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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The City of Etowah is preparing to open the new swimming pool by June 1st. The pool is located at the corner of 6th Street and Louisiana Avenue. The City of Etowah is currently hiring lifeguards.
- ✓ The Etowah Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd, on the lawn of the L&N Depot.
- ✓ United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties raised a total of \$208,876.62 for its COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund. Nineteen agencies will receive funds, including Athens-McMinn Family YMCA, Coordinated Charities, Meigs Ministries, Etowah and McMinn Senior Centers, Tri-County Center, Full Circle Medical Women's Center, Grace & Mercy Ministries, Table Graces, St. Mark AME Zion Church Food Pantry, the Good Faith Clinic, and the Friendly Fellow Club.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday P.M.

Tennessee: 752,033 cases, up 1,624. 10,812 deaths, up 81.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,652 up 36	5,371	194	87
Meigs	1,234 (-2)	1,173	41	20
Monroe	5,084 up 38	4,804	195	85 up 1
Polk	1,615 up 10	1,514	80	21
Bradley	12,194 up 81	11,538	525	131 up 2
Rhea	4,033 (-3)	3,862	105	66

Property Tax Reminder

McMinn County Trustee Phil