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Latest Update on Coronavirus

McMinn County is still holding steady with a total of 6 cases of the coronavirus reported as of Wednesday afternoon. Four of the patients have recovered. McMinn County has now tested 749 people, with 743 coming back negative. Around the area, Monroe County's total of cases stands at 11, with 7 recoveries and 1 death. In Meigs County, there have been 5 cases, and two of the patients have recovered. Polk County has six cases, with 4 of those patients recovered. Bradley County has had 38 cases of the coronavirus up to now, with 33 recoveries and 1 death. Across the state, the Tennessee Department of Health reports a total of 7,842 cases of the virus. At this point, there have been 166 deaths across the state. That is an increase of 9 deaths since Tuesday.

VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Rock Springs Golf Course in Athens has reopened to the public. The course is still taking many precautions to avoid spreading the virus. The clubhouse remains closed and payment is made through the front porch window. Carts are cleaned and sanitized after each round, and there is foam in the holes to enable golf ball retrieval without removing the flagstick.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer concert series will be held this year, with the first concert set for Saturday, June 6th. The free concerts are held each Saturday through August 29th at the Market Park pavilion in Downtown Athens.

Police/Fire Reports for March

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening. At the meeting, Council member heard the reports on police and fire department activity for the month of March.

Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 41 thefts in the city in March. There were 11 burglaries and 11 assaults. There were three motor vehicle thefts, one robbery and 30 drug violations. Police made 66 arrests in March. Officers issued 93 citations for moving violations. There were 77 traffic accidents in Athens in March, with 12 injuries. There are currently no vacancies on the Police Department.

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 81 calls during March. Thirty of those calls were for rescue and emergency medical service. There were eight calls to motor vehicle accidents with injuries. There were two building fires. There were four fires involving cars or trucks. Firemen responded to 27 false alarms. The losses from fires in March totaled \$9,500.00.

NOTE: The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce says tickets are still available for the Chamber's 2020 fund-raising event featuring golfing great Jack Nicklaus. Nicklaus will be speaking at the McMinn High School gym. The event begins at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6). Tickets for the event only are \$50. Tickets for the event and meal are \$100. For information, call 745-0334.

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Obituaries

♦ **Solomon "Sol" Reagan II**, age 78, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was a retired lieutenant with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and later worked for A&J Body Shop of Athens. He was a graduate of the Alvin C. York Institute in Jamestown. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Only 10 people will be allowed in at a time.

Trooper Nabs Murder Suspect

On April 13th, the United States Marshals issued a BOLO (be on the lookout) for a silver Jeep Cherokee being driven by 32-year-old Mohammed Ali Saad of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Saad was a suspect in a Dearborn Heights murder investigation. Tennessee State Trooper Kevin Hoppe was on I-75 when he observed the vehicle and followed it until additional troopers arrived to conduct a felony traffic stop. Saad was taken into custody without incident in Bradley County. He is was being held for U.S. Marshals at the Bradley County Sheriff's Office Detention Center.



Wednesday's Market Report

✓ U.S. stocks ended the day up, after a two-day losing streak. The tech sector led the broader market. The consumer discretionary sector lagged. The Senate passed a 484-billion-dollar deal to replenish the loan program for small businesses. Netflix added nearly 16 million new subscribers in the first quarter. Treasury prices dipped. Yields rose.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 457 points or 2.0% to 23,476. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 63 points or 2.3% to 2,799, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 232 points or 2.8% to 8,495.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year Treasury yield traded higher at 1.22%. The 10-year Treasury yield traded higher at 0.62%.

In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold rose \$48.10 to \$1,735.90, and the June 2020 futures contract price of WTI oil rose \$2.38 to \$13.95 per barrel.

◆ A VIRTUAL DOG CLUB

✓ The McMinn County 4-H will be hosting a virtual dog club through Zoom Video on April 30th at 10 a.m. The club is open to any 4th-12th graders in McMinn County who are interested in learning more about their furry friends. To request a Zoom link to join the meeting, participants need to e-mail Brooke Cass at omartin5@utk.edu with the subject line "Dog Club." Zoom is free to download and Brooke will be happy to assist you if you need help getting it set up. The office number is 423-745-2852.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 23rd

1564 - English poet William Shakespeare was born on this day and died the same day in 1616. His plays include "Julius Caesar," "Romeo and Juliet," "Macbeth," and "Hamlet."

1789 - President-elect George Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House in New York City.

1791 - Our 15th President, James Buchanan, was born. He served as president just before the Civil War, when the slavery issued divided the country.

1928 - Child star Shirley Temple ("The Good Ship Lollipop") was born. She later became a U.S. ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia.

1936 - Singer Roy Orbison was born. Wearing his trademark sunglasses, he had such hit records as "Only The Lonely," "Crying," and "Oh, Pretty Woman."

1939 - Singer Ray Peterson was born. His hit records included "Tell Laura I Love Her," "The Wonder Of You," and "Corinna, Corinna."