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Thursday, March 25, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

All 10 county health departments in Southeast Tennessee, including McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Bradley, and Polk, are now offering COVID-19 vaccinations to all adults 16 and older. To book an appointment, go to Vaccinate.tn.gov or call 866-442-5301. The Pfizer vaccine is for use in individuals 16 and older. The Moderna vaccine is authorized for ages 18 and older. Appointments are being taken now.

✓ The January unemployment figures for Tennessee counties have been released. Seventy-eight counties started 2021 with lower unemployment rates.

McMinn County: 5.2% in January...5.8% in December

Meigs County: 6.8% in January...6.5% in December

Monroe County: 5.0% in January...5.2% in December

Bradley County: 5.2% in January...5.5% in December

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 3-24

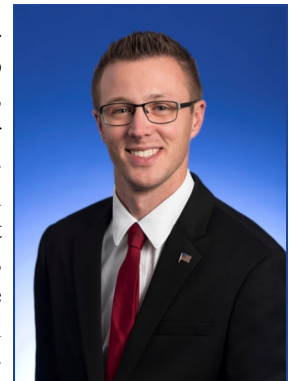
Tennessee: 804,492 cases, up 1,388. 11,792 deaths, up 45.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,136 up 11	96	94
Meigs	1,299 up 2	20	23
Monroe	5,522 up 0	64	94 up 1
Polk	1,885 up 4	56	24
Bradley	13,827 up 48	439	143 up 1
Rhea	4,228 up 8	28	75

More Community News

✓ The annual Vietnam Veterans Ceremony will be held next Monday, March 29th. This year, the ceremony will be held at the Niota Depot. Normally, it is held at the McMinn County Senior Center, but the center is still closed due to COVID-19. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m.. All Vietnam veterans in the area are invited to attend.

✓ State Rep. Mark Cochran of Englewood says he is proud to have been a co-sponsor of the bill which protects women's sports. The bill makes it clear that participation in sports at public middle and high schools must correspond with a student's biological gender at birth. Cochran says "Women's sports were created to give girls a fair chance at competition." He says this legislation promotes equality in sports while protecting female athletes.



✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce presents "Business Before Hours" today, March 25th, at 8 a.m. The gathering is hosted by Valley Christian Academy, located at 482 County Road 725, Riceville. A breakfast from Bojangles will be provided. Masks are welcome, but not required.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Rain & possible t'storms. Breezy. High 69.
Thu Night: Breezy. Heavy rain. Possible t'storm. Low 53.
Friday: Partly sunny. High 73.
Fri Night: Partly cloudy. Low 53.
Saturday: 65% rain chance. Possible t'storms. High 72.
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **A.T. Gillahan, Jr.**, age 104, of Hasting, Colorado and formerly of Athens, died Wednesday morning, March 24th. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

♦ **Mildred Lusk**, of Chattanooga and formerly of Athens, died Thursday, March 18th. She was a native of Englewood. A memorial service will be held with burial to follow in Englewood. Announcement made by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.

Underdown Attends Special Congress

Fred Underdown, president of the Hiwassee TNSSAR Chapter, was one of 60 members nationwide who had the credentials to attend the Special Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Special Congress was held in the Washington, D.C., area on March 13th. The purpose of the meeting was to amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society. Underdown is pictured below on the left, with Michael J. Elston, Chairman of the Special Congress, on the right.



STATE HEADLINES

- A bill to increase the minimum wage to \$12 an hour in Tennessee is dead for the year...shot down in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee.
- The Tennessee Department of Health says more than 2,000 Tennesseans died of an opioid overdose in 2019. Preliminary data for 2020 shows overdoses increased 22 percent from 2019 to 2020.
- A new report by the Porch company says Tennesseans pay the 8th highest monthly electricity bills in the nation. The report found residents in Tennessee pay an average electricity bill of \$132.33 per month, compared to the U.S. average of \$115.49.

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