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Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

✓ All McMinn Modern Professionals (AMMP) will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to a 2020 graduating senior from McMinn and Central High Schools. If you would like an application, email:

[erin.holbrook@na.denso.com](mailto:erin.holbrook@na.denso.com). The deadline is July 23rd.

✓ The guest on "Hope From the Well" this week will be Gregory Warren, pottery-maker. Hope from the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

### VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

✓ McMinn County Mayor John Gentry says that citizens in McMinn County have acted responsibly in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Gentry says he is recommending that residents should wear face masks in public, but will not be required to do so. Free face masks are available at the McMinn County Health Department from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

✓ Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Brooks says he is now undergoing treatment for COVID-19 and double pneumonia in Tennova-Cleveland's intensive care unit. He encourages everyone to wear masks while in public.

✓ The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved Lysol Disinfectant Spray and Lysol Disinfectant Max Cover Mist as the two sprays which have been tested to show they are effective in killing the coronavirus on surfaces.

## Schools Making Plans to Reopen

**The McMinn County Schools** will open for all students on August 3rd. At this time, the county schools will open with the beginning two weeks of staggered attendance to acclimate students to new protocols for safety and learning. The reopening plan is intended to be a "living document" that will be revised as new information becomes available. Current plans give students the choice of in-person or remote instruction. In-person learning will include temperature checks, a recommendation of masks for staff and students, increased handwashing/sanitizing and social distancing in the cafeterias.

**The Athens City Schools** plan to reopen on August 10th with special safety protocols in place. Any parent who does not want their child to return to school has the option for the child to remain at home and receive a quality education with virtual or remote learning. The first two weeks will have a staggered start so students can be taught safety procedures. Among the safety protocols: Temperature checks and hand sanitizing before entering the building; Masks for students are optional and not required; Safe distancing when in class and when moving throughout the building; Extra hand sanitizing during all transitions; Extra cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day; Cleaning and sanitizing of buses following morning and afternoon routes each day; Recess on playgrounds will continue but with additional hand sanitizing precautions.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Dorothy "Dot" Sanford**, age 95, of Etowah, died Monday. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Sylvia Gail Huff**, age 72, of McMinn County, died Thursday, July 2nd. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. The family will receive friends on Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. at Companion of Athens. The family will have a private celebration of life ceremony at a later time.

### TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

U.S. equities fell on increased concerns of rising new coronavirus. The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) report showed job openings unexpectedly increased in May. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 397 points or 1.5% to 25,890. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 34 points or 1.1% to 3,145, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 90 points or 0.9% to 10,344.

### UPDATE ON VIRUS CASES

-You could fill half of Neyland Stadium with the number of people that have the coronavirus in Tennessee. The state reported 53,514 cases on Tuesday, up 1,359. The number of deaths now stands at 665, up 12 from Monday.

-McMinn County's total now stands at 243, up 4 from Monday. 170 of those patients have recovered, but there are still 55 active cases. The number of deaths in McMinn County remains at 18.

## Remembering Kelsey

A street in Etowah has been named in memory of Ms. Kelsey Burnette, the 18-year-old who was murdered on July 1st, 2017. She was murdered in the alley off Charles Street. In a ceremony last week, the City of Etowah changed the name of Charles Street to Kelsey Street. Joseph Wielzen was arrested and sentenced to life in prison without parole after being convicted of her rape and murder.



### MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Athens Federal Foundation announces it will award at least \$100,000 to area IRS-qualifying charitable organizations during the 2020 calendar year. The Foundation's mission is to support and fund community development via affordable housing, job training and programs that assist the economically disadvantaged. Grant applications are now available at [athensfederalfoundation.com](http://athensfederalfoundation.com). Applications will be accepted through August 15th via email only at [athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com). Recipients will be announced in November.

### FRIENDS JOIN IN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

L.C. Harris of the Goodsprings Community near Etowah celebrated his 91st birthday Sunday afternoon, July 5th, at his home with many friends and neighbors present. The photo by Gene Choate shows from L to R: Gary & Debbie Miller and Frank & Evalyn Massingale. L.C. is seated enjoying all the wonderful food.



### SUMMER FAMILY FUN

Matt and Joellen Ledford with their children Elijah, Jeremiah, and Hannah Ruth, got together this past weekend with grandparents Jan and Butch Smith and great-grandmother Brooksie McCay at the Smith home in Athens. (Photo by Kathy Bessom)

