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### McMinn Correction Officers Honored

Seven McMinn County Corrections Officers were recently honored with letters of commendation after saving an inmate from a suicide attempt. According to Sheriff Joe Guy, the incident occurred on the night of May 29, when Deputy CO Chris Geisler decided to make an unscheduled visit to an inmate housing area.

"That, in and of itself, was above the call of duty," said Sheriff Guy. "The staff makes hourly checks on all inmates, but Deputy CO Geisler had caught up in his other work and decided on his own initiative to make an additional check of the housing area, and it was then that he found the inmate attempting to hang himself in his cell." Guy said Geisler immediately called for the rest of the shift to respond, who called 911 and began lifesaving measures on the inmate, who was unresponsive.



Photo (L to R:) Jail Lt Rick Clayton, Deputy CO Chris Geisler, Deputy CO Shawn Emory, Deputy CO Boo Hampton, Sheriff Joe Guy.

### Officers Honored-Continued

The other Deputies included Sgt Dusty Breeden, Corporal Willie Griffin, Deputy CO Shawn Emory, Deputy CO Boo Hampton, Deputy CO Kristina Shriver, and Deputy CO Veronica Pemberton. The inmate was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, and has since recovered and was returned to custody.

Each Deputy CO received a commendation letter that will remain in their personnel file. They also received the personal thanks of the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, and Jail Administrator. Guy's Photos include all employees except Corporal Griffin, who is on sick leave.

Right Photo: (L to R) Sheriff Guy, Sgt Dusty Breeden, Deputy CO Kristina Shriver, Deputy CO Veronica Pemberton, Chief Deputy Matt Blair, and Jail Lt Rick Clayton.



### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Athens City Council meets tonight at 6 p.m. The first order of business will be the consideration of appointment of Lisa Dotson to fill the unexpired term of John Coker and possible swearing-in. Also, appointments to various boards that Coker's departure left vacant.
- ✓ Local power rates to fall again in September. The AUB residential power rate for September will be \$0.08794 per kilowatt hour compared to the August rate of \$0.08944.

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:  
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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO VIEW THE NEW STAMP AT 12:30 PM! STAMPS, ENVELOPES, AND OTHER MEMORABILIA WILL BE FOR SALE AT THE EVENT. MASKS AND A SAFE DISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED INSIDE THE SPACIOUS AND RENOVATED DEPOT.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Billy Gene Womac**, age 84, of Charleston, died Friday at his residence. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m., Thursday at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge..
- ♦ **Charles (Chuck) Raymond Lillard Jr.**, age 75, of Decatur, died Sunday at North Knoxville Medical Center. He worked for C&D Tire Store. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Walnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.

## Monday's Market Report

U.S. stocks closed mostly higher. The consumer discretionary sector led the market on homebuilder strength. Builder confidence in the housing market continues to rise, as the August NAHB Housing Market Index (HMI) had a reading of 78, tying its highest level ever. Amazon is reportedly being investigated by Germany's antitrust authority over its relationship with third-party sellers and how they set prices in the market place.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 86 points or 0.3% to 27,845. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 9 points or 0.3% to 3,382, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 110 points or 1.0% to 11,130.

## Today In History

- 1587 - Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born in present-day America, on what is now Roanoke Island in North Carolina. (However, the Roanoke colony ended up mysteriously disappearing.)
- 1862 - Dakota Indians began an uprising in Minnesota (the revolt was crushed by U.S. forces some six weeks later).
- 1894 - Congress established the Bureau of Immigration.
- 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all American women's right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.
- 1963 - James Meredith became the first black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
- 1995 - Shannon Faulkner, who'd won a 2 1/2-year legal battle to become the first female cadet at The Citadel, quit the South Carolina military college after less than a week, most of it spent in the infirmary.

### COVID 19 VIRUS UPDATE (Monday)

- Tennessee:** 134,744 cases, up 1,036. Deaths 1,387, up 21.
- McMinn Co:** 617 cases, up 8, with 161 active. Deaths are 20.
- Meigs Co:** 121 cases, with 29 cases still active. 1 death.
- Monroe Co:** 524 cases, with 201 active. Deaths are 10.
- Polk Co:** 270 cases, with 85 still active. Deaths are now 8.
- Bradley Co:** 2,175 cases, with 568 active. Deaths are now 16.
- Rhea Co:** 583 cases, with 114 still active. Death count is 2.

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