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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will take place today (Tuesday) with drive-thru refills from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and physician visits at 4 p.m. The free clinic is held on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 South Congress Parkway. It is for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties.
- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department is currently giving COVID-19 vaccinations to people 75 and older and other people who qualify. Depending on the volume of vaccines to be given each day, patients are notified whether to go to the Health Department or go to the Expo Center at Athens Regional Park.
- ✓ The final day to call for the Athens leaf vacuum trucks to get your loose leaves is this Friday, January 29th, at 5 p.m. Call 744-2745 and leave your name, address, & phone number on the voice mail to be placed on a work list to have your leaves vacuumed up.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday P.M.

Tennessee: 710,427 cases, up 1,710. 8,970 deaths, up 111

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,246 up 19	4,846	326	74
Meigs	1,192 up 1	1,081	95	16
Monroe	4,719 up 3	4,336	319	64 up 1
Polk	1,505 up 5	1,347	141	17
Bradley	11,263 up 53	10,364	798	101 up 3
Rhea	3,918 up 5	3,618	242	58 up 1

World's Largest Man Once Lived In the Area

Perhaps you've never heard of Miles Darden, but in the 1800's he was known as one of, if not the largest man ever in human history. Miles was born in North Carolina and died in Lexington, Tennessee. He stood 7-feet, 6-inches tall and weighed over 1,000 pounds at the time of his death in 1857. Darden was married to a woman who was 4 feet, 11 inches tall and weighed only 98 pounds. Darden made a living as a farmer and once owned a saloon. He lived in Rhea County for a while and was an employee of Dr Addison Locke who built a forge on Piney Creek which is close to the mountain near Spring City. He is shown in a photo on Facebook, but it is not confirmed whether that is an actual photograph of him. The Dardens had several children, and their tallest son stood 5-feet, 11-inches tall and was average weight. Darden's weight was estimated by having him ride a wagon and measuring how deep the wheels sank into the mud and comparing that depth to the depth the wheels sank while carrying other objects with a known weight.



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Tuesday: Sun mixed with clouds. High 68.

Tue Night: Cloudy. Low 44.

Wednesday: Cloudy, breezy, and cooler. Possible afternoon rain. High 56.

Wed Night: Cloudy & colder. Possible rain. Low 28.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Carl Henry Boruff**, age 89, of Athens, died January 19th at his home. He was owner of Quality Contractors Vinyl Siding and earlier worked at Alfred's IGA Supermarket. Funeral services were held last Saturday at Woodward Avenue Church of God. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Kenneth Reed Torbett**, age 93, died Monday. He is survived by Dianne Hansen (Jerry) of Athens. He was a longtime farmer and owner of Hillside Surplus. He served in the U.S. Army as a guard patrolman in Germany at the close of World War II. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Bierley-Hale Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

AUB TO HELP COVID NEEDS IN THE AREA

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to plague many people in the area, Athens Utilities Board has taken steps to get more aid money into the hands of the neediest in the utility's service area. AUB will again use some of its Warm Neighbors Fund and will partner with United Way to provide money to the needy communities in the area. By doing so, AUB and United Way qualify to receive more funds back from TVA. Coordinated Charities, led by Kevin Lane, will be the place where members of affected communities can go to request financial assistance. \$20,000 will be available for assistance in rent, utilities, and food.

Home Sales for December

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 51 home sales in December. Here is a sampling:

County Rd 490, Etowah -	\$572,000
County Rd 422, Athens -	\$420,000
County Rd 554, Athens -	\$400,000
County Rd 531, Etowah -	\$375,000
County Rd 784, Etowah -	\$290,000
County Rd 603, Athens -	\$268,500
County Rd 299, Sweetwater -	\$266,007
County Rd 7030, Athens -	\$265,000
Tenn. Avenue, Etowah -	\$265,000
County Rd 7030, Athens -	\$255,000
County Rd 609, Etowah -	\$254,500
Brentwood Dr., Etowah -	\$253,000
County Rd 709, Riceville -	\$250,000
Pinecrest Drive, Athens -	\$239,900
County Rd 435, Englewood -	\$236,000
Cunningham, Athens -	\$226,400
County Rd 67, Riceville -	\$225,000
County Rd 552, Athens -	\$225,000
County Rd 577, Englewood -	\$209,900
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County Rd 280, Niota -	\$200,000
County Rd 172, Athens -	\$199,900
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