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Monday, July 6, 2020 Athens, Tennessee

The Virus Cases Keep Climbing

As of Sunday, Tennessee has had 51,431 cases of COVID-19, up 1,291 from Saturday. 30,254 patients have recovered and 646 (an increase of 9) have died. McMinn County reports 237 cases, up 5 from Saturday, with 18 deaths. There are 53 active cases in McMinn. Meigs County reports 32 cases, with 27 recoveries. Monroe County's total is 140 with 95 recoveries and 6 deaths. Bradley County has 707 cases, 370 recoveries, and 3 deaths. Polk County reports 45 cases with 32 recoveries.

- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ Governor Lee has signed an executive order that grants county mayors the authority to issue local face mask requirements in the event of a significant rise in COVID-19 cases.
 - ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will reopen on Monday, with free coronavirus tests in the parking lot from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. No appointment is needed.
 - ✓ Community members can pick up curbside materials, schedule a computer appointment, and pick up a child's lunch now at the E.G. Fisher Public Library. Interior library access is limited to individuals with computer appointments. Contactless curbside pickup for books and other items has been expanded to include Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.
 - ✓ There are still openings for Pre-K/K students in the McMinn County Schools. If you have a child who will be four before August 15th, go online at: www.mcmminnschools.com/240567_2

Man Faces 2nd Murder Charge

An Athens man has been indicted by the McMinn County Grand Jury on 2nd Degree Murder charges. Kagan Witt, 28, is charged in the shooting death of Casey Daugherty who died from a single gunshot wound at a residence on County Road 609 in April of 2019. Sheriff Joe Guy says the initial report was an accidental shooting. But Sheriff Guy says Detective Greg Earps continued to look into the case. After a year's worth of investigation and obtaining forensic evidence, a case against Witt was presented to the June session of the Grand Jury, which issued the indictment. Witt turned himself in at the McMinn County Justice Center last Wednesday. He was released after posting a \$250,000 bond.



LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Meredith Willson, President of Willsonthropic, Inc. Among other things, she will be talking about the Sounds of Summer concert series. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wysi.com

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Monday, July 6, 2020 **Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page** **Athens, Tennessee**

Obituaries

- ♦ **Charlotte Lynn Amour**, age 69, of Decatur, died July 1st at Tennova Health Care of Cleveland. Services were held this past Friday. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Ima Jean Morrow**, age 65, of Decatur, died June 29th. She had worked many years in convenience stores as a cashier and was currently employed at Four Corners Market. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.
- ♦ **Bobby D. Robison**, age 86, of Englewood, died June 29th. A private graveside service will be held. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Tammy Teresa Scroggs** of Madisonville died June 28th after a battle with cancer. No services are planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **James "Jamie" Eric Black**, age 49, and his wife, Rhonda, both died in a traffic accident near Murfreesboro on June 26th. Jamie Black was a graduate of McMinn Central High School and worked for CSX. Funeral services were held July 4th at Serenity Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Elisabeth "Libby" Walker Willson**, age 77, died on March 31st. She was a former resident of Athens. The family will receive friends at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 12th, at West Hills Baptist Church in Knoxville.

Helping Pay for the Fireworks

The AMMP (All McMinn Modern Professionals) donated \$1,000 to the Athens Parks Foundation to help pay for the 4th of July fireworks. The club gave \$500 and the individual members matched that with another \$500. The photo shows, L-R: C. Seth Sumner, Jeremy Cansler, Drew Holbrook (president of AMMP), Todd Cox, Hugh Willson, Jordan Curtis, Matt Harper, Bob Sevi-gny (chairman of the Athens Parks Foundation), and Brianna Hanson.

(Photo by Erin Holbrook)



SCENES FROM THE FOURTH OF JULY

It wouldn't be The Fourth of July without flags and fireworks. The annual Buddy Liner Fireworks Show at Athens Regional Park took place this past Saturday night, but for the first time spectators were not allowed in the park. Instead, every square inch of space was taken up in nearby parking lots, along the sides of the roads, and just about anywhere else with a view of the show. The photos below show the fireworks and the huge American flag that flew at Market Park in Downtown Athens. (Staff photos)

