

COVID-19 Virus Update

The number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee has increased 563 to 26,944, with 17,563 patients recovered and 421 deaths (up 13 from Sunday). McMinn County's total of cases is 153, up 3, with 111 recovered and 14 deaths. Rhea County has had 221 cases, with 203 patients recovered. Meigs County has 27 cases with 22 recovered. Polk County's total is 23 cases with 17 recovered. Monroe County has 76 cases, 61 recoveries, and 4 deaths. Bradley County has had 219 cases, 134 recoveries, and 2 deaths.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

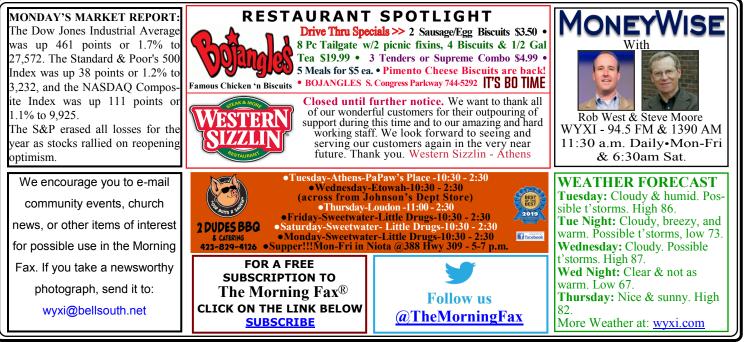
✓ The Athens Parks Department advises that effective June 10th, park restrooms will be opened. Effective June 11th, existing reservations will be honored and new reservations will be taken for group pavilion use. Also, new reservations will be allowed at the Conference Center. Effective June 22nd, Ingleside Pool will be open for general swimming and for party rental. Effective July 18th, organized softball and baseball games and tournaments may be held at Athens Regional Park. The Splashpad, public play-grounds, and basketball courts will remain closed until further guidance from the state and CDC.

✓ The American Legion Post 68 will open again this Thursday, June 12th, at 7 p.m. It will be their first meeting since the quarantine. The Legion will NOT be having their annual Fourth of July Celebration at Market Park Pavilion this year. There will not be a Fish Fry this month at the VFW, but it WILL be held in July.

Saluting the Graduates

The Etowah Chamber of Commerce helped to organize the 2020 McMinn Central Graduate Parade. It took place along Highway 411 last Saturday. Durant Tullock sent the photo below to The Morning Fax. Tullock says thank you to the City of Etowah and the Etowah Police Department for assisting and to Jessi Knox for helping to make the parade happen.







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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

• Jean C. Williams Hamilton, age 82, of Etowah, died last Friday. Because of the "virus" there will be a private graveside service for the family only at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Green Hill Cemetery. The family sends a special thanks to the staff of Life Care of Athens for their special love and care for Jean during the last years of her life. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• Maxine "Sam" Shell, age 85, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. She was an accountant, retiring from Athens Plow Company after more than 50 years of service. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

• Norma Jean Jones Henry, 80, of Fentress County, died Sunday. Her daughter, Marsha Masengil, lives in Englewood. No formal services will be held. Bordwine is in charge.

• **Danny Joe Dalton**, age 74, of Etowah, died Sunday at his home. A memorial service will be Friday at 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Etowah. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

✓ First Baptist Church of Athens announces that their Parents' Day Out Program will be available for the summer. The program is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. The summer dates are June 9 - July 16, and the cost for the six week summer program is \$200, which includes supplies and a daily snack that is provided. Many new precautions have been instituted to maintain the health and safety of the children and leaders, one of which is to limit the number of participants. Consult the <u>church website</u> or call the church office @ 423-745-5441 for further information and registration as soon as possible.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 9nd

1781 - Railway pioneer and inventor George Stephenson was born in England. His steam locomotive, "The Rocket," reached a record-breaking speed of 30 miles per hour.

1891 - Songwriter Cole Porter was born in Indiana. He wrote such popular songs as "I Love Paris," Begin the Beguine," and "Wunderbar."

1915 - Guitar player Les Paul was born. He and his wife, Mary Ford, recorded many popular records in the 1950's, such as "The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise" and "Vaya Con Dios." Les Paul died in 2009.

1934 - The cartoon character Donald Duck made his debut in the film, "The Wise Little Hen."

1973 - Secretariat won horse racing's Triple Crown with a victory at the Belmont Stakes.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Peoples Bank of East Tennessee recognized Congressman Chuck Fleischmann for his role in assisting the bank in obtaining approval as a lender for the SBA's Payroll Protection Program. As a result, Peoples Bank has originated \$11.5 million in loans to more than 350 local business owners throughout the area. An appreciation luncheon was held for Congressman Fleischmann. The photo shows: (L-R) Chris White (President & CEO), Fleischmann, and Larry Sloan (Peoples Bank Director & Vice Chairman)



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