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Monday, June 1, 2020 Athens, Tennessee

COVID-19 Virus Update

As of Sunday, May 31st, Tennessee has had 23,006 cases of COVID-19, with 15,300 recoveries and 364 deaths. McMinn County reports 141 cases with 105 recoveries and 14 deaths. Rhea County shows 210 cases, with 114 recoveries. Meigs County reports 26 cases, with 21 recoveries. Monroe County's total is 64 with 45 recoveries and 2 deaths. Bradley County has 129 cases, 93 recoveries, and 1 death. Polk County reports 18 cases with 14 recoveries.

◆ **ATHENS TO HAVE 4th of JULY FIREWORKS**
The City of Athens and the Athens Parks Foundation have announced that the Independence Day Fireworks show will be held on July 4th, at 9:30 p.m. and will be shot from the Athens Regional Park. A high-altitude show will be conducted. It's designed to be seen from a large viewing area around the Park. The high-altitude show will allow people to watch from an expanded area while practicing social distancing. Due to the nature of this show and the fact that these high-altitude shells require an expanded safety area, the park will be closed to people and traffic all day on July 4 including during the fireworks show. Viewers are advised and asked to find a safe location in the vicinity of the park to watch the show. Additional viewing directions will be released prior to July 4.

◆ **LISTENING REMINDER:** The Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Peyton Eastman with the E.G. Fisher Library. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wxyi.com

Local & State News

◆ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following streets will be repaved during the coming weeks: Million, Cherry, Elizabeth, Jackson, Ervin, Douglas, Church, Westside, Shell, Tennal, Belmont Drive, Velma Road, Cleveland Avenue, and Sweetfield Valley Road. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes where possible.

◆ The Athens Farmers Market is now open. According to the City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department, the market will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays starting June 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens. An official event celebrating the market's 10th season will tentatively be held Saturday, June 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. All Athens Farmers Market vendors are local producers. If interested in being a vendor go [ONLINE](#) to the City of Athens website to obtain an application or by [EMAIL](#) to Brianna Hanson.

◆ Statistics released last week by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development show a staggering increase in unemployment for each of Tennessee's 95 counties in April as many businesses closed to help slow the spread of COVID-19. This impacted some counties more drastically than others, but no area of Tennessee escaped the pandemic's effect on the state's workforce. Unemployment rates in April for the following counties were: McMinn County increased to 17.5%, up from 3.6% in March; Meigs County increased to 18.6%, up from 4.5% in March; Monroe County increased to 21.9%, up from 3.6% in March; Polk County increased to 13.4%, up from 3.6% in March and Bradley County increased to 13.5%, up from 3.3% in March.
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WESTERN SIZZLIN RESTAURANT

To our loyal customers: We had planned to open June 1st, however, with the current meat situation we are unable to get the meat shipments required until the meat processing issues are resolved. With that said, we will have to delay the opening. At the present time, we do not have an anticipated opening date. **Western Sizzlin.**

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WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Mostly Sunny. High 81.
Mon. night - Clear to partly cloudy. Low 57.
Tuesday - Sunny and warm. High 85.
More Weather at: wxyi.com

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- Monday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
- Tuesday-Athens-PaPaw's Place -10:30 - 2:30
- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:30 (across from Johnson's Dept Store)
- Thursday-Athens-PaPaw's Place -11:00 - 2:30
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
- Saturday-Sweetwater- Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
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Monday, June 1, 2020 **Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page** **Athens,**

Obituaries

- ♦ **Phyllis Irene Jones**, age 67, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Idlewild Cemetery with visitation from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Roger Dale Parks**, age 69, of Cleveland, died Friday at his residence. He began his coaching career at Putnam County High School in Cookeville and then transferred to McMinn County High School coaching under Coach John Mullinax and taught Biology, Wellness and P.E. He later started Parks Insurance and Investments as a financial investment advisor then sold his business and returned to teaching and coaching at Cleveland City Schools until his retirement. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens with visitation from 12 to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Robert Earl Womac**, age 66, of Riceville, died Thursday at his residence. He was associated with Duracell and Robette Manufacturing Company until his retirement. Graveside services were held Sunday with Smith Funeral in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Myrtle Marie Stephens**, age 96, of Etowah, died Thursday. She was retired from Agriculture Extension Services. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 1 p.m. prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of the arrangements.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished the day higher, led by the financial sector. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 73 points or 0.3% to 26,537. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 17 points or 0.6% to 2,914, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 38 points or 0.5% to 7,910.

More Local and Area News

♦ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding course. An online course needs to be completed before the first class. The class is limited to the first 10 registered with a minimum of 5. Participants must be at least fifteen years old to register. Registration is \$200 and is open until June 5th. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 423-744-2700 Ext 3 to register. You can also go [ONLINE](#) or you can contact them by [EMAIL](#)

♦ FEMALE EASTERN BLUEBIRD



The photo to the left is a female Eastern Bluebird feeding one of her chicks. These bluebirds are a year round species in Tennessee.
Photo submitted by Jennifer Hardison



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Sunday - Monday: Closed

Admission

Adults: \$5
Seniors (60+): \$3
Students: \$3

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 1st

- 1792** - Kentucky became the 15th state in the union.
- 1796** - Tennessee became the 16th state in the union.
- 1813** - The Navy gained its motto when the mortally wounded commander of the frigate Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, said "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with a British frigate.
- 1926** - Andy Griffith was born in Mount Airy, North Carolina. His biggest hit record was "What It Was, Was Football." He portrayed Sheriff Andy Taylor on the TV series "The Andy Griffith Show."
- 1964** - The U.S. Supreme Court banned prayers and Bible teaching in public schools on the "constitutional grounds" of separation of church and state.
- 1980** - CNN made its debut.
- 2009** - General Motors filed for Chapter 11, becoming the largest U.S. industrial company to enter bankruptcy protection.
- 2010** - Former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, announced their separation after 40 years of marriage.