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Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Coronavirus Update

As of Tuesday evening, the Tennessee Department of Health reported the number of cases of coronavirus in the state had reached 4,138. There have been 72 deaths statewide. The number of cases in McMinn County has remained at 3 for the past two weeks. A total of 257 people have been tested in McMinn County, and 254 tests came back negative. Meigs County reports 2 cases, Polk County has 3, Monroe County has 6, and Bradley County has 25.

THEY'RE HAVING A PARADE!

The Etowah City School is having a parade on Thursday. The parade will be held in conjunction with the bus food delivery distribution program. The parade will start at 8 a.m. (or 9 a.m. if it is raining). The Etowah Police and Fire Departments will take part. Cat Pate will be the Easter Bunny, and will pass out candy to the kids. The Etowah Chamber of Commerce has donated eggs with candy in them. The parade will last 3 to 4 hours. Parents can bring their cars and decorate them if they wish to. Plan to make noise and help brighten the students' and the community's day. Participants will practice "Be Smart, Stay Six Feet Apart." A teacher/staff member and their family can be in the same car, but each teacher should be in different cars. Line-up will start in the front driveway of the school at 7:30 a.m. Etowah School Principal Brian Trammell says he hopes the parade will be something the kids and community will remember and talk about for a long time.

Yes, We Have Bananas

You may have heard that in some parts of the nation, there is a shortage of bananas, similar to the toilet paper shortage. Briefly, Ingles of Athens was out of bananas. But the photo below shows they have plenty now.



The basketball courts at all City of Athens Parks have been closed due to Covid-19. And just to make sure, the rims and nets have been removed. This photo was taken at Cook Park.



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Obituaries

♦ **Gracie Lee Wilson Bright**, age 91, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Riceville, died Saturday at her daughter's home in Panama City, Florida. A private graveside service will be held Friday at Clear Springs Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Lester "Sonny" Sutton**, age 77, of Athens, died Tuesday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Thomas Willard Nelson**, age 48, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional of Athens. He worked for Volunteer Energy Cooperative and was a former employee of the DPA. A private graveside service will be in McMinn Memory Gardens. Friends may come by at their convenience Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Glenn Mosier**, age 83, of Athens, died Monday. A private graveside service will be held Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

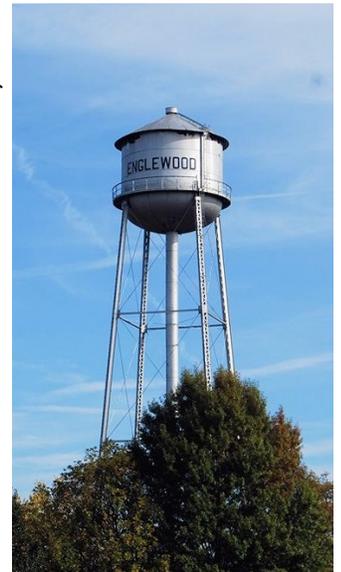
♦ **Dennis Edward Perry**, age 72, of Ocoee, died Sunday at Etowah Healthcare. In honor of his wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed slightly lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 26 points or 0.1% to 22,654. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index down 4 points or 0.2% to 2,659, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 26 points or 0.3% to 7,887.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Juliette Folds, a student at Women at the Well. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

Englewood Tower Makes Register

The Englewood Water Tower is one of nine Tennessee sites to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. The 144-foot water tower is an iconic feature of the community. It is located prominently just outside of the business district. The town of Englewood showcases the tower on its web page. When the Depression-era Public Works Administration program offered funding to build a public water system for the town, 97% of the community approved. The water tower was erected in 1937, using the most advanced design available, which combined an elliptical bottom with a conical top. The new system not only supplied the community, but it helped in reviving Englewood by bringing in new industry. The water tower is no longer used by the town. A local preservation group has been established to preserve the structure.



TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 8th

- 1513** - Explorer Ponce de Leon landed at what is now St. Augustine, Florida, to search for the "Fountain of Youth."
- 1864** - The United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. The House of Representatives passed it in January 1865; the amendment was ratified and adopted in December 1865.
- 1909** - The city of Etowah was chartered. The city was built as a railroad town. The word "Etowah" means "muddy water."
- 1938** - Singer and actress Connie Stevens was born. Her biggest hit record was "Sixteen Reasons."
- 1941** - Singer Peggy Lennon (of the Lennon Sisters) was born.
- 1952** - President Harry Truman ordered government seizure of the steel industry to avoid a general strike. The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.
- 1961** - "Lawrence of Arabia" won the Oscar for best picture at the Academy Awards; Gregory Peck won best actor for "To Kill a Mockingbird" while Anne Bancroft received best actress honors for "The Miracle Worker."
- 1961** - A suspected bomb exploded aboard the passenger liner MV Dara in the Persian Gulf, causing it to sink; 238 of the 819 people aboard were killed.
- 1974** - Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.
- 2018** - Patrick Reed won the Masters golf tournament for his first victory in a major, turning back late challenges from Rickie Fowler and Jordan Spieth.