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Monday, March 22, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ A called meeting of the City of Athens Recreation Advisory Board will be held today (3-22) at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber in the Athens Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with the consultant about a draft of the county-wide recreation plan.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open on Tuesday (3-23) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for drive-thru refills and at 4 p.m. for physician visits. The GFC is for medically uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs Counties. Their location is 18 Congress Pkwy South.
- ✓ Save the date: The City of Athens Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday (3-27) at 10 a.m. The City of Niota will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday (3-27) also at 10 a.m.; rain date is (4-3).

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 3-19

Tennessee: 798,621 cases, up 1,997. 11,709 deaths, up 28.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,093 up 16	90	94 up 2
Meigs	1,287 up 3	16	23
Monroe	5,499 up 21	84	93 up 1
Polk	1,868 up 24	59	24
Bradley	13,665 up 108	447	142
Rhea	4,213 up 8	40	75 up 2

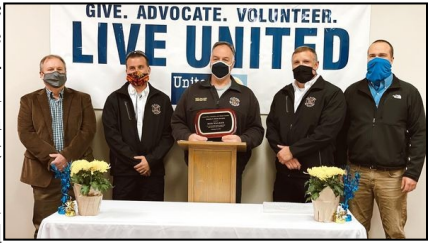
NOTE: The TN Department of Health is no longer updating Covid cases for the weekend. Covid cases are reported Monday -Friday only. The above update is thru Friday, 3-19.

Tennessee News

- ✓ A bill to allow Tennesseans to carry a handgun without a permit passed the Senate 23-9 and now heads to the House. The bill called "Constitutional Carry" was introduced by Gov. Bill Lee.
- ✓ The Tennessee Department of Education says their new teaching jobs website has been able to place over 2,000 educators with jobs in Tennessee. The website is: tennesseeteaching.com
- ✓ A company that manufactures swabs that are used for Covid-19 testing, Puritan Medical Products, has announced that it will be building a production facility in Tennessee. The company is based in Portland, Maine.

UNITED WAY JOSEPH T. FRYE AWARD

Rod Walker of the McMinn County Rescue Squad was recently honored with the 2021 Joseph T. Frye Award from United Way. Pictured left to right: Rick Woody, Brandon Ainsworth, Rod Walker, Tim Schultz, and Porter Clark.



LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday will be Rob Preston, President/CEO of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390 FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

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- Tuesday-Madisonville - WilSay - 10:30 - 2:00
- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday-Athens PaPaw's Place-10:30 - 2:00
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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Cars Hits Englewood Church

Last Friday at 2 p.m. the driver of a 2008 Ford Taurus apparently had a medical issue, lost control of the vehicle and collided with the Englewood Church of God on West Athens Street. The driver was injured and was transported to Starr Region in Etowah by AMR. The Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to the scene and Englewood Police Officer Dalton Townsend investigated the accident. Photo by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Obituaries

- ♦ **Beecher E. Tallent**, age 78, of Athens, died Friday at his home. He served in the TN National Guard and was retired from Johns-Manville. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Skyla Nichole Glosser**, age 28, of Madisonville, died at her home on Tuesday, March 16th. A celebration of life service was held Saturday at Rasars Landing in Madisonville with Companion Funeral Home of Athens in charge.
- ♦ **Margaret (Pixie) Murphy Marshall**, age 75, of Madisonville, died Wednesday, March 17th. A celebration of life will be Friday, March 26th at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Madisonville. Companion of Athens is in charge.

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