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Friday, June 5, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

### Friday's Coronavirus Update

The number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Tennessee has now topped 25,000. The latest total is 25,120, up 298 from Wednesday. A total of 16,643 patients have recovered. The number of deaths is now 401, up 13 from Wednesday. McMinn County's total number of cases has increased to 146, up two from Wednesday. Of those, 107 patients have recovered and 14 have died. Monroe County has recorded its 3rd death. The totals in Monroe County are 71 cases with 53 recoveries and three deaths. Bradley County's total number of cases at this point is 166, with 105 recoveries and one death. In Polk Count there have now been 19 cases of the virus and 14 patients have recovered. Meigs County is reporting 27 cases with 22 recoveries. Rhea County's total is up to 217, with 166 patients recovered so far.

#### MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

✓ Parades to honor the graduating seniors will take place in Athens and Etowah Saturday. The Etowah parade, to salute McMinn Central graduates, gets under way at 11 a.m. and will travel north on Highway 411. Students can drive cars, trucks, tractors, or any motor vehicle. Horses will not be allowed in the parade due to the extra cost of insurance. Students may wear their caps and gowns or not. Students are encouraged to put a sign with their name on the vehicle in which they are riding.

The Athens parade to salute MCHS graduating seniors will start at 1 p.m. and will go around the Courthouse Square.

### Coming Together on the Steps

For the second time this week, a peaceful gathering has taken place on the steps of the McMinn County Courthouse. Wednesday evening, about 150 people came together to share their grief and their hopes, and to pray for our community. The speakers included Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy, and County Mayor John Gentry. Several county deputies and city police officers also attended. (Facebook Photo)



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**Fri Night** - Mostly cloudy, warm & humid. Low 69.  
**Saturday** - Clouds mixed with sun. Possible t'storm. High 89.  
**Sat Night** - Cloudy & Humid. Low 69.  
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## Obituaries

♦ **Sandra Daugherty Blankenship**, age 71, of Athens, died on April 29th at Starr Regional Medical Center. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation at 6:30.

### POLARIS RIDER CRITICALLY INJURED

Around 9 p.m. Wednesday, the Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded to an accident at the intersection of County Roads 475 and 488. The driver of a 2020 Polaris lost control and the vehicle rolled several times resulting in all occupants being ejected.

One critically injured patient was airlifted by LifeForce. THP Officer Travis Ryans investigated.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



## Church News & Events

- During the month of June, First Baptist Church of Athens is holding one Sunday service. The time is 9:30 a.m. Social distancing is being observed. Vacation Bible School at First Baptist has been rescheduled for the week of July 20th-23rd.

- The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio FM 94.5/AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#) at 10 a.m. Sunday. Pastor David Graybeal says he is awaiting word from the bishop on when Keith UMC can gather together again.

- The Transformation Project has resumed classes in-person for anyone with a life-controlling problem. The classes are held weekly at Athens First Baptist Church. For more information, call Sarah Kite, the Site Director, at 745-5441.

- Keith Memorial UMC will host an online virtual VBS every Wednesday at 7 p.m. from June 10th - July 8th. Pre-registration is required by June 5th. To sign up, visit: [keithumc](#)

- The Athens Christian Church at 802 Matlock Avenue will be having a worship and prayer service on June 14th from 6-6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. You are invited to stay in your car and turn on the radio as the service is broadcast on a low-powered FM transmitter or bring lawn chairs and sit beside your car.

- The Hymnsmen Quartet will sing this Sunday at 11 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Old Highway 11 South, Athens and Sunday at 6 p.m. at Cane Creek Baptist Church, Bell Road, Tellico Plains.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

**1783** - The first ascent of an unmanned hot-air balloon took place in France. The balloon was made of pieces of cloth and paper buttoned together. It stayed in the air for 10 minutes until the hot air leaked through the button holes.

**1925** - Singer Bill Hayes ("Ballad of Davy Crockett") was born.

**1933** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill abolishing the gold standard.

**1945** - Don Reid, one of the Statler Brothers, was born.

**1967** - The Six Day War broke out between Israel and her three Arab neighbors, Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. In that short war, Israel gained large areas of Arab land, including the Sinai Peninsula, Jordan's half of Jerusalem, and Syria's Golan Heights.

**1968** - Senator Robert Kennedy was shot by Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles. He died the next day at the age of 42.