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- ✓ The Census Bureau has begun door-to-door efforts. Workers will be knocking on the doors of people who have not completed the 2020 census form. McMinn County Mayor John Gentry says it is important for every person to be counted. He says population numbers are extremely important for communities when they are seeking state and federal grants, and are also a determining factor for many economic development prospects when choosing a location. Those who would prefer to complete the census online rather than with an in-person visit can go to 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission meeting for August is scheduled for August 31st at 7:30 p.m. The regularly scheduled meetings for August and September are being combined.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will meet today (Tuesday) on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 South Congress Parkway. Drive-thru refills will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Stay in your car, bring a list of needed refills). At 4 p.m. sign-ins for physician visits will begin. The Good Faith Clinic is for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties who have no health insurance.
- ✓ The Celebration of the Nations multicultural festival scheduled for September 19th at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens has been postponed due to COVID-19. The event is designed to celebrate diverse people group within McMinn County with authentic entertainment and food. No word on a new date.

New Shelves for the Library

The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library have been busy supporting their library. The Friends recently purchased new shelving units to allow for additional bookshelf space and collection growth. In the photo: (L to R) Helen Mullins (President), Courtney Cline (Children's Librarian/Program Coordinator), Rachel Hickman, Tracy Nowak, Christie Rhodes, April Wise, Lara Crockett (Library Director)



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Tuesday: Partly cloudy and humid. High 91.
Tue Night: Mostly clear and humid. Low 69.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. 60% t'storms chance. High 90.
Thursday: Partly sunny & humid. 60% t'storms. High 90.
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Obituaries

♦ **Dr. Donald E. Wallis**, age 89, of Knoxville (and a native of Niota), died August 5th. He served in the Air National Guard, where he was a flight surgeon and retired in 1986 after rising to the rank of Colonel. After that, he practiced in several hospitals including Baptist Hospital of East Tennessee. During the 1961 Berlin Crisis, Dr. Wallis took part in the humanitarian air drop of supplies to Berlin after Russia built the Berlin Wall. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Niota Cemetery. Berry Funeral Home of Knoxville is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jeffrey M. Armstrong**, age 56, of Englewood, died Sunday. A private family graveside service will be held today (Tuesday) at 10 a.m. at Mars Hill Cemetery in Englewood. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Otha Winfield "Mac" McGann, Jr.**, age 80, of Jefferson City (and formerly of Decatur), died Saturday, Aug. 8th. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Farmers Chemical in Chattanooga, was president of McGann Construction in Rocky Face, GA, and was President of T&M Structures and President of ECI Marketing until his retirement in 2000. A Masonic Service will be held at Bowers Funeral Home on Friday, August 14th, at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Decatur Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

♦ **Ernest H. "Ernie" Thomas**, age 76, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was owner/operator of Thomas Heating & Air and served in the Air Force during Vietnam. A graveside service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens with full military honors. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Thelma "Lynn" Hyde**, age 72, of McMinn County, died Saturday. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

Sunday Morning at the Drive-In

First Baptist Church of Athens held its Sunday morning worship service at the Midway Drive-In Theater again this past Sunday.

Worshippers sat in their vehicles and listed over a low-powered FM signal on their radios. Pastor Bill Henard brought the message as he marked his first year as



pastor at First Baptist. Folks honked their horns to show their appreciation of his leadership over the past year which has included five months of the COVID-19 pandemic which has caused most churches to cancel in-house services.

◆ COVID UPDATE

Tennessee: 123,914 cases, up 1,202. Deaths total 1,233, up 10.

McMinn Co: 553 cases, up 6. There are 155 active cases. The deaths remain at 20.

Meigs Co: 106 cases to date, and 42 of them are active.

Monroe Co: 452 cases, 203 active. There have been 9 deaths.

Polk Co: 207 cases, 74 are active, and there have been 3 deaths.

Bradley Co: 1,956 cases, 610 active, and 13 deaths.

Rhea Co: 538 cases, 116 active, and 2 deaths.



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