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Thursday, May 7, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Latest Update on Coronavirus

The TN Department of Health reports McMinn County has a total of 107 cases of the coronavirus. Thirteen of the patients have recovered. Three deaths are now reported in McMinn County. Bradley County has had 61 cases, with 47 recoveries and one death. Monroe County's total number of cases is 26. Fifteen of those have recovered. There has been one death in Monroe Co. Meigs County's total stands at 11 cases with four recovered. Polk County's total is 12, with 8 patients recovered. Statewide, the number of cases is 13,938. There have been 239 deaths. Meantime, the Shaw plant in Decatur has shut down after an employee tested positive for COVID-19. The plant will be reopened after cleaning and disinfecting. Workers who came in close contact with the associate who tested positive will have to self-quarantine.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

✓ Free face masks will soon be available at the McMinn County Health Department and other health departments across the state. Governor Lee's Unified Command Group is partnering with Renfro, a sock company headquartered in North Carolina. They will make washable, reusable cloth face masks at their facility in Cleveland. The state will supply the first 300,000 Renfro masks, based on population, to Tennessee's health departments this week. Each health department will be allocated 1,000 masks. Residents needing a mask will be able to pick them up at the county health departments.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens Utilities Board is scheduling an emergency repair in the Englewood Substation this coming Sunday, May 10th, from 2 to 5 p.m. During routine checks of the transformer, AUB technicians saw a problem that needs to be fully checked out and taken repaired. In order to do that, they will have to switch all feeds in Englewood to a spare transformer. In order to make that switch, power will have to be cut off to every customer on the Englewood Substation. AUB says they realize it is Mother's Day and they would not do the work on Sunday if not necessary.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that Jackson Street will be closed from Green Street to New Englewood Road today (Thursday) from 8 a.m. until Friday, May 22nd, at 5 p.m. No thru traffic will be allowed. The purpose of the closure is for drainage improvements and street repairs.
- ✓ The Athens City School System announces the procedure to register for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. For Pre-K registration, call 745-1516. For Kindergarten registration, call 745-2868 or visit: www.athenscityschools.net.
- ✓ The Tennessee Sheriff's Association (TSA) is warning the public of a scam circulating the state and targeting citizens. Scammers are calling and posing as TSA President and Montgomery County Sheriff John Fuson and asking for membership dues and donations to help during the coronavirus pandemic. Sheriff Fuson says the TSA never asks for donations over the phone.

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Thursday - Partly sunny and cool. High 67.
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Obituaries

♦ **Layla Clair Wilson Long**, age 27, of Athens, died Tuesday in Athens. Graveside services will be Friday in Cedar Grove Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equities ended the day lower. U.S. private payroll fell by more than 20 million in April. Disney reported earnings below expectations and announced it is suspending its dividend for the first half of the year. Treasury prices dipped. Interest rates increased.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 218 points or 0.9% to 23,665. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 20 points or 0.7% to 2,848, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 45 points or 0.5% to 8,854.

In bond markets, the 30-year Treasury yield traded higher at 1.40%, and the 10-year Treasury yield traded higher at .70%.

In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$21.20 to \$1,689.40, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.40 to \$24.16.

♦ MORE VIRUS NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Barber shops, beauty salons, tanning salons, and tattoo shops in Tennessee reopened on Wednesday. Small group businesses, such as bowling alleys and putt putt golf courses will be allowed to reopen tomorrow (Friday).

AUB Pledges COVID-19 Money

Athens Utilities Board is using its Warm Neighbors Fund to work with the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties to provide money to the needy communities as the COVID-19 crisis continues in the area. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough also says TVA has agreed to assist. Scarbrough says the United Way is using \$5,000 it had raised for COVID-19 support and AUB is using \$5,000 from its Warm Neighbors Fund. He says TVA has agreed to match that amount. Seventy-five percent of the total money, or \$15,000, will be used for aid in rental and utility assistance. The remaining \$5,000 will be used for food assistance. Coordinated Charities, led by Executive Director Kevin Lane, will be in charge of administering the resources.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GOES ONLINE

Today is the National Day of Prayer. This year, due to the coronavirus, it has become the online Zoom National Day of Prayer. Members of the Athens Ministerial Association will participate by means of Zoom starting at 9:30 a.m. David Graybeal, David Spann, Rich White, Charles Ensminger, Roxianne Sherles, Brad Brown, Alex Thompson, Vant Hardaway, Ellen Peach, and Wayne Williams will be praying for national, state, and local leaders, our schools, our businesses, our churches, our families, and our health care workers. The Zoom meeting will be uploaded to YouTube so the public can watch it later. To join the Zoom meeting click: [HERE](#)

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