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Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Covid-19 Virus Update

The number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee continues to climb. The latest total is 31,830. That's up 670 from Monday. 20,710 patients have recovered and there have now been 493 deaths. McMinn County's total to date is 169 cases with 133 recovered and there have now been 15 deaths. Rhea County's totals are 239 cases and 217 recoveries. Meigs County has had 30 cases and 24 patients have recovered. Monroe County reports 91 cases, 74 recoveries, and 4 deaths. Polk County's total to date is 29 cases of the virus, with 25 patients now recovered. Bradley County's total now stands at 302 cases, with 212 recovered and two deaths.

VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

✓ Do to the coronavirus pandemic, many activities are taking place online, from summer camps to concerts. Country superstar Garth Brooks will be holding a virtual concert on June 27th at 300 outdoor theaters. One of those is the Midway Drive-In near Athens. Tickets go on sale this Friday at a cost of \$100 per car (up to six people). The Midway will also host a live concert by contemporary Christian artists Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Mac Powell on July 17th. The drive-in will adhere to coronavirus guidelines including maintaining at least 6 feet of space between vehicles, the use of personal protective equipment by staff, limiting capacity in the restrooms, and regulating concessions. The two events will take place rain or shine.

Fire Destroys Abandoned House

An abandoned house on County Road 551 near Englewood was destroyed by fire Monday evening. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded, along with the Englewood City Police Department.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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Wednesday - Passing clouds. 55% rain chance. High 78.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Low 59.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Passing showers. High 80.

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Friday - Sunny. High 85.

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Athens, Tennessee

Tuesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks closed up. All sectors were higher. Energy and health care led the market. Eli Lilly and Company stock rose over 15% on news of positive results from a Phase 3 study of breast cancer treatment drug Verzenio. The U.S. Census Bureau announced estimated retail and food services sales for May increased 17.7% from April.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 527 points to 26,290. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 58 points or 1.9% to 3,125, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 170 points 1.7% to 9,896.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Tennessee House of Representatives has given unanimous approval to a measure sponsored by State Rep. Mark Cochran of Englewood. The bill is aimed at reducing student debt in Tennessee. The measure requires all public colleges and universities to include a breakdown of total attendance costs - including tuition, fees and all award amounts received - before a student accepts a student loan. The average graduate from a Tennessee institution leaves campus with nearly \$27,000 in student loan debt. Rep. Cochran says his bill guarantees that students have the information needed to make informed decisions before accepting a loan.

Police & Fire Reports for May

Members of the Athens City Council heard the reports on activity during the month of May at Tuesday night's monthly council meetings.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 47 thefts in May, 14 assaults, 10 burglaries, 5 motor vehicle thefts, one homicide and one robbery. (The homicide took place on May 5th at Clem Jones Apartments. Layla Long was shot to death. Two suspects have been taken into custody and have been charged with First Degree Murder) Officers issued 20 citations for moving violations, down sharply due to the coronavirus pandemic. There were also 26 crimes involving drugs. Athens police made a total of 68 arrests during May. There were 63 traffic accidents in Athens in May, with 34 injuries. There are currently three vacancies in the Athens Police Department.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 71 calls in May. There were three building fires, nine traffic accidents with injuries, one passenger vehicle fire, and 28 medical assist calls. The three building fires were on Church Street, Cindy Street, and Lee Drive. Total losses from fires for the month of May was \$27,000.
- ✓ At last night's Council meeting, the budget for the upcoming fiscal year was approved on second and final reading. The budget does not include any increase in the property tax.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 17th

1775 - The Battle of Bunker Hill took place in Boston in the American Revolutionary War. The actual battle took place on Breed's Hill, a short distance to the east of Bunker Hill.

1856 - The Republican Party opened its first convention, in Philadelphia.

1885 - The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Iser.

1910 - Country singer Red Foley was born. His hit records included "Peace In the Valley" and "Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy."

1928 - Amelia Earhart embarked on the first trans-Atlantic flight by a woman, as a passenger. Pilot Wilmer Stultz and mechanic Louis Gordon operated the Fokker F.VII Tri-Motor Friendship while Earhart kept the flight log. The flight took 20 hours and 40 minutes.

1940 - France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

1943 - Singer Barry Manilow was born. His hits include "I Write the Songs" and "Can't Smile Without You."

1963 - The U.S. Supreme Court banned the required reading of the Lord's prayer and Bible in public schools.

1994 - After leading police on a chase through Southern California, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and Ronald Goldman.