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Monday, April 19, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The City of Athens has released a new online tool that seeks civic input on the front end of the city's budget planning process for the upcoming fiscal year. Last year, the city attempted to host sessions soliciting for "civic input into the city budget" but was only able to hold one session prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tool is available here: AthensTN.Gov/BudgetInput
- ✓ Reminder: Groundbreaking for the new construction of the Athens City Primary and Intermediate School will be held on Monday, April 19th at 5:15 p.m. at City Park School.
- ✓ [Main Street Athens](#) and the Athens Area Council for the Arts are sponsoring Fifth Friday "Spring Fling" on Friday, April 30 from 5pm to 9pm. This is also International Jazz Day and 2 bands will provide live music! Plus you can browse around for a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree with the "Jazzy Shop Hop". Food trucks, chalk artist, dancers and more will be up and down White Street. Other shops located on Jackson, Washington, Madison & Hill Street will be open until 8:00pm. Restaurants will also be open. (See Listening Reminder below for more details)

LISTENING REMINDER: Join us for Main Street Moments on Tuesday. The guest will be Timberly Guffey, the Main Street Shop Hop Coordinator. Timberly will be sharing about the upcoming Fifth Friday Spring Fling and the "Jazzy Shop Hop." The program will be heard at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI Radio: AM -1390 FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

Around the Volunteer State

- ♦ One of Chattanooga's most famous World War II heroes, Charles Coolidge, was buried at the Chattanooga National Cemetery on Friday. He was 99 years old. Coolidge was a Chattanooga native and received the Medal of Honor for the saving of the lives of 200 Jews in a Nazi POW camp.
- ♦ Governor Bill Lee has signed the Evelyn Boswell legislation from the General Assembly into law. It takes effect on July 1st and requires parents or guardians to report a child missing within 24 hours if the child is 12 years of age or younger. The new law is named for a 2 year old girl from Sullivan County whose mother didn't report her missing for several weeks. The child's body was discovered buried on a family farm. The mother, Megan Boswell, is now facing felony murder charges.
- ♦ Emergency crews were called to a home in Nashville last week and found two people dead and two more unconscious, unresponsive and in critical condition. An electric generator was found inside the house. Crews reported high levels of carbon monoxide in the dwelling.
- ♦ The U.S. Department of Justice has charged a Kingsport man with 13 counts in a recent indictment because of his participation in the breach and riots at the U.S. Capitol on January 6. The DOJ identified the suspect as 41-year-old Albuquerque Head.
- ♦ General Motors and LG Energy Solution have announced they will construct a huge electric vehicle battery factory in Spring Hill that will eventually create over 8,000 jobs. The factory will cost \$2.3 billion. Governor Lee said it will be the largest single investment in Tennessee's history.

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- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday-Athens PaPaw's Place-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday PM: Benefit Concert for Coach Mcphail-MCHS football field 6-9 p.m.
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WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Partly sunny. High 67.
Mon. night - Partly cloudy. Low 43.
Tuesday - Partly sunny and pleasant. High 72.
Wednesday - Cooler. High 54.
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Obituaries-continued

♦ **Catherine Janetta Arnold Newman**, age 82, of Athens, died Friday at her residence. She was a former employee of Athens Hosiery Mill for 30 years and later retired from Crescent Hosiery Mill after 16 years of service. Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Monday at Clearwater Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities trended higher last week as positive economic readings and the start of first-quarter earnings announcements bolstered investor sentiment. Markets kept with that trend on Friday, finishing slightly to the upside to reach new highs a day after the Dow closed above 34,000 for the first time at 34,200.67 +164.68. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 15.05 points to 4,185.47, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 13.58 points to 14,052.34.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 4-16

Tennessee: 830,484 cases, up 1,370. 12,049 deaths up 8.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,342 up 11	109 up 1	95
Meigs	1,341 up 2	21 down 1	23
Monroe	5,702 up 20	101 up 15	95
Polk	1,990 up 6	54 up 4	24
Bradley	14,518 up 41	358 up 8	147
Rhea	4,303 down 1	32 down 6	75

Obituaries

- ♦ **Frances "Fran" Leona Benson Wittenmyer**, age 73, of Athens, died Thursday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- ♦ **Michael "David" Pierce**, age 49, of Athens, died Friday at his residence. He was the owner of Pierce's Horse Shoeing. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with interment following the service in Cedar Grove Cemetery.
- ♦ **Rachel Yvonne Raper Casteel**, age 79, of Athens, died Thursday at the residence of her daughter. Funeral services were held Saturday at Valley Road Baptist Church with interment in the Valley Road Cemetery on Sunday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Zachary "Zack" Collin Brady**, age 22, died April 5th. He worked at Revolution Dance in Knoxville where he was a teacher, choreographer and mentor. The family will hold a private memorial service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 19th
1775 - The American Revolutionary War began at the Battle of Lexington, Massachusetts. Eight Minutemen were killed and 10 wounded in an exchange of musket fire with British Redcoat troops.
1897 - The first annual Boston Marathon — the first of its type in the United States — was run. John J. McDermott of New York City won.
1933 - The United States ended the "gold standard" for the dollar.
1934 - Dickie Goodman was born. He and his sidekick, Bill Buchanan, originated the novel approach to featuring bits of popular songs strung together to tell a story. Their biggest hit was "The Flying Saucer (Parts 1 & 2)" in 1956. Goodman also had a hit using the same approach in 1974 with a recording titled "Energy Crisis '74."
1995 - The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was destroyed by a bomb hidden in a rent-a-truck. 168 people including 19 children died in the blast.



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