronavirus. Four of the patients have recovered and the fifth is currently undergoing treatment. Monroe County has 5 cases, with 4 recovered. Meigs County reports 3 cases with 2 of them recovered. Polk County has 5 cases, with 3 recoveries. Bradley County currently has 32 cases, and 22 of them have recovered. Statewide, the Tennessee Department of Health reports there are now 5,610 confirmed cases. There have been 109 deaths from the coronavirus in Tennessee so far.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center is currently seeking plasma donations from people who have recovered from COVID-19. The plasma will be used for the antibodies to possibly help virus victims. You can donate at MEDIC's blood center at 213 E. Washington Avenue in Athens. You should call for an appointment at 423-453-5846.
- ✓ The Hamilton County Coalition will hold monthly virtual opioid overdose prevention training for McMinn County residents during the coronavirus pandemic. The training is live and free and will demonstrate how to use Narcan and prevent opioid overdoses. The initial training begins tomorrow, April 15th, at 6 p.m., and will continue monthly until in-person sessions are deemed safe. To register, call 423-305-1449.

Chamber Donates to Church

In this time of uncertainty, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently visited Eastview Baptist Church and donated \$500 to help provide food for those in need. Pictured: (L-R) Joanne Rogers, Matt Bunch, & Jeannie Sneed (Eastview Baptist Church), Pastor Robert Sneed, Kelly Blassingame (Chamber Board), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Scott Cass (Chamber Board), and Tonya Higgs (Athens Chamber)

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WEATHER FORECAST
Tuesday: Partly sunny. High 61.
Tue Night: 50% rain chance. Low 36.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High 59.
Wed Night: Partly cloudy and cold with a freeze. Low 31.
Thursday: Mostly sunny. High 66.
 More Weather at: wysi.com

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Obituaries

♦ **Alecia "Maria" Spence Jaibat**, age 51, died Saturday at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She was a native of Autryville, North Carolina and a longtime resident of McMinn County. She and her husband, Gus, owned and operated Michael's Casual Dining in Athens and Etowah. There will be a visitation at Smith Funeral Home on Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. which will be in compliance with the CDC, COVID-19 regulations. She will be interred at Halls United Methodist Church Cemetery in Autryville, NC on Friday with Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro, NC assisting the family there.

♦ **Richard "J.D." McDonald**, age 93, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Kitty Rhea Kyle Knox ("Miss Kitty")**, age 66, died April 10th at her home in Niota. She had been an avid talker on CB radio. In honor of her wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

A BUSY NIGHT FOR AUB

Athens Utilities power crews worked through the night Sunday restoring power to customers ranging from the Liberty Hill area, Niota, Hammerhill Road, and the Ridgeways. All customers were back in service by around 10 a.m. Monday. The photo shows a tree that fell halfway across CR 267 in the Niota area.

(Photo from AUB)



March Home Sales

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services says there were 74 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in March. A selection of those sales is listed below:

County Rd 7, Calhoun -	\$404,400
Breckenridge St., Athens -	\$388,500
Union McMinn Rd, Niota-	\$371,625
County Rd 725, Riceville -	\$370,000
County Rd 655, Athens -	\$350,000
Hawthorne St., Athens -	\$330,000
Belmont Drive, Athens -	\$320,000
County Rd 146, Riceville -	\$320,000
County Rd 431, Englewood -	\$310,000
Deer Path Rd, Englewood -	\$309,000
Highway 305, Athens -	\$290,000
County Rd 523, Athens -	\$276,500
County Rd 752, Riceville -	\$275,000
County Rd 208, Athens -	\$269,900
County Rd 616, Athens -	\$264,000
County Rd 681, Etowah -	\$255,000
County Rd 316, Niota -	\$248,000
County Rd 545, Englewood -	\$240,000
County Rd 892, Etowah -	\$240,000
County Rd 82, Athens -	\$237,000
County Rd 607, Athens -	\$225,000
Tidence Lane, Athens -	\$225,000
Shadows Lawn, Athens -	\$220,000
County Rd 709, Riceville -	\$220,000

TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 14th

1775 - The first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

1828 - Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his dictionary.

1861 - The flag of the Confederacy was raised over Fort Sumter, South Carolina, as Union troops there surrendered in the early days of the Civil War.

1865 - John Wilkes Booth crept into President Abraham Lincoln's box at Ford Theater in Washington and shot Mr. Lincoln. The President died the next morning.

1910 - President William Howard Taft became the first U.S. chief executive to throw the ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game as the Washington Senators beat the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.

1912 - The British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.

1935 - Country singer Loretta Lynn was born in Butcher Holler, Kentucky...a coal miner's daughter. She was one of eight children. She married at the age of 14 and eventually moved to Nashville. Her first top ten hit record was "Success" in 1962.

1939 - The John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.

2009 - Somali pirates seized four ships with 60 hostages. North Korea said it was restarting its rogue nuclear program, booting U.N. inspectors and pulling out of disarmament talks in an angry reaction to the U.N. Security Council's condemnation of its April 5th rocket launch.