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Thursday, April 9, 2020 Athens, Tennessee

Latest Count of Virus Cases

The Tennessee Department of Health reports as of Wednesday evening there were 4,362 cases of coronavirus in the state. There have been 79 deaths. The number of cases in McMinn County has remained at 3 for 15 days. (264 people have been tested, and 261 were negative) Monroe County reports 6 cases. Meigs County has 3, Polk County has 3, and Bradley County has 28.

- VIRUS CANCELLATIONS/CLOSINGS**
- ✓ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay at home orders, the United Way's Power of the Purse has been postponed again. The event will be rescheduled for sometime this Fall.
 - ✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University has entered into a partnership with TalkCampus, an app-based service which provides the opportunity for students to connect, discuss, and receive support for mental health issues and anxiety. TalkCampus is a 24/7 service, which is entirely anonymous and peer-to-peer. Students download the app on their smartphone, login for free, and connect with peers who offer support.
 - ✓ The Night of Good Faith fundraiser for the Good Faith Clinic sponsored by the Leadership McMinn Class of 2020 and scheduled for April 17th has been put on hold until further notice. Everyone who has already purchased a ticket will be able to get a refund in a few days. The event will be rescheduled.
 - ✓ The free Comprehensive Physical Exams on April 22nd at the Good Faith Clinic have been cancelled.

February Jobless Rate Unchanged

The unemployment rate in McMinn County was 4.2% in both January and February. In Meigs County, the jobless rate in February was 5.1%, down from 5.5% in January. Monroe County's unemployment rate was 4.2% in February, down from 4.3% in January. Bradley County was unchanged at 3.7% in both January and February. Polk County's rate was 4.5% in February, down from 4.6% in January. The data for February was reported before the COVID-19 health emergency started to take an unprecedented toll on the economy. When the March figures are released at the end of this month we can expect a huge jump in the jobless rate.

GOOD FRIDAY CLOSINGS FOR CITY OF ATHENS
 The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following closures for this Friday, Good Friday. The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Friday. They will re-open on Monday during regular business hours. All residential garbage routes (including Friday routes) will be on the regular schedule. All emergency services will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis.

DONATE TO UNITED WAY'S EASTER BASKET
 United Way invites you to donate to their Community Easter Basket. All donations go to the Covid-19 Recovery Fund. \$25 will buy a bagful of groceries for a week. \$50 will provide 20 carryout meals. To donate click here: [ONLINE](#)
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Obituaries

♦ **Lester Raymond "Sonny" Sutton, Jr.**, age 77, of Athens, died Tuesday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. A private graveside service will be held Friday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Claude Nolan Tallent**, age 78, of Athens, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was a longtime employee of White Stores for over 43 years and retired from United Grocery Outlet. A private graveside service will be held Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher. Real estate and energy industries were the best performers. The Federal Reserve announced that it will temporarily and narrowly modify the growth restriction on Wells Fargo so that it can provide additional support to small businesses. Treasury prices fell.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 780 points or 3.4% to 23,434. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index up 91 points or 3.4% to 2,750, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 204 points or 2.6% to 8,091.

In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold fell \$4.50 to \$1,679.20, and the price of crude oil rose \$2.52 to \$26.15.

A Thank You To Our Police

The photo below shows members of the Athens Police Department's B Squad getting ready to enjoy some pizza from Domino's this week.



TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 9th

1865 - Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia, thus ending the Civil War.

1932 - Carl Perkins ("Mr. Blue Suede Shoes") was born. His biggest hit was "Blue Suede Shoes" He also wrote "Daddy Sang Bass," a big hit for Johnny Cash, as well as the Judds #1 hit "Let Me Tell You About Love" Perkins died in 1998 from throat cancer.

1940 - Germany invaded Denmark and Norway during World War II.

1945 - National Football League officials made it mandatory for football players to wear socks in all league games.

1968 - Funeral services, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

1977 - The Swedish group Abba debuted at number one on the American pop charts with "Dancing Queen".

1983 - The space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

1984 - "Terms of Endearment" won five Academy Awards, including best picture, best actress for Shirley MaLaine and best supporting actor for Jack Nicholson.

1992 - Former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges; he served a 17-year U.S. prison sentence.

2001 - American Airlines' parent company acquired bankrupt Trans World Airlines.

2003 - Jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Husseins regime, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad.