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Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Coronavirus Update

As of Tuesday evening, the Tennessee Department of Health reported the number of cases of coronavirus in the state had reached 2,239, up from 1,834 on Monday. There have been 23 deaths statewide. The number of cases in McMinn County remains at 3. Two of McMinn County cases are self-quarantined at home. Meigs County reports 1 and Monroe County now has 5 cases. McMinn County Mayor John Gentry will appear live on the 8 a.m. news Wednesday on WYXI RADIO FM 94.5 & AM 1390 to discuss the coronavirus and how it is impacting our area.

VIRUS-RELATED CLOSINGS/POSTPONEMENTS

- ✓ The Athens Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4th at Athens Regional Park has been cancelled and probably will not be rescheduled.
- ✓ Dancing for a Cure, an event for the American Cancer Society, has been postponed from Saturday, April 4th, to Saturday, August 1st.
- ✓ The City of Decatur announces the cancellation of the Downtown Summer Nights music series for 2020. Laura Smith, a member of the DSN committee, says CDC projections point to a prolonged timeline of infection, leaving little time to organize for June shows. She says the July 4th celebration in Decatur is NOT CANCELLED, but that is subject to change.
- ✓ The Gondolier Pizza & Steak House has closed until further notice.

Chamber Helps Coordinated Charities

In a time of uncertainty, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce had the privilege to visit Coordinated Charities and donate \$500 on behalf of Chamber members. Pictured: (L-R) Shayne Whaley, Kelly Blassingame & Scott Cass (Chamber Board members), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Kevin Lane (Coordinated Charities), Julie Simbeck & Tonya Hips (Athens Chamber), & Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomat)
 (Photo courtesy of Julie Simbeck)



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Wednesday: Sunshine mixed with clouds. High 56.
Wed Night: Clear. Low 38.
Thursday: Clouds mixed with sun. High 64.
Thu Night: Mainly clear. Low 40.
 More Weather at: wysi.com



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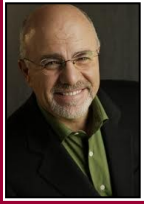
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Obituaries

♦ **Jeffery Lynn Hinkle**, age 70, of Athens, died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center after a long battle with cancer and other health issues. Graveside services were held this past Sunday. Serenity Funeral Home was in charge.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were lower, marking an end to the worst quarter since 2008. The utilities sector led the daily declines. The energy sector was the only one to finish in positive territory. Packaged foods company Conagra said it expects to exceed its previous sales and profitability guidance, with more people eating at home due to the coronavirus. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 410 points or 1.8% to 21,917. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 42 points or 1.6% to 2,585, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 74 points or 1.0% to 7,700.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Nikki Galbreath, a student. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

CORRECTION: In Tuesday's Morning Fax, we had a photo of the Hiwassee Union Church in Reliance. The story said the church was no longer in use. We have since learned that the church has been restored and is a venue for weddings and other events. Thanks to Linda Caldwell for updating us.

House Fire in Englewood

Early Monday morning, a call was dispatched for a house fire on Amhurst Place in Englewood. Flames were visible upon arrival of fire and police units. The vacant house was heavily damaged by fire and water, along with the garage. The Englewood and Etowah rural fire departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 1st

Today is April Fool's Day. The observance originated in France after a new calendar was adopted in 1564. Until then, the New Year was celebrated on April 1st. When it was changed to January 1st, some people still celebrated it on April 1st. They came to be known as April Fools.

1789 - The U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York City.

1873 - Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff was born. He composed the "Second Piano Concerto," which contained the melody for the song, "Full Moon and Empty Arms."

1932 - Actress and singer Debbie Reynolds was born. Her biggest hit record was "Tammy."

1933 - Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

1934 - Singer Jim Ed Brown was born. He and his two sisters performed as "The Browns," and had such hits as "The Three Bells" and "Scarlet Ribbons."

1945 - American troops swarmed ashore the island of Okinawa to fight the Japanese during WWII.

1956 - Chet Huntley began his successful news career with NBC.

1960 - The first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral.

1970 - President Richard Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and TV.

1999 - A New Jersey man was arrested and charged with originating the "Melissa" e-mail virus, which infected more than 1 million computers worldwide.