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Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Covid-19 Virus Update

There was another jump in the number of COVID-19 cases in Tennessee. The latest total is 27,575. That's up 631 from Monday. 18,013 patients have recovered and there have now been 435 deaths. McMinn County's total has gone up 6, now standing at 159 cases with 120 recovered and 14 deaths. Officials at Life Care Center of Athens now say their facility is COVID-19 "free". There are currently no cases of the coronavirus among residents or staff members. Rhea County's totals are 219 cases and 202 recoveries. Meigs County has 27 cases and 22 recoveries. Monroe County reports 75 cases, 61 recoveries, and 4 deaths.

VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ The 2020 Annual Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library has been cancelled due to health concerns.
- ✓ Due to the pandemic, Grace & Mercy Ministries has cancelled its Summertime BBQ normally held this week. It's name has been changed to "Greatest BBQ That Never Happened" fundraiser. Cancel the caterer. Call off the deliveries. Don't show up. Instead, you are asked to help by donating. Call Grace & Mercy at 920-1443.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in regular session Thursday, June 11th, at 5:30 p.m. The Budget Committee will meet at 4:30 and the Policy Committee will meet at 5 p.m. The board will continue to provide electronic meeting access for the public.

A Conversation on Race & Community

In the wake of the recent tragic death of George Floyd, a diverse group of Athens and McMinn County leaders are inviting all citizens to come together and share in a conversation about race relations. The goal is that this discussion will begin the steps to healing and bring solidarity to many areas within our community. Everyone is invited. The event is for the entire community (all ages and all races) and will be held at J.L. Cook Memorial Park, located on Cook Drive, starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 11th. It will kick off with free pulled pork sandwiches sponsored by Big Daddy's BBQ at 4:30 p.m., then a program including comments by Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch and McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy and an opportunity for Q&A starts at 5 p.m. That will be followed by a peaceful walk from Cook Park to Downtown Athens (around the McMinn County Courthouse) and then back to the park for those who wish to participate. The event is supported by the City of Athens and the McMinn County NAACP Branch. (A reminder: COVID-19 still exists, please practice social distancing, and a limited supply of masks will be available for anyone who needs one)

NOTE: The Athens Public Works Department advises that Sweetfield Valley Road from Cedar Springs Road to Old Madison Ave. will have lane closures until June 26th at 4 p.m. to repair open street cuts. Motorists should use extreme caution and watch for traffic signs, workers, and pedestrians.

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Wednesday - Cloudy. Possible t'storm in p.m. High 84.

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Obituaries

♦ **Martha Ellen Burke**, age 90, of Athens, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. There will be a private burial in McMinn Memory Gardens. A Celebration of Life Service will held at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equities ended the day mixed, and technology was the best-performing sector. The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index was reported above expectations for May. Airlines were forecast to lose \$84 billion this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to the International Air Transport Association. Treasury prices rose. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 300 points or 1.09% to 27,272. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 25 points or 0.8% to 3,207, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 29 points or 0.3% to 9,954.

PROGRAM REMINDER

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

Truck Overtakes on Highway 39E

Monday afternoon around 5 the driver of this 2019 Freightliner narrowly escaped injury when he ran off the edge of Highway 39E, Englewood, and overturned. AMR, the Englewood Rural Fire Department, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded, THP Officer Mike Brown investigated.

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