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Latest Update on Coronavirus

Tennessee's coronavirus cases continue to rise. As of Wednesday afternoon, there have been 21,306 cases statewide, with 353 deaths. McMinn County's total increased to 136. Ninety-five of the patients have recovered with 14 deaths. Meigs County has 25 cases with 21 recoveries, Rhea County has 197 cases with 12 recoveries. Monroe County has 59 cases with 44 recoveries and two deaths. Bradley County has 105 cases with 81 recoveries and one death. Polk County now has 15 cases with 13 recoveries.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The pool at the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA has reopened, but with guidelines. Initially, the pool will only be open for lap swimming/individual exercising. You should call to reserve a lap lane for up to one hour. Immediate family members (up to a total of 4) may share one lap lane. No more than 9 swimmers will be allowed in the pool at any time. Showers will remain closed. No groups will be allowed.
- ✓ The Englewood City Hall's lobby will reopen on June 1st. Utility cutoffs for nonpayment will resume as normal on June 21st. The court clerk will be stationed at City Hall for the time being. All citation inquiries or payments will be made at City Hall.
- ✓ The All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, has been cancelled for this year due to the coronavirus and due to the high number of local Soap Box races (including Athens) that could not be held due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A Parade for Central Grads

A parade to salute the graduates of the McMinn Central High School Class of 2020 will be held on Saturday, June 6th. The parade will start at 11 a.m. in Downtown Etowah. Staging for the parade will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lot located at Ohio Avenue and 8th Street. The parade route will travel south on Ohio Avenue to 10th Street, then turn onto Highway 411, and will go north on Highway 411 to 5th Street. For more information, call 263-2228.

Athens Budget Passes 1st Reading

The Athens City Council has passed the budget ordinance for 2021 on the first reading. The vote was 4 to 1. Dick Pelley cast the one no vote. The budget includes two new positions: an assistant fire chief and a detective for the Athens Police Department. However, it does NOT contain a property tax increase. The public hearing, second reading, and final vote will take place at the June City Council meeting.

NOTE: The McMinn County Health Department is still encouraging individuals and families to come get a free mask. They are being given out Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are also giving masks to churches in McMinn County. A church representative should call Regina Brown at 745-7431 to make arrangements to get the masks.

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Obituaries

♦ **Timothy David Bryson**, age 49, of Englewood, died Tuesday at UT Medical Center. He was a former employee at Eaton Corporation. Funeral services will be this Saturday, May 30th, at 12 noon at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

♦ **L. A. Helms**, age 85, of Athens, died May 14th at Sweetwater Hospital. A private graveside service was held May 18th. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge.

♦ **Patsy Darlene Russell Watson**, age 66, of Benton, died Wednesday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Madisonville Church of God of Prophecy with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher, with all 11 sectors finishing in positive territory. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 553 points or 2.2% to 25,548. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 44 points or 1.5% to 3,036, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 72 points or 0.8% to 9,412.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year treasury yield is little changed at 1.44%, and the 10-year Treasury yield is little changed at .69%. The spot price of gold rose \$6.40 to \$1,712.00, and the price of crude oil fell \$1.48 to \$32.87.

Motorcycle Wreck on CR 850

This past Sunday around 12 noon, the driver of this 2004 Harley Davidson lost control, hitting the pavement. The operator was injured and was airlifted to Erlanger. The Etowah and Englewood rural fire departments responded, along with AMR, Lifestar, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department. THP Officer Dakota Bromley investigated.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 28th

1888 - American athlete Jim Thorpe was born in Oklahoma. He was an All-American football player in 1911 and 1912 at Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. In 1912, he won gold medals in both the decathlon and pentathlon at the Olympic games in Stockholm before his gold medals were revoked on a technicality. Thorpe played professional baseball and football, and sought an acting career after retiring from sports.

1908 - English novelist Ian Fleming was born. During World War II, he did espionage work for the British Naval Intelligence. Fleming created the secret service agent character James Bond in his novels.

1934 - The famous Dionne quintuplets were born. Three of the quints survived—Annette, Cecile, and Yvonne.

1940 - The Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

1944 - Singer Gladys Knight was born. Her biggest hit record was "Midnight Train to Georgia."

2006 - Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants hit his 715th home run to pass Babe Ruth on the career list and move into second place behind Hank Aaron.

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