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Latest Update on Coronavirus

Tennessee's coronavirus cases continue to rise. As of Wednesday afternoon, there have been 37,235 cases statewide. This is an increase of 932 from Tuesday with 24,693 recoveries and 556 deaths. McMinn County's total is 192, up 9 from Tuesday, with 141 recoveries and the death has gone up to 17. Meigs County has 31 cases with 26 recoveries. Monroe County stands at 115 cases, with 85 recoveries and 4 deaths. Polk County has reported 36 cases to date, with 27 recoveries. Rhea County has 257 cases with 231 recoveries. Bradley County has 406 cases of the coronavirus to date, with 263 recoveries and 3 deaths.

VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The Western Sizzlin Steakhouse announces it will be reopening on Monday, July 6th.
- ✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce is having a Grand Re Opening of Etowah Businesses after Covid-19 on Thursday afternoon, July 2nd, from 3 to 8 p.m. The Chamber is asking businesses to stay open later that day so that people can get off of work and visit the stores. Durant Tullock, executive director of the Chamber, says he hopes this will bring people back to the streets of Etowah.
- ✓ Despite the coronavirus, *Englewood Celebrates 2020* will take place. The event will be held this weekend, starting with a concert on Main Street at 7:30 p.m. Friday, featuring Kevin Carter and Cole Sitzlar and a Downtown Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Have You Seen Him?

A 1½ year old black cat named Brody has been missing since June 20th near the Cracker Barrel in Athens. Janet Del Corso and her family stopped for a rest while driving from Ohio to Florida and Brody got out of the car and ran away. They spent all night and part of the next day looking in the field next to Cracker Barrel, looking under cars, and talking to everyone at the restaurant to no avail. She says the cat is friendly and has been declawed and neutered. The family is from Canton, Ohio. She asks that if anyone sees Brody, please call her at 1-330-447-3965.

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Obituaries

♦ **Sandra Dianne Skillman Partin**, age 45, of Athens, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

♦ **Ralph Carroll**, age 95, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care Center. He was a well-known wood worker, carpenter, and construction worker. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Philippines with the 389th Field Artillery Battalion. There will be no formal visitation. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Carolyn Darlene Hood Mashburn**, age 67, of Philadelphia and formerly of McMinn County, died Tuesday at Ft. Loudon Medical Center in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 12 noon prior to the service.

MEDIC UPDATES DONOR ELIGIBILITY RULES

MEDIC Regional Blood Center announces it will now accept blood from the following people after a 3-month wait since having a tattoo, piercing, needlestick, injection of drugs not prescribed by a doctor, traveling to a malaria endemic area, males with sexual contact with another male, and a transfusion. In addition, MEDIC has eliminated the waiting period for persons associated with a U.S. military base in Europe from 1980-1996 or who lived in Europe for more than 5 years in 1980-2001, or 3 months or more in the UK from 1980-1996.

Update on Real ID

As you may be aware, Tennessee has temporarily suspended the issuance of REAL ID driver licenses until July 6th. The federal government has extended the REAL ID implementation date from October 1st, 2020, to October 1st, 2021. Beginning on that date, federal agencies may not accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for official purposes from any individual unless the license or card is a REAL ID compliant license or identification card.

After July 6th, Tennessee residents can apply for a REAL ID card. You must have these documents with you when you apply at the drivers license center:

- Birth certificate or valid passport
- Social Security Card or payroll check stub with your SS # on it
- Two items that prove you live in Tennessee (Current Tennessee vehicle registration or title, Tennessee voter registration card, a recent home utility bill, a current Tennessee driver license or Handgun Carry Permit, an IRS tax return, or a recent bank statement).

If there has been a name change from the name on your birth certificate or passport, you must bring supporting documents such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree.

All the required documents must be originals or certified. Photocopies will not be accepted.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 25th

1788 - The Virginia colony including Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, entered the United States of America as the tenth state. The state, also known as Old Dominion, was named after the "Virgin Queen", Elizabeth I of England. The Commonwealth of Virginia and its capital, Richmond, have played major roles in American history. Like West Virginia, it names the cardinal as the state bird. The official state flower of Virginia is the flowering dogwood.

1876 - Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of Little Big Horn in Montana. The Army was attempting to round-up Indians and put them on reservations. A horse, named Comanche, is said to be the sole survivor among Custer's forces.

1950 - North Korean forces invaded South Korea, starting the Korean War. After North Korea ignored a United Nations order to retreat, U.S. air and naval forces were sent to South Korea.

1903 - Author George Orwell was born. His novels included "1984" and "Animal Farm."

1945 - Singer Carly Simon was born.

1951 - The first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities. The CBS color system was not compatible with black & white TV's and was later rejected.

2009 - Michael Jackson died from an overdose of the powerful anesthetic propofol.