

Free Dental Service for Kids

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and the TWU Dental Hygiene Clinic will once again provide free services for children for the entire month. Children under 18 can receive hygiene services, including cleaning, x-rays, fluoride, and sealants, all at no cost. TWU Program Director Randa Colbert says dental care is crucial during childhood because tooth decay remains the most prevalent chronic disease among children in the U.S. Appointments can be made by calling the TWU Dental Hygiene Clinic at 423-252-1475.



Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens City Council voted unanimously at a called meeting Tuesday to fund both Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the new city school project simultaneously. This will require an estimated property tax increase of about 10 cents; the exact amount to be voted-on later.

✓ Congressman Chuck Éleischmann has been selected to serve on three key House Appropriations subcommittees. He will serve on the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, and the Homeland Security Subcommittee which Fleischmann leads as the top Republican.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library continues to have Facebook Live programs. On Thursday at 4 p.m. there will be a Pug-themed Storytime with Craft. Grab and go craft packets for the month of February are available for pickup at the library. Also February's teens and adults self-care program is journaling. Grab and go bags can be picked up at the library.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday P.M.

Tennessee:	731,360 cas	es, up 2,173. 9,9	,900 deaths, up 147.	
COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,423 up 24	5,059	285	79
Meigs	1,226 up 2	1,156	52	18
Monroe	4,898 up 26	4,584	245	69 up 1
Polk	1,576 up 11	1,450	107	19
Bradley	11,655 up 53	10,972	563	120 up 5
Rhea	4,005 up 3	3,806	135	64



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Obituaries

* James "Jim" Hughes Hines, age 82, of Ten Mile, died February 1st. He was born in Athens. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years. He was an Eagle Scout, owned two grocery stores in the 1980's at Watts Bar Lake, and then retired from Jackson Manufacturing in Cleveland in 2000. A graveside service will be held this Saturday, Feb. 6th, at 1 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery (new section). At a later date in the Spring, there will be a memorial service at the family home on Watts Bar Lake. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

• Martin Allen Knox, age 51, of Athens, died Monday at his home. Graveside services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Clearwater Baptist Church Cemetery.

• Shirley J Amos Arnwine, age 73, of Niota, died January 19th at her home. She was named "Miss Etowah" in 1964. A gathering of the immediate family was held Jan. 23rd. A Celebration of Life will be held on March 21st at Marshall Hill Baptist Church.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities closed higher again as markets continue to regain some footing after last week's spike in volatility. The frenzy of speculative trading that centered on GameStop last week appears to be moderating. GameStop shares were down sharply. Economic conditions are in focus amid progress on vaccine distribution and promises on fiscal-stimulus negotiations. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrials: 30,687.48 +475.57; NASDAQ: 13,612.78 +209.38; S&P 500: 3,826.31 +52.45.

Donation to United Way

Dominion Senior Living recently presented United Way with a check of the proceeds received from their annual Festival of Trees held in November. Pictured left to right: Megan Dunaway with Dominion, Paige Zabo with United Way, and Jessica Skelton with Dominion.



TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 3rd

1809 - The territory of Illinois was created.

1809 - German composer Felix Mendelssohn was born. His best-known song is the familiar "Wedding March," which comes from the orchestral overture, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

1811 - Newspaper editor Horace Greeley was born. He supported free homesteading in the west as a cure for the industrial ills of the east and was popularly quoted as advising, "Go west, young man."

1894 - Painter and illustrator Norman Rockwell was born. He was best-known for the covers he produced for the Saturday Evening Post magazine.

1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect. That's the Amendment which created the income tax.

1924 - Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the United States, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

1959 - The "music died" on this day when singers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. Richardson (AKA the Big Bopper) were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

1971 - Apollo 14 astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr. and Edgar D. Mitchell landed on the lunar surface during the third successful manned mission to the moon.

1994 - The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time.