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Friday, July 17, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

COVID Cases Still Rising

Tennessee's total of COVID-19 cases now stands at 71,540, up 2,479 in the past 24 hours. The death toll is 796, up 13. Health officials report 59 of Tennessee counties have an unacceptable coronavirus transmission rate. Those counties include McMinn and Bradley. McMinn County's count has now reached 326, up 13 from Wednesday. There are 108 active cases and the death toll stands at 19. Bradley County's total of cases is now 1,114 with 6 deaths. Monroe County's total is 165 with 7 deaths (that is up one). Meigs County reports 43 cases to date and 13 are active. Polk County has had 63 cases of the virus. 21 cases are active.

✓ The Cleveland Company that makes the masks distributed for free by the state has confirmed that 18 employees have tested positive for COVID-19. Renfro Corporation says those employees are in different stages of home isolation and quarantine since the first positive case in early June. Renfro has 326 employees. The sock company has an \$8 million contract with the state of Tennessee to provide masks which are given out at county health departments.

✓ Vanderbilt University Medical Center is looking for about 1,000 volunteers to participate in the late-stage trial of an experimental COVID-19 vaccine. The hospital says it will begin recruiting people at the end of the month. The randomized trial will be open to people 18 or older. They will receive two shots of either the vaccine or a placebo and will be monitored for two years.

Early Voting Begins Today

Early voting for the August 6th election begins today. In McMinn County there are two early voting locations this time. You can vote early at the McMinn County Election Commission office on the ground floor of the Courthouse. The hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 to 1. Early voting goes through August 1st. The second location is the Athens Regional Park Conference Center. You can vote early there July 20th-July 31st on Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will not be open on Saturday.

The August 6th election is for the state primaries, the county general election, and the Englewood and Etowah city elections. The state primaries include the U.S. Senate, Congressional, and State Representative races. There are 15 Republicans and 5 Democrats running for U.S. Senate. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann has no opposition. Rep. Mark Cochran has no opposition in his race for re-election. The county general election has one contested race for county school board. Keith Price is unopposed in his bid for re-election as assessor of property. Both Englewood and Etowah have contested local races. Two candidates are running for mayor of Englewood. Three candidates are seeking the 2 positions on the Etowah City Commission.

CORRECTION: In Thursday's Morning Fax, we reported that Sounds of Summer concert would be tonight (Friday). That is incorrect. Sounds of Summer is on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

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Fri Night - Mostly cloudy & humid. Possible t'storm. Low 73.
Saturday - Humid with a blend of sun and clouds. High 91.
Sat Night - Possible rain or t'storm. Low 74.
Sunday - Warm with clouds & sun. High 94.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Michael Scott Roberts**, age 48, of Delano, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. today (Friday) at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Ronald "Ronnie" Dean Sneed**, age 77, of Athens, died unexpectedly on Tuesday at his residence. He worked for Western Auto for over 30 years and at Cherokee Hardware for several years. Funeral services will be today (Friday) at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Pat Cantrell Torbett**, age 82, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Hospice of Chattanooga Care Center. He started working at Mayfield Dairy at age 15 and retired from Mayfield Dairy in 2000. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on today (Friday) at Wildwood Baptist Church. The casket will lie in state at the church from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equities ended the day lower. Utilities were up 1.3%. Technology fell 1.2%. The Homebuilder Sentiment Index rose to a pre-virus-level high. Daimler said that second-quarter losses would be lower than expected. U.S. Treasury prices were little changed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 135 points to 26,735. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 11 points to 3216, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 77 points to close at 10,474.

Church News & Events

- During the months of July and August, First Baptist Church of Athens is holding one Sunday service. The time is 9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School at First Baptist will be held the week of July 20th-23rd. The theme is Concrete & Cranes. (See ad below for more details) Call the church to sign up at 745-5441.
- The Home Service Sunday School Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio [FM 94.5/AM 1390](#) at 10 a.m. Sunday. In-person worship remains suspended. Check the church website for the latest information: www.keithumc.org
- Niota First Baptist Church is postponing VBS until July 31st to August 1st due to the coronavirus.
- The Hymnsmen Quartet will sing at First Baptist Church of Niota at 10:45 a.m. on July 26th. They will also appear that evening at 6 at Freedom Baptist Church in Athens.
- Redemption to the Nations Church (RTTN Athens) will have midweek Summer Revival Nights on July 22nd, and 29th at 7 p.m. nightly. The church is located at 2329 Clearwater Road, Athens.
- Transformation Project, a 12-month non-residential recover and discipleship program is being held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Athens First Baptist Church. For information, go online at fbcathens.com/transformation-project or call 745-5441.
- Beulah Chapel has moved its annual Homecoming from the 3rd Sunday in July to the 3rd Sunday in September this year.

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