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Monday, January 4, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

75 & Older Get Vaccinated

More than 500 people aged 75 and older got their first COVID-19 vaccination this past Saturday at the McMinn County Health Department. People waited in line for hours to get the vaccine, and traffic was backed up along the shoulder of Highway 30 East past the airport road. (See Photo below)

Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid (on the right) waited three hours to get vaccinated. Everyone who got the shot Saturday will have to get a second vaccination in three weeks.



First Baby of 2021 Arrives!

Starr Regional Medical Center rang in 2021 with the year's first bundle of joy. Rachel Julia Fomin was born on January 1st at 3:38 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches. Her parents are Anastasia and Vitaliy Fomin. The family was presented with a "Cuddle Quilt" from the Heritage Quilt Guild and a basket of gifts from Starr Regional. The photo shows Rachel Julia with her parents. Standing behind them are Joshua Axmacher, RN, Nursery nurse, and Jennifer Moates, RN, Women's Services nurse.



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We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:
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2 DUDES BBQ & CATERING
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- Monday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:00
- Tuesday-Madisonville - WilSav - 10:30 - 2:00
- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday-Loudon-10:30 - 2:00
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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Pickup Burns on Highway 30 E

This past Saturday afternoon, a pickup truck caught fire and burned on Highway 30 East near the "Showbarn/McMinn County Health Department Road. The fire engines and all the other emergency vehicles that responded added to the congestion in the area already caused by motorists lined up along the shoulder of the highway to get their COVID-19 vaccinations. The driver of the truck, a young man, received what appeared to be fairly minor burns. (Photo special to The Morning Fax)



Obituaries

♦ **Letha Jean Silvers**, age 65, of Madisonville, died Wednesday at CHI Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. A celebration of her life will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Mary Frances Mashburn Bredwell**, age 80, of Athens, died Friday, Jan. 1st, at Starr Regional of Athens. She was formerly associated with NHC. Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Monte Gray**, age 72, of Athens, died Friday at his residence. He was a welder with Heil Trailer International for over 30 years. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday in Idlewild Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Clyde Shelton**, 86, of Athens, died Wednesday. He was a farmer and wood cutter. Services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Tom Frank Arnett**, age 72, of Athens, died last Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He had owned Arnett Heat and Air for over 47 years and served in the Army during the Vietnam era. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Betty Jean Bull**, age 84, of Etowah, died December 27th. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday at New Zion Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DECEMBER WEATHER BY THE NUMBERS

Athens Utilities Board reports there were 5.06 inches of precipitation in the month of December. Their rain gauge measured 1.53 inches on December 14th. On December 25th, Christmas Day, AUB reported 1.4 inches of snow, which melted down to .32 inches of precipitation. Precipitation for the year 2020 totaled 78.49 inches. As far as temperatures are concerned, the highest temperature in Athens in December was 65. That was recorded on both December 11th and 12th. The lowest temperature was 11, recorded on December 26th.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE SUNDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 608,297 cases, up 4,165. 7,025 deaths, up 55.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,524 up 26	3,914	544	66
Meigs	996 up 11	848	132	16
Monroe	3,977 up 25	3,400	521	56
Polk	1,231 up 13	1,035	180	16
Bradley	9,434 up 74	8,228	1,132	74 up 1
Rhea	3,335 up 35	2,794	492	49

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday will be Grant Willhite of TWU discussing "Mask Up, McMinn." The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390, FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

MESSAGE FROM ATHENS SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Athens School Director Robert Greene says the Athens City Schools will return to school on a normal schedule on Tuesday, January 5th. Kids Connection will also be open. He says students need to bring electronic devices back to school on Tuesday.