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## Today's News...This Morning

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Monday, April 20, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## COVID-19 Virus Update

✓ The Tennessee Department of Health reports as of Sunday afternoon, 7,070 cases of the coronavirus across the state with 148 deaths. McMinn County is now reporting 6 cases of the virus, with 4 recovered. Monroe County reports 10 cases, 6 recoveries, and 1 death. Polk County reports 5 cases with 4 recovered. Meigs County reports 3 cases with 2 recovered. Bradley County reports 37 confirmed cases, 33 recoveries, and 1 death. Rhea County has 2 confirmed cases.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING VIOLATORS CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Jennifer Hardison tells the Morning Fax that some visitors to her backyard last week were not practicing proper social distancing and she was to obtain photographic evidence of the violation. The guilty parties included a woodpecker, yellow finch, cardinal, sparrow, and a house finch.



## Athens Chamber Helps the "Y"

In a time of uncertainty, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce had the privilege to visit the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA and donate \$500 on behalf of their Chamber Members to help provide food and services for those in need. Pictured below from left to right are: Natasha Ledford (Athens-McMinn Family YMCA), Julie Simbeck (Athens Chamber), Melissa Climer (Athens-McMinn Family YMCA), Karen Raby (Simmons Bank/Chamber Board Member/Chamber Diplomat), Bradi Sewell (Athens-McMinn Family YMCA), Tiffany Hayes (Athens-McMinn Family YMCA), Kelly Blessingame (Chamber Board/CapStar Bank), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Scott Cass (Chamber Board/East Tennessee Auto Outlet), Shayne Whaley (Simmons Bank/Chamber Board Member), Tonya Hips (Athens Chamber) (Photo submitted to the Morning Fax)



## MEDIC

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Monday** - Mostly cloudy.  
High 69.  
**Mon. night** - Mostly clear.  
Low 45.  
**Tuesday** - Partly sunny and breezy. High 71.  
More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Minnie "Sissy" Byars Thomas**, age 86, of Athens, died Friday at her home. A private graveside service will be Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **B'anca Monic "Bea" Arnwine**, age 46, of Athens, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a former employee of Service Loan and Tax Service. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Brandi Lynn Correia**, age 37, of Englewood, died Tuesday at her home. She was born in Pontiac, Michigan. The family will have a private service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ Pre K registration for the 2020-2021 school year in the Athens City Schools will be done by phone. To register, call 423-745-1516. Kindergarten Registration will be announced later.
- ✓ Reminder: McMinn County Road 279, AKA the Rockview Church Road, between County Roads 280 and 282, will be closed today (Monday) from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for maintenance work.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** The Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Bob Ketchersid, co-owner of WYXI RADIO. 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](http://wyxi.com)

## First Volunteer Approves PPP Loans

First Volunteer Bank reports that they have approved 556 loan applications totaling over \$50 million in just one week to help local businesses save jobs. The money will be used by local businesses to provide payroll for those employees that have been laid off due to the coronavirus pandemic. The funds were recently allocated through the Small Business Administration "Payroll Protection Program" and were part of the CARES Act approved by Congress earlier this month and signed into law by President Trump.

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who appeared on CNN Sunday morning, said that he's hopeful that another deal could be reached to replenish the small-business loan program, which has already run out of money. Mnuchin said the deal would include additional funding for hospitals and for coronavirus testing. The Trump administration expects to send a final deal to the Senate, which could approve the measure as early as today and submit it to the House on Tuesday. If approved then, the president could possibly sign it into law on Wednesday.

**TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1898** - The United States moved closer to war with Spain as President William McKinley signed a congressional resolution passed the day before recognizing Cuban independence and authorizing U.S. military intervention to achieve that goal.

**1914** - The Ludlow Massacre took place when the Colorado National Guard opened fire on a tent colony of striking miners; about 20 (accounts vary) strikers, women and children died.

**1938** - "Olympia," Leni Riefenstahl's documentary about the 1936 Berlin Olympic games, was first shown in Nazi Germany.

**1948** - United Auto Workers president Walter P. Reuther was shot and seriously wounded at his home in Detroit.

**1971** - The Supreme Court unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools. || National Public Radio made its on-air debut with live coverage of a U.S. Senate hearing on the Vietnam War.

**1972** - Apollo 16's lunar module, carrying astronauts John W. Young and Charles M. Duke Jr., landed on the moon.

**1977** - The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Wooley v. Maynard*, ruled 6-3 that car owners could refuse to display state mottoes on license plates, such as New Hampshire's "Live Free or Die."

**1986** - Following an absence of six decades, Russian-born pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed in the Soviet Union to a packed audience at the Grand Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow.

**1988** - Gunmen who had hijacked a Kuwait Airways jumbo jet were allowed safe passage out of Algeria under an agreement that freed the remaining 31 hostages and ended a 15-day siege in which two passengers were slain.

**1999** - The Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.