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COVID-19 Virus Update

The number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee keeps going up. Today's total stands at 35,553, an increase of 451, with 23,567 patients recovered and 531 deaths. McMinn County's total is 175 (up 2) with 141 recovered and 15 deaths. Rhea County has had 255 cases, with 228 patients recovered. Meigs County has 31 cases with 25 recovered. Polk County's total is 36 cases with 27 recovered. Monroe County has 109 cases, 83 recoveries, and 4 deaths. Bradley County has had 349 cases, 249 recoveries, and 3 deaths.

ADVERTISING ON THE FACE MASKS

It was bound to happen--putting ads on face masks. The State of Tennessee has partnered with a number of Tennessee-based organizations to hand out 300,000 free or low-cost face coverings.



Storms Down Trees, Knock Out Power

Those strong Sunday afternoon storms blew trees and tree limbs across power lines across the Athens area, knocking out power for several hours. Also, Jan Lane told **The Morning Fax** that she and her daughter were enjoying their Sunday afternoon when the sudden thunderstorm hit. She says they heard a loud boom and went to the kitchen window. That's when they realized lightning had hit a tree in their yard. Here's the photo of the damage.



We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wxyi@bellsouth.net

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



JUNE Specials >>> 2 Sausage/Egg Biscuits \$3.50 • 8 Pc Tail-gate w/2 picnic fixins, 4 Biscuits & 1/2 Gal Tea \$19.99 • 3 Tenders or Supreme Combo \$4.99 • 5 Meals for \$5 ea. • **Pimento Cheese Biscuits are back!**

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Closed until further notice. We want to thank all of our wonderful customers for their outpouring of support during this time and to our amazing and hard working staff. We look forward to seeing and serving our customers again in the very near future. Thank you. **Western Sizzlin - Athens**



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WEATHER FORECAST
Tuesday: Humid. Cloudy in A.M. then some sun. Possible t'storm in P.M.
Tue Night: Possible t'storm in the evening. Cloudy. Low 63.
Wednesday: Cloudy. Possible t'storm. High 81.
Wed Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 65.
Thursday: Clouds & sun High 82.
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Obituaries

♦ **Donald E. "Don" Barnett**, age 68, of Athens, died June 15th at his residence after a brief battle with cancer. He partnered with his dad to run JB Barnett Construction. He operated a toy store, Geppetto's in Gatlinburg, and an ice cream shoppe. In recent years he operated West Madison Auto Repair. A private family graveside service will be held at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family would like to invite all of Don's friends to a celebration of life this Friday, June 26th, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Springbrook Golf and Country Club. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Mary Calhoun**, age 91, of Etowah, died Saturday at Etowah Healthcare. She had worked at Bowater, Miracle Lake, and Tennessee Overhill. Services were held Monday afternoon at Serenity Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equities ended the day up. The information technology sector led the broader market. In May, U.S. existing home sales fell to 3.91 million. U.S. Treasury yields rose.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 154 points or 0.6% to 26,025. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 20 points or 0.6% to 3,118. and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 110 points or 1.1% to 10,056.

Addressing His Fellow Grads

Meigs County High School held its graduation ceremony this past Saturday night on the school's football field. The class valedictorian, John Melton, spoke to his fellow grads.

(Photo by Brian Vincent)



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TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 23rd

1812 - Britain, unaware that America had declared war against it five days earlier, rescinded its policy on neutral shipping, a major issue of contention between the two countries.

1845 - The congress of the Republic of Texas agreed to be annexed by the United States.

1868 - Christopher L. Sholes of Wisconsin patented his typewriter. A Mr. Remington later turned it into a more practical typewriter. Shole's version was a little cumbersome. It was about as big as a desk. And it didn't have any correcting ribbon. The writer didn't need any since the paper was hidden inside the huge typewriter so you couldn't see any typos until after the fact.

1929 - Country singer June Carter Cash was born. She later became the wife of singer Johnny Cash. She died in 2003.

1931 - A young couple, who unknowingly would become the royal family of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, married today. Anne Bledsoe and William 'Bill' Henry Getty France tied the knot. Together, they built NASCAR into the largest sanctioning organization of auto racing in the world.

1972 - President Nixon signed into law Title IX, which barred discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

1973 - Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox subpoenaed President Richard Nixon to obtain tape recordings of White House conversations about the Watergate break-in.