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Athens, Tennessee

Another Big Jump in Virus Cases

The state of Tennessee saw an increase of 2,273 cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of cases in the state to 69,061. Deaths increased by 16 and have reached 767. McMinn County's cases to date are 313 with 97 active cases and 19 deaths. Bradley County is reporting 1,096 cases, with 479 active cases and 6 deaths. Monroe County's total of cases of COVID-19 to date is 162, with 39 active cases and 6 deaths. Meigs County has had 40 cases, with 10 still active. Polk County's total is 61, with 20 active cases. There have not been any deaths in Polk and Meigs counties.

VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Tennessee Health Commissioner, Dr. Lisa Piercey, says she plans to send her kids back to school next month. Dr. Piercey cautions that it is "almost inevitable" that COVID-19 will creep into schools and there will be infections, either students or staff or both.
- ✓ The University of Tennessee says multiple athletes have tested positive for COVID-19, including football players. The news comes just a day after the Southeastern Conference announced it would be delaying the start to volleyball, cross-country, and soccer until the end of August as it continues to assess the risk COVID-19 poses on athletes in the upcoming fall season.
- ✓ Walmart Stores nationwide will require customers to wear face masks beginning next Monday, July 20th. Starbucks is also requiring customers to wear face coverings.

Local and Area News

MEDIC BLOOD CENTER NEEDS CCP (Hosts Cookout)

- ✓ Medic Regional Blood Center is hosting a Summer Cookout Promotion the week of July 20 - July 24 at their donor centers in Athens, Crossville, and Farragut. The times are from 11 to 3 for Athens on July 20, Crossville on July 21, and from 11 to 5 for Farragut on July 23 & 24. There is a critical need for several blood types and COVID Convalescent Plasma (CCP). This would be anyone who had a positive lab test from a healthcare provider and is 28 days symptom-free. Eligible CCP donors can call 865-521-2682 to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ As summer temperatures take full effect in the Tennessee Valley, local electric power rates will get a bit of relief in August and will fall back below nine cents per kilowatt hour. July was the first time since January of this year that the rate exceeded nine cents for a kilowatt hour of power. August is the third of four "summer rate" months.
- ✓ The second Sounds of Summer concert will be this Friday at 7 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The opener will be Faith Willin' and the headliner is Deep Fried Allstars. The concerts are free. Bring along your lawn chair.
- ✓ Applications for Leadership McMinn's Class of 2020-2021 are currently available and will be accepted through Friday, August 21st. The class will start in September and will meet one day per month for 9 months. Participants will learn about government, industry, criminal justice, media, healthcare, etc. Phone 745-0334.



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Obituaries

♦ **Olivia Tilley Garner**, age 30, of Athens, died Sunday. She was employed at the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security in Athens. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Union McMinn Baptist Church, with a Celebration of Life Service to follow at 7 p.m. Kyker Funeral Home of Sweetwater is in charge.

♦ **Kenneth Samuel "Kenny" Hale**, age 65, of Etowah, died Sunday at his home. He enjoyed farming. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday in the Eastanallee Baptist Church Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Angela "Jody" Stewart Long**, age 58, died unexpectedly on Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. The family will receive friends Thursday (July 16th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

♦ **Johnny Ray Raper**, age 64, of Englewood, died Tuesday. He was pastor at Cottonport Church of God and had worked at Wholesale Supply for over 30 years. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Mike "Poose" Bryan**, age 61, of Etowah, died Monday. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

Kitchen Fire Damages House

At approximately 1 p.m. Tuesday, fire departments were called to a kitchen fire in the basement of this house on County Road 619, Etowah. The downstairs received extensive fire and heat damage and the remainder of the house had smoke damage. The fire was extinguished quickly. The Etowah Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire, and Englewood Rural fire departments responded. Etowah Fire Chief Adam Hafley was in charge of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 16th

1790 - Congress designated the District of Columbia as the permanent seat of the U.S. government.

1872 - Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen was born. He discovered the South Pole in 1911.

1935 - The first parking meters in the U.S. were installed in Oklahoma City.

1945 - The first test of the atomic bomb was conducted at a super-secret base near Alamogordo, New Mexico. The bomb was nicknamed "Fat Boy." A few weeks later, World War II was hastened to an end when U.S. planes dropped atomic bombs on two Japanese cities.

1965 - Country singer Craig Morgan was born. One of his biggest hits is "That's What I Love About Sunday."

1969 - Apollo 11, the first moon-landing mission, was launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Aboard were astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins.

1980 - Ronald Reagan was unanimously nominated as the Republican candidate for president at the G-O-P National Convention in Detroit.

1981 - Jack Nicklaus played his worst round of professional golf. He scored a 13-over-par 83 at the British Open. He came back the next day, however, and whipped the field with a four-under-par 66.

1999 - John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister died when the single-engine plane Kennedy was piloting plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

2004 - Martha Stewart was sentenced to five months in prison and five months of home confinement by a federal judge for lying about a stock sale.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT

U.S. equities ended the day higher on more positive news about a coronavirus vaccine. Industrials led the rally again. In economic news, the Fed's beige book showed increased economic activity. Goldman Sachs released better-than-expected revenue on increased investment-banking and trading volumes. U.S. Treasury prices dropped.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 228 points or 9% to 26,871. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 29 points or 9% to 3,227, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 62 points or 6% to 10,550.

In bond markets, the 30-year Treasury yield traded higher at 1.34%, and the 10-year Treasury yield traded higher at 63%.

In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$0.50 to \$1,813.90, and the price of crude oil rose \$0.70 to \$40.99.