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Athens, Tennessee

Latest Update on Coronavirus

Tennessee's coronavirus cases continue to rise. As of Wednesday afternoon, there have been 32,143 cases statewide. This is an increase of 313 from Tuesday with 21,282 recoveries and 497 deaths. McMinn County's total is 170, with 134 recoveries and 15 deaths. Meigs County has 29 cases with 24 recoveries, Rhea County has 243 cases with 220 recoveries. Monroe County stands at 93 cases, with 74 recoveries and 4 deaths. Bradley County has 303 cases of the coronavirus to date, with 222 recoveries and 2 deaths. Polk County has reported 32 cases to date, with 25 recoveries.

BEAR SPOTTED IN ATHENS

The Athens Police Department reports that a bear was sighted off Haley Street headed toward Oak Street Wednesday morning. TWRA was notified while police tried to track the bear's location. (Photo from the Athens Police Department)



Duplex Damaged by Fire

A duplex on Highway 411 North, Etowah, was damaged by fire Tuesday night. The duplex caught on fire on one side of the exterior. The flames spread to the attic, which was heavily damaged. The remainder of the building sustained smoke and water damage. No injuries were reported, and all residents were relocated by the Red Cross. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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Obituaries

- Steven "Steve" Lynn Stepp, age 65, of Athens, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. He was a carpenter for many years. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- Jerry Curtis Combs, age 54, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He worked for Meigs County Schools and drove a school bus for many years. The family will hold a public graveside service at Cottonport Baptist Church Cemetery Thursday at 6 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The TBI is investigating the death of an inmate at the McMinn County Jail. Angela Boe, 49, was found unresponsive in her jail cell on June 10th. She was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that the Public Works Department and the Animal Shelter will be closed from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday due to a staff meeting. The Recycle Center will remain open during regular business hours.

New TN Overhill Director

Tennessee Overhill has a new director. Adrian Lambert was ap-

pointed to serve Executive Director for Overhill. She comes to Overhill from the Polk County Chamber of Commerce, where she has served for 14 years. She has on the been Overhill Board of Directors for over six years. She is also on the Board of the Southeast TN Tourism Association and the Advisory Board



for the Hiwassee River Blueway. The photo shows Adrian Lambert and Durant Tullock, TN Overhill board president.

(Photo by Nancy Dalton)

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 18th

- 1778 American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary war.
- **1812 -** The U.S. declared war on Britain during a dispute over shipping rights. Due to the lack of quick communications, the war was declared after Britain had stated it would repeal the laws which the U.S. disliked.
- **1815** Napoleon met his Waterloo. Britain's Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo in Belgium.
- **1873** Suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.
- 1917 Actor Richard Boone ("Have Gun, Will Travel") was born. He died Jan. 10, 1981.
- **1927 -** The U.S. Post Office offered a special 10-cent postage stamp for sale. The stamp honored Charles Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*. It was the first postage stamp to feature the name of a living American.
- **1942 -** Paul McCartney, one of the Beatles, was born in Liverpool, England. He went solo in 1970 and had such hits as "My Love" and "Silly Love Songs."
- **1964 -** President Lyndon B. Johnson and Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda spoke to each other by telephone as they inaugurated the first trans-Pacific cable completed by AT&T between Japan and Hawaii.
- **1972 -** Hurricane Agnes came ashore in Florida and went on to cause devastating floods from North Carolina to New York. A total of 122 people were killed.
- **1983 -** The U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger was launched into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Astronaut Sally Ride became the first American woman in space.
- **2002 -** U.S. President George W. Bush submitted to the Congress his detailed proposal for creation of a new Homeland Security Department.