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Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Coronavirus Update

The number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in McMinn County now stands at 70. Four of those patients have recovered. Monroe County has 14 cases with 10 recovered and one death. Meigs County's count stands at 6 cases with 3 recovered. Bradley County has 46 cases, 37 recovered, and one death. The number of cases in Tennessee now stands at 10,052 with 188 deaths.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Most restaurants in the Athens area have decided to delay re-opening their dining rooms for a few days, even though Governor Lee gave them the green light to open on Monday with a lot of restrictions. An informal survey by The Morning Fax determined that the Gondolier, Jenkins Grille, and Brownies have re-opened. Shoney's plans to open today. Restaurants planning to wait a bit before opening include Western Sizzlin, Bojangles (which will do a remodel of their dining area in May; their drive-thru will continue), Michael's, BJ's Snack Bar, Kibo's Japanese Restaurant, and Angela's Cuban Restaurant which is open for pickup and delivery; see ad below).
- ✓ The New Attitude clothing store in Downtown Athens is open again.
- ✓ In earlier editions of Tuesday's Morning Fax, we gave the tentative dates for graduation exercises for McMinn High School and McMinn Central. We inadvertently listed the dates as June when we should have said July. Central is July 24th at 7 p.m. in the gym and McMinn High is July 25th at 7:30 p.m. on the football field. These are tentative.

Zabo Named United Way CEO

Paige Zabo has been named President/CEO of the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties. Paige has been the Executive Assistant/Marketing Director since 2017. She took over her new duties on March 17th.

Paige says "It is an honor to lead the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our neighbors are facing unprecedented economic challenges, and United Way is here to help collaborate and facilitate the resources they need. I look forward to working with a great staff and community volunteers to address and solve our community's greatest challenges."



Paige replaces Stephanie Linkous who resigned earlier this year to take a position at the Cleveland YMCA.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Bojangles' Drive Thru Specials >> 2 Chicken Biscuits \$5
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Tuesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks ended the day lower. The health care sector led the decliners. Energy-sector stocks posted gains, treasury prices rose, and yields declined. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 32 points or 0.1% to 24,102. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 15 points or 0.5% to 2,863, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 122 points or 1.4% to 8,608. In bond markets, the 30-year Treasury yield is trading lower at 1.21%, and the 10-year Treasury yield is trading lower at .61%. In Commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$5.10 to \$1,718.70, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.15 to \$12.63.

OBITUARY: Russell F. Roberts, age 94, of Decatur, died Monday at Athens Place. He retired from Volunteer Energy and was a WWII veteran. Graveside services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Decatur Cemetery with Bowers in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Shred It Event scheduled for today in the Food City parking lot has been cancelled due to COVID-19. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
- ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," tomorrow will be Tabatha Townsend, a student. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

TODAY IN HISTORY - April 29th

- 1429** - Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a victory over the English.
- 1899** - Jazz musician Duke Ellington was born. His band's theme song was "Take the "A" Train."
- 1901** - Hirohito, Japan's longest-reigning emperor was born. He was the 124th Emperor of Japan.

Another Minute of History

A renovation was almost complete that cold day in November, 1964, when a fire started in the cupola of the old McMinn County Courthouse. The building had stood since 1875, having replaced the original structure built in 1827 and being damaged during the Civil War.

The fire spread slowly, but the many firemen who fought the blaze were unable to extinguish it as it devoured the decades-old wood. Throughout the day, firemen from all over the county worked to save the building. Fortunately, as the firemen fought the blaze, citizens joined courthouse employees in carrying vital and historic records out of the building, saving them for future generations.

The building's top floor and main courtroom were completely destroyed, with much of the lower floors sustaining heavy water damage.

Although a large group of citizens petitioned for a repair of the old building, it was torn down to make way for a new, spacious courthouse completed in 1967, that today is the centerpiece of downtown Athens, the 3rd brick courthouse to serve McMinn County.

(McMinn County history moments are written by Joe Guy, County Sheriff and Historian. In addition to being published in The Morning Fax, they are aired several times daily on WYXI Radio (AM-1390 and FM 94.5)

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