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Athens, Tennessee

Hagerty Wins Senate Primary

Election day has come and gone and here are some of the results. Republican Primary for U.S. Senate: Bill Hagerty won the nomination with about 51% of the vote; Dr. Manny Sethi was the nearest competitor with 39% of the vote out of 15 candidates. Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate: Marquita Bradshaw won the nomination with about 35% of the vote out of a field of 5 candidates. State Representative Mark Cochran ran unopposed and received over 7500 complimentary votes. McMinn School Board District 4: Bill Irvin won over Danny Pritchett to fill an unexpired term. Englewood Mayor: Tony Hawn won with 151 votes, and Jason Hitt received 122 votes. Etowah City Commission: John James 255, Jim Swayne 254, and Gene Keller 175. The top two candidates were elected.

CORONA VIRUS CASE UPDATE

Tennessee: 116,350 cases to date, up 2,252 in the last 24 hours. The death total is now 1,186, up 42.
McMinn Co: 509 case of the virus to date, up 11. There are 132 active cases and the death total remains at 20.
Monroe Co: 397 cases to date, with 183 active cases. There have been 9 deaths.
Meigs Co: 99 cases to date, with 38 active cases. No deaths.
Polk County: 185 cases and 85 are still active. The total number of deaths is 3.
Bradley Co: 1,817 cases to date. 542 are active. The deaths stand at 12.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens City Schools officials have announced that students in grades 3 through 8 will be required to wear masks. The school system says the mandate is based on a recommendation from the Physicians' Task Force. All student will be provided with a mask on the first day of school, Monday, August 10th.
- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces the Ingleside Pool will remain open for pool parties and a weekly swim night as long as weather permits. Regular open swim hours for the public will end this Sunday, August 9th. Starting Monday, August 10th, the pool will be open for a weekly swim night from 5 to 7 p.m. each Monday until the season ends. Private parties will be available for reservations on Tuesday through Thursday 6 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Swim lessons will continue through August 20th on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ✓ The Celebration of the Nations scheduled for September 19th at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The event was to have been a Multicultural Festival celebrating diverse people groups within McMinn County with authentic entertainment, food, and children activities.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer concert this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion will feature the Tim Hughes Quartet and Kelle Jolly & Will Boyd. The concert is free.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Glenn Bryson**, age 77, of Englewood, died August 4th after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia. He served in the Navy from 1960-1963 following graduation from the Englewood High School Class of 1960, where he was a member of the "Dirty Dozen+1" football team. He retired from the Y-12 facility in Oak Ridge after 42 years. At his request, there will be no funeral or memorial services.
- ♦ **Jackie Mae Price Rudd**, age 71, of McMinn County, died Wednesday at her home. The family will have a private graveside service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **David "Dozer" Headlee**, age 48, of Decatur, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 14th, at 7 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher. The U.S. jobless claims for last week fell to 1.2 million. Allstate reported second-quarter earnings above expectations. Treasury bond prices rose.
The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 185 points or 0.7% to 27,387. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 21 points or 0.6% to 3,349, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 110 points or 1.0% to 11,108.

Church News & Events

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Athens First Baptist Church will again hold drive-in services this Sunday (August 9th) at 9:30 a.m. at the Midway Drive-in.
- 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.
- Danny Carter & Patsy Cline Carter will be ministering (One More Time) at Cambria Baptist Church this Sunday, August 9th, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 305 County Road 875, Etowah.
- Beulah Chapel has moved its annual Homecoming from the 3rd Sunday in July to the 3rd Sunday in September this year.
- If you have items you would like us to include in our Church News & Events column each Friday, just email them to us at wyxi@bellsouth.net. There is no charge.

UNITED WAY WEEK OF CARING

The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will hold its annual "Week" of Caring during the week of August 17-20. Virtual and on-site volunteer opportunities are available. Volunteers will be doing work to assist United Way member agencies. You can volunteer here: www.uwcmminn-meigs.com/volunteer-2020-week-caring. The registration deadline is August 14th.

TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 7th

- 1782** - The Order of the Purple Heart was established by George Washington to honor Americans wounded in the Revolutionary War.
- 1925** - Songwriter Felice Bryant was born. She and her husband, Boudleaux wrote dozens of hit songs, including most of the Everly Brothers' hits and the song, "Rocky Top."
- 1928** - Singer Herb Reed was born. He was a member of the Platters, who had such hits as "My Prayer" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."
- 1942** - U.S. Marines launched America's first offensive in the Pacific in World War II, as they landed on the island of Guadalcanal.
- 1942** - Singer B.J. Thomas was born. His hit records include "Raindrops Keep Falling," "Hooked On A Feeling," and "(Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song."
- 1948** - A new Olympic Games record was set when 83,000 spectators attended the final day of track and field events. The Games, held in London, England, had gate receipts totaling more than \$2 million.
- 1971** - The Apollo 15 moon mission ended successfully as its command module splashed down in the Pacific Ocean.
- 1973** - Park ranger Roy Sullins was struck by lightning for the 5th time. As usual, he was not hurt.
- 2010** - Elena Kagan was sworn in as the 112th justice and fourth woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.