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Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Covid-19 Virus Update

The number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee continues to climb. The latest total is 36,303. That's up 750 from Monday. 24,068 patients have recovered and there have now been 542 deaths. McMinn County's total to date is 183 cases with 142 recovered and there have now been 16 deaths. Rhea County's totals are 256 cases and 230 recoveries. Meigs County has had 35 cases and 21 patients have recovered. Monroe County reports 110 cases, 84 recoveries, and 4 deaths. Polk County's total to date is 36 cases of the virus, with 27 patients now recovered. Bradley County's total now stands at 393 cases, with 256 recovered and three deaths.

VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Lake Winnie has opened its Soakya Water Park. An announcement will be made later about the other areas of the park.
- ✓ J-fest will be held at the Tennessee Riverpark in Chattanooga on August 1st. The staff at Partners for Christian Media, which organizes J-fest, says they are in constant contact with the Hamilton County Health Department to ensure all COVID-19 safety regulations and protocols are followed. The crowd will be limited to 25% of the venue capacity to allow for social distancing.
- ✓ The Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission will meet Friday to change the drawing process for sand hill crane tags.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ On July 1st at 10 a.m., the City of Etowah will hold a dedication ceremony to change the name of Charles Street to Kelsey Street. The street will honor Ms. Kelsey Burnette who was murdered in the alley of off Charles Street on July 1st, 2017. Ms. Burnette was 18 at the time. The public is invited to the ceremony which will take place on Charles Street between Georgia Ave. and Athens Pike.
- ✓ The Athens City School Board will hold a work session beginning at noon today. Immediately following that, the Board will hold a called meeting to approve the School reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year and a bid on iPad cases.
- ✓ The Meigs County Amateur Radio Club invites you to join them for the annual Field Day event this coming Saturday, June 27th, from noon to 5 p.m. on Vernon Street in Decatur (across from the Decatur United Methodist Church parking lot). It is an opportunity for the public to learn about ham radio, talk over the radio to other hams nationwide, and see first-hand how you can serve in local and national emergencies. Ham radio is also an awesome and wholesome and educational hobby. For more information, contact Rick Bassette at 407-687-6203.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have **virtual** Storytime and Bookmark Design Craft tomorrow, June 25th, at 2 p.m. Craft packets may be picked up at the library.

WEATHER FORECAST
Wednesday - Cloudy, rain & possible t'storm. High 82.
Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy. Possible rain. Low 66.
Thursday - Clouds mixed with sun. High 80.
Thursday night - Partly cloudy. High 66.
Friday - Cloudy. Possible t'storm. High 84.
More Weather at: wxyi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **William Buckley Taylor**, age 50, of Athens, died Sunday night at Erlanger Medical Center. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. A private graveside service will be held for the immediate family. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Claude L. "Sandy" Weeks** died at his home on May 31st. He was a well-known meat department supervisor, having worked in the meat industry for 57 years starting at the age of 15. At his request, no formal services were held. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The guest on "Hope From the Well" this week will be Emony Kemp, 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](#)

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A Moment of McMinn History

When a summer hailstorm passed through McMinn County in July, 1932, citizens of Athens were shocked to find a ten-pound chunk of ice on the sidewalk in front of the Robert E Lee Hotel. A crowd gathered and the giant hailstone quickly became a relic of interest as it was carried into Chapman's Café. A call to the newspaper was made from S.B. "Bullet" Boyer's drugstore in the front of the Robert E Lee Hotel. Boyer, and his employee, Howard Bales, watched with a peculiar interest at all of the excitement over the giant hailstone.

For unbeknownst to the people outside, Boyer and Bales, both known for their sense of humor, had pulled quite a joke. As the hailstorm had raged over town, Boyer suggested that Bales take a large chunk of ice from the store icebox and drop it on the sidewalk from an upstairs window. Neither man said a word over the next week, as pictures appeared of the "Great Hailstone" in local newspapers, and Red Chapman, the owner of the café, sold cold drinks with ice he chipped away from the ten pound chunk.

It was not until several weeks later that Boyer and Bales were forced to admit that the whole thing had been a prank, after a customer told them about a story he'd seen about the Giant Hailstone that fell on Athens Tennessee, a story that was published in the New York Times.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 24th

1541 - Spanish conquistador Francisco de Orellana, the first European to sail down Brazil's Amazon River, fought a famous battle with warrior women. The women were described as tall with long braided hair wound around their heads. They resembled the fighting women of ancient Greek legend, the Amazons, so much that the river where the battle took place has been called the Amazon ever since.

1895 - Heavyweight boxing champ Jack Demsey was born.

1948 - Russia blockaded the western zones of Berlin, obstructing all rail, water, and highway routes. This set the stage for the "Berlin Airlift," in which the Western allies flew in supplies to meet the needs of more than 2-million people in West Berlin.

1949 - The movie features of Hopalong Cassidy premiered on TV. The films were edited to thirty and sixty-minute versions starring William Boyd as Hopalong and Edgar Buchanan as his sidekick, Red Connors. Eventually, all 66 original films were shown on TV, so Boyd produced more *Hopalong Cassidy* episodes just for TV.

1975 - An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed at New York's Kennedy International Airport, killing 113.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT

U.S. equities were up. The consumer discretionary sector led the broader market. Real estate and utilities lagged. The June HIS Markit flash manufacturing PMI rose to the highest mark in four months. U.S. Treasury yields rose.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 131 points or 0.5% to 26,156. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 13 points or 0.4% to 3,131, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 75 points or 0.7% to 10,131.

Bond Markets: The 30-year Treasury yield traded higher at 1.49%, and the 10-year Treasury yield was little changed at .72%.

Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold rose \$18.10 to \$1,784.50, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.48 to \$40.25.