

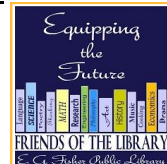
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Governor Lee in Quarantine

Governor Bill Lee is quarantining at home with the First Lady until further notice after a member of his Security Detail has tested positive for COVID-19. The governor is feeling well and has tested negative for COVID. However, his office says out of an abundance of caution, he is quarantining. The Governor's Office protocol requires masks and social distancing. No staff are believed to be positive at this time. The governor's regularly scheduled, in-person press briefing Wednesday afternoon was done by phone.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 220,538 cases, up 1,709. 2,828 deaths, up 31.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,370 up 13	1,166	173	31
Meigs	265 up 3	231	30	4
Monroe	1,239 up 30	1,087	131	21
Polk	448 down 1	407	28	13
Bradley	3,279 up 13	3,031	228	20
Rhea	988 up 7	895	77	16

Voters Flock to the Polls

The lines were long at the McMinn County Election office on Wednesday as early voting began. At the 9 a.m. opening, the wait to vote was about 45 minutes. By the end of the day, the Election Administrator reported that 1,281 had voted early. Early voting continues through October 29th. In McMinn County, you have the choice of voting at the Election Commission office or at the conference center in Athens Regional Park. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 to 1 on Saturdays. There is no early Saturday voting at the Regional Park.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Robert Reid (Ching) Turner**, age 58, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He was a well known karaoke host. The family will receive friends Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Eddie Wayne "Bud" Combs**, age 72, of Athens, died Saturday. He was a mechanic. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Companion of Athens with visitation at 5 p.m.
- ♦ **John D. McCulloch**, age 75, of Sweetwater, died Monday. He was retired from Oak Ridge. A graveside service will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Christianburg Cemetery. Companion is in charge.
- ♦ **Angela Michelle Ridley**, age 58, of McMinn County, died Monday at her home. A celebration of life service will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Companion of Athens with visitation at 5 p.m.
- ♦ **Linda Waldrop Sortino Mills**, age 75, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She retired from Paccar after 20 years of service. A visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4 to 5 p.m. at Companion of Athens.
- ♦ **Robert Cockrell**, age 90, of Etowah, died Wednesday. He was a Staff Sgt. in the Army. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equities closed lower. The U.S. producer price index for final demand was up 0.4% in September. Wells Fargo reported a profit drop of 57% in the third quarter. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 166 points or 0.6% to 28,514. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 23 points or 0.7% to 3,489, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 95 points or 0.8% to 11,769.

Dogwood Dental Joins the Chamber

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Dogwood Dental Care, located at 1911 Congress Parkway S., Athens. Pictured (L-R) front row: Brittini Wright (Chamber Diplomat), Dr. Dale Kennedy (Owner), Dr. Jamie Muscari (Dogwood Dental), Jordan Curtis (Diplomat), Brenda Lowe, Karen Raby (Diplomat), McMinn Co. Mayor John Gentry. Back row: State Rep. Mark Cochran, Joseph Ladner & Eric Morrow (Diplomats), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Daniel Atkinson & Keith Price (Property Assessor's office). (Photo from Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



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TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 15th

- 1784** - Composer Thomas Hastings was born. He composed the music to the hymn, "Rock of Ages."
- 1917** - Gertrude Zelle, the most notorious spy of World War One, was executed by a firing squad. She was known by the name, Mata Hari.
- 1928** - The German dirigible Graf Zeppelin arrived in the United States on its first commercial flight after a four-and-a-half-day trip across the Atlantic.
- 1938** - Singer Marv Johnson was born. His biggest hit record was "You Got What It Takes" in 1959.
- 1946** - Musician Richard Carpenter was born. He and his sister, Karen, performed as The Carpenters, and had many hit records in the 1970's.
- 1951** - The black & white TV sitcom "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS, starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. The series co-starred Vivian Vance and William Frawley as the Ricardo's best friends, Ethel and Fred Mertz. It was the top-watched TV show for four seasons and is still on TV.