

Daily Edition

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Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Gov. Lee Extends Remain at Home as Data from Cellphones Used to Track Citizens

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has extended his Executive Order 23 requiring Tennesseans stay at home unless they are carrying out essential activities.

The Governor is using peoples cell phones to track their movement within the state and that has

set off a plethora of opinions including from our own three mayors with two being for it while our county mayor was against it.

“Over the last few weeks, we have seen decreases in movement around the state as Tennesseans socially distance and

stay at home,” said Gov. Lee. “However, we continue to see data indicating that movement may be increasing and we must get these numbers trending back down. I have updated my previous executive order to clearly require that Tennesseans stay at home unless they are

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How to Reach Out If You Are In Need in the Loudon County Area

If you have a medical emergency use 911! If your emergency is not life threatening use the non emergency line to dispatch at 865-458-9081

If you need assistance you may call the following departments in Lenoir City:

Mayor’s Office/ General Information 865-986-2715
City Court 865-635-0006
City Recorder/Finance Office – 865-986-2227

Building Official / Codes Enforcement/ Planning/Stormwater 865-986-9876

see help pg. 2

Gov. Lee Announces \$10 Million in Small and Rural Hospital Readiness Grants

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced the State of Tennessee will allocate \$10 million in Small and Rural Hospital Readiness Grants to support hospitals that are facing financial strain due to the ongoing response to COVID-19.

“Small and rural hospitals are critical to fighting COVID-19 and these grants will

help complement federal aid dollars to ensure hospitals can continue delivering care through this crisis,” said Gov. Lee. “These organizations not only provide care for existing needs but are also a key part of our efforts to build and maintain bed capacity during the expected surge of COVID-19 cases.”

The funds, capped see grants pg. 2

Former Deputy Charged with Felony Reckless Endangerment after shooting revolver inside vehicle

Former Claiborne County Sheriff’s Deputy Noah Arnwine turned himself in this morning to the Loudon County Jail on a felony reckless endangerment warrant taken out by TBI as a result of their investigation into a

November 2018 incident where Arnwine discharged his personal revolver inside of the Claiborne County Sheriff’s vehicle in which he was a passenger returning through Loudon County on I-75

with another deputy from having just delivered an inmate to Moccasin Bend in Chattanooga.

The incident came to public light in late 2019 when the investigation was predicated to TBI by the

See Deputy P.3



Verse of the Day

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine

closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

—1 Timothy 4:15-16
Wazzup

We are going to try to

print at least once a week until this is over thanks to everyone who reached out to us as well. Remember to shop local and small and we can get back open soon.

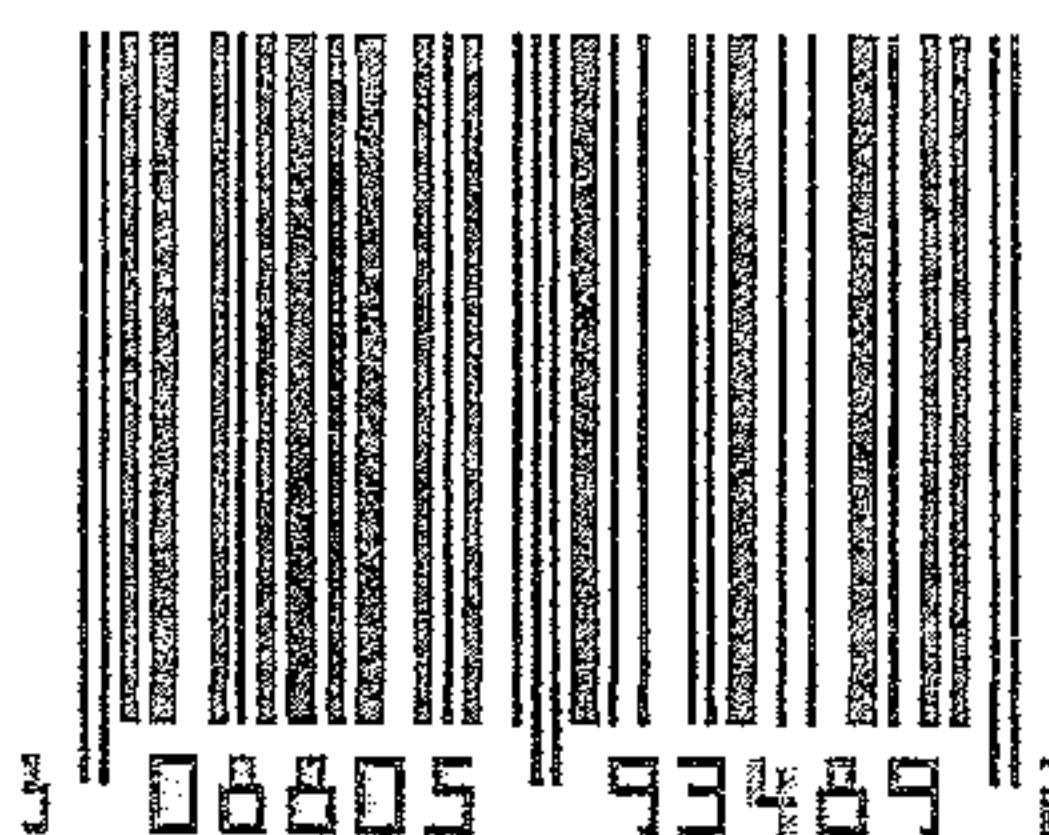
Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 63F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 38F

Thursday: Sunny. High of 74F.

