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## Today's News... This Morning

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### Covid-19 Virus Update

McMinn County has now had a total of 122 cases of the coronavirus; 32 of them have recovered. There have now been 8 deaths, all patients at Life Care Center of Athens. Bradley County has had a total of 72 cases of the virus; 51 have recovered and one has died. Monroe County's total cases stands at 31, with 17 recoveries and one death. Meigs County has had 22 cases of the coronavirus and 8 have recovered. In Tennessee, the total number of cases has reached 15,544 with 251 deaths.

#### JOBLESS RATE UP SLIGHTLY IN THE AREA

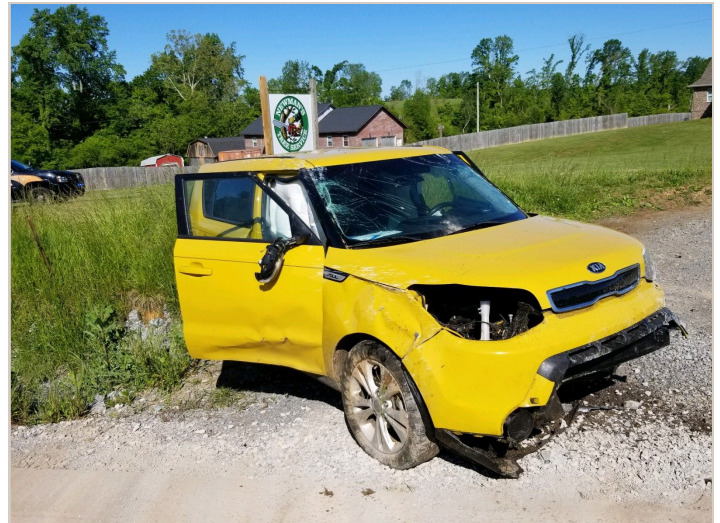
The unemployment rate dropped in two-thirds of Tennessee's counties in March, compared to February. The figures do not take into account the impact of the COVID-19 health emergency which did not start showing up until the 3rd and 4th weeks of March. In McMinn County, the unemployment rate in March was 4.2%, up from 4.1% in February. Meigs County posted a jobless rate of 5.2% in March, up from 5.1% in February. In Monroe County, the unemployment rate in March was 4.2%, up from 4.1% in February. Polk County's jobless rate in March was 4.2%, down from 4.5% in February. In Bradley County, the unemployment rate in March was 3.8%, up from 3.7% in February.

**DON'T FORGET:** A KC-135 tanker aircraft from Knoxville will be flying over Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens today at 12:15 p.m. in a salute to medical personnel and first responders.

### Driver Hurt in Highway 307 Wreck

Around 9:30 Sunday morning, this 2004 Kia Soul overturned on Highway 307. The driver was injured and was transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Englewood and Niota rural fire departments responded, along with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department and the THP. Corporal Jason Lee investigated the accident.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. equities ended the day mixed. Financials saw the biggest hit, and technology saw an increase. The Fed has reiterated its "whatever it takes" support for banks and the economy. Elon Musk has indicated Tesla could be moving its headquarters from California to Nevada. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 109 points or 0.4% to 24,222. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0 points or 0.0% to 2,930, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 71 points or 0.8% to 9,192.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Hubert Reece Watson**, age 66, of Englewood, died Sunday at his home. The family will have a graveside service on Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Green Hill Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **James Franklin "Jim" Moore**, age 61, of Athens died last Thursday in a Chattanooga hospital. He was an over the road truck driver and an Army veteran. There will be no public services at this time. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

### ◆ VIRUS NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Fourth of July Committee and the Etowah Chamber of Commerce have decided to cancel the 4th of July Celebration this year. Chamber President Durant Tullock says they do not feel they can ask Etowah's struggling businesses, industries, and individuals during this tough time to donate the \$25,000 required to hold the celebration.

✓ The Athens Lions Club has cancelled its 11th annual MOOOOO Run!! which was originally scheduled for May 2nd, then postponed until June 6th on Eureka Trail. Organizers say they are having to cancel the event because they will not be allowed to use the trail due to the COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

✓ The RAM (Remote Area Medical) Clinic that was scheduled for July 11-12 at McMinn County High School is being postponed. Plans are to reschedule it later.

## House Fire on CR 804

This past Saturday around 2:30 a.m., firefighters were called to a house fire on County Road 804, Etowah. Flames were visible out of one of the bedrooms. There was extensive damage to the bedroom and other areas of the house. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)



### TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 12<sup>th</sup>

**1820** - Nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale was born. She was in charge of nursing British soldiers during the Crimean War. Soldiers called her "the lady with the lamp" because she carried her lamp as she walked the halls of their hospitals at night.

**1907** - Actress Katharine Hepburn was born in Hartford, Conn.

**1924** - Lawrence Peter Berra (better known as "Yogi") was born. He was a catcher for the New York Yankees and later managed both the Yankees and the Mets.

**1929** - Songwriter and musician Bert Bacharach was born. He wrote such hits as "Raindrops Keep Falling On Your Head" and "I'll Never Fall In Love Again."

**1932** - The body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J.

**1937** - Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

**1982** - Pope John Paul II was assaulted by a knife-wielding Spanish priest while visiting the shrine of Fatima in Portugal. (In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff had been lightly wounded.)

**2003** - Fifty-nine Texas House Democrats fled to Oklahoma to prevent passage of a congressional redistricting bill.

**2008** - An earthquake in China's Sichuan province killed some 70,000 people.

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