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Community News You Can Use

✓ Starr Regional Medical Center announces that it is transitioning from a restricted visitor protocol. The decision was made as current projections continue to indicate a lower than expected volume of COVID-19 in the region. The updated policy which allows most patients to have visitors is effective immediately. Starr Regional will continue to screen everyone who enters the facility for symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

✓ In Celebration of National Poetry Month, E.G. Fisher Public Library will hold a Poetry Month Celebration on April 23rd with guest speakers Alice Friman and Dr. Patricia Waters. This will be an in-person event with readings at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All social distancing guidelines will be in place during this event and everyone is asked to wear a mask. Masks will be provided. The program is free of charge.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE TUESDAY 4-6

Tennessee: 818,008 cases, up 986. 11,967 deaths, up 38.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,239 up 6	86	96
Meigs	1,319 up 1	15	23
Monroe	5,609 up 10	75	95
Polk	1,941 up 1	47	24
Bradley	14,194 up 41	302	147 up 2
Rhea	4,271	40	75

Nothing Sweeter Than Honey

Thousands of honey bees arrived in Athens this past Saturday. The Cherokee Beekeepers Association members ordered "package bees" from an apiary in Claxton, Georgia. The packages contained approximately 10,000 workers and one queen per package. Honey bees help pollinate fruit and vegetables and are the only insect that produces edible honey. In the photo, President Suzi Drumright discusses how to install bees with a local beekeeper. The Cherokee Beekeepers will meet on April 27th at 7 p.m. at Athens Farmers Co-Op if you would like to learn more about bees.

(Photo by Jim Gentry)



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Obituaries

♦ **Janice Donahoe**, age 67, died Friday, April 2nd. She was retired but worked at E.K. Baker Elementary School helping the students at lunch. The family will receive friends on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at Niota First Baptist Church, with a memorial service to follow at 1 p.m. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Matthew D. Arden**, of Sevierville, and formerly of Niota, died Thursday, April 1st. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens.

♦ **Rev. James "Jimmy" Allen Price**, age 73, of Athens, died on Monday. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He pastored several churches including Springtown Baptist in Reliance and Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, where he just retired. A celebration of life will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur with visitation at 1 p.m. Companion of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

GOVERNOR LEE OPPOSES VACCINE PASSPORTS

Governor Bill Lee says he is opposed to COVID-19 vaccine passports and is supporting legislation to prohibit them from being required in Tennessee. Lee's statement comes a day after Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order banning businesses from requiring customers to show proof they have been vaccinated against the virus.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be students at Women at the Well. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

Control Burn Gets Out of Control

A control burn became an out of control burn Monday afternoon on County Road 450. The fire burned around 2 acres. The Englewood Rural, Athens Rural, and Athens City Fire Departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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