Thursday night: Clear. Low of 52F.



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carrying out essential activities.”

Data from the Tennessee Department of Transportation analyzed traffic patterns for March 2020. While safer at home measures and further restrictions on businesses showed a steep drop-off in vehicle movement from March 13-29, data beginning on March 30 indicates travel is trending upwards, again.

The Administration also analyzed data from Unacast to understand cell phone mobility and determine movement trends among people. Unacast indicates the movement of Tennesseans is trending toward pre-COVID-19 levels.

“The month of April stands to be an extremely tough time for our state as we face the potential for a surge in COVID-19 cases,” said Lee. “Every Tennessean must take this seriously, remain at home and ensure we save lives.”

The executive order remains in effect until now until April 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Gov. Lee will address these measures in another press briefing at that time. Locally, Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens along with Loudon Mayor Jeff Harris both stated at Monday’s press conference they had no problem with the state tracking peoples cell phones. County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw however stated he completely disagreed with the state tracking peoples phone and using that data which in some cases much like his own provides false information about what the people may be doing. Mayor Bradshaw stated he has to go to throughout the county on a daily basis to continue government functions including the press conference we attended on Monday. Mayor Bradshaw also stated he has been using this time to do a lot of hunting and fishing in the state as well and a lot of those locations are very remote and you have to drive a long way to get. The state is using some company to gather their data from citizens and it then after that they grade the county as to how they are doing with staying at home however they encourage you to go fishing

and hunting and to walking trails and so on as long as it’s not around a large group of people . Now that very same data shows you not at home so they use it against our county thus providing false numbers to the state and the state giving a bogus grade.

Mayor Aikens along with Mayor Harris stated Monday they are continuing to keep the parks closed however the walking trails will be open for your use.

Mayor Aikens was asked about the TWRA closing off ramps and now allowing boats on the water and proclaimed that was ‘fake news’ and he had been in contact with TRWA and all the waterways are open for people to use however TVA has closed their boat ramps and campgrounds during this time. So you are allowed to fish in your boat or on the side.

All Three Mayors continued to stress the social distancing is needed and also let everyone know as well that NO LAW ENFORCEMENT in our County meaning LCPD LPD and LCSO nor the 9th DTF will be stopping people based in them being out. If you are stopped get the badge number and name of the officer and report it immediately. THP However is under the direction of the State and they do what they want already and there has been a large presence of THP along the interstates and highways throughout the state even on some backroads.

This Order will be in effect until April 30 and we will let you know when we know.

Grants

at \$500,000 per hospital, will be allocated from the state’s FY20 COVID-19 response appropriation and distributed by the Department of Finance & Administration.

For participating hospitals, the grants will serve as a bridge over the coming weeks while elective procedures are suspended and new federal funds are still processing. Applications are live today and can be accessed here: <https://www.tn.gov/ecd/rural-development/small-and-rural-hospital-readiness-grant>.

Due to the continually developing nature of the pandemic, the application

will be held open for a month or until funds are expended.

Help

Police Department 865-986-2005
Fire Chief – 865-986-8870

Parks & Recreation 865-986-1223
The Venue 865-986-8340

For the City of Loudon City Hall is 865-458-2033

Loudon Utilities is 865-458-2091

Loudon Police and Fire Department 865-408-0408

Loudon County Mayor’s Office 865-458-4664

Loudon County Sheriff’s Office 865-986-4823

Deputy

Loudon County District Attorney.

Attorney Wesley Stone represented Arnwine at the hearing today where Arnwine pled guilty to a misdemeanor reckless endangerment.

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As district attorneys we see a lot of the stupid things that people do. We are all human and none of us is immune from mental lapses. But gun safety is critical, especially as a law enforcement officer. There was no good reason, in my opinion, for Deputy Arnwine to be playing with a loaded revolver in that car and pulling the trigger. He could have hurt himself, his partner or the occupant of any passing vehicle. Thus, the need for prosecution.

However, I hope and think that Noah Arnwine is sincerely embarrassed by his actions. As a former deputy there has to be a certain level of humiliation in the process of being arrested, booked and brought into court before a judge to admit to such conduct. I think that Arnwine will be glad to put this behind him and move forward.

**Public Notice
Notice of Meetings**

Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at the County Office Building as follows:

The following meetings will begin at 10:00 AM:

Wednesday, April 22

Friday, April 24

Monday, April 27

Wednesday, April 29

Friday, May 1

Wednesday, May 6

Friday, May 8

Monday, May 11

Wednesday, May 13

Friday, May 15

Wednesday, May 20

Friday, May 22

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR
LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939
As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012)

**IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF:
DOCKET NO: Regarding the Estate of:
LARRY KEITH WATKINS, deceased
DKT# 6072**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th DAY OF APRIL 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of LARRY KEITH WATKINS who died on the 28th day of March 2020 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 7th DAY OF APRIL 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk
Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
DIANNA MASON

Notice to Creditors:
All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$11.00 to Loudon County Probate Court , 12680 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City , TN 37771
Run date: 4-15-20 & 4-22-20

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**IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF:
DOCKET NO: Regarding the Estate of:
JACK EDWARD BURNETTE, deceased
DKT# 6071**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th DAY OF APRIL 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of JACK EDWARD BURNETTE who died on the 10th day of February 2020 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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