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## **Covid-19 Virus News Update**

The Tennessee Department of Health's Monday report says McMinn County has now had 103 confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Eleven of the patients have recovered. One death is being reported. Monroe County has 29 cases, 12 patients recovered, and one death. Bradley County reports 56 cases, with 44 recovered and one death. Meigs County has 10 cases so far and four have recovered. The totals for Tennessee are 13,571 cases and 219 deaths.

#### MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce advises that its office at the L&N Depot is still closed. The Chamber board meeting for May has been postponed until June 9th. The flag display that is put up each May is still in doubt.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is planning to reopen on Tuesday, May 26th, and will adhere to all COVID-19 guidelines.
- The governor's office has issued guidelines for churches:
- Everyone over 65 and people with disabilities or who are immune-compromised should not return to church at this point. Also children's activities and nursery programs should not resume yet.
- Avoid handshaking. Wear face coverings. Limit seating to 50% of the rooms' capacity, and seat people 6 feet apart. Family members may sit together, however.

# **Jack Nicklaus Visit Postponed**

The 14th annual Athens Chamber of Commerce event with Jack

Nicklaus scheduled for June 27th has been postponed until Saturday, October 17th, at McMinn County High School. Dinner and program only tickets are still available. To purchase tickets, call the chamber at 745-0334 or visit the chamber office at #13 North Jackson Street in Downtown Athens. Nicklaus has changed the face of golf more than anyone else. He is also a designer of golf courses, a philanthropist, and a good-will ambassador.



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## **Obituaries**

- James L. Rogers, age 94, of Knoxville, died Sunday. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- Thelma "Sue" Buckner Hayes, age 92, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. Graveside services will be at 12 p.m. on Thursday at Mars Hill Cemetery with visitation from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens.
- Kenneth Ray Newman, age 83, of Athens, died Sunday in Chattanooga Hospice. He retired from Athens Utilities Board after 34 years. A private graveside service will be Wednesday in Idlewild Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

#### **MORE VIRUS NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic closely. Most Driver Services Centers remain open while taking precautions to protect the health and safety of both customers and employees. Limited services will be offered until May 18th. In the coming weeks, the Department will release details on a phased approach to resume full services.

Meigs County High School seniors will be honored by a parade on May 16th. The parade will be held through the city of Decatur starting at 10 a.m. May 16th was the original date of the high school graduation before it was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The UT Extension-McMinn County is continuing to suspend inperson classes, activities, and meetings until July 31st. For more information, call 333-9120.

ROAD CLOSING: Beginning today thru Wednesday, May County Road 968 (Linsdale Road) will be closed for road maintenance at the McMinn County & Polk County line.

# Wrecks Take No Holiday

Emergency personnel were busy in McMinn County this past weekend. A 2003 Dodge R25 left the roadway and flipped on its

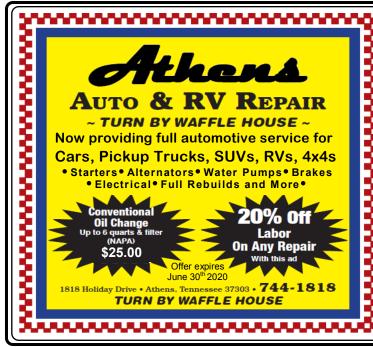
side at County Roads 660 and 625 Saturday night. The Etowah Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. THP's Blake investi-Shannon



(Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)







### **TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

If you are Mexican or of Mexican descent today, Cinco de Mayo, is the day to celebrate the anniversary of the 1862 Battle of Puebla. General Ignacio Zaragoza's troops were outnumbered three to one as they battled the invading French army. They may have been outnumbered but they had the will to win. The Mexican forces defeated Napoleon III's army and Puebla stood.

**1818 -** Political philosopher Karl Marx was born in Prussia.

**1821 -** Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

**1891 -** Carnegie Hall (then named Music Hall) opened in New York City.

1925 - John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.

1955 - West Germany became a sovereign state.

**1961 -** Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight in a capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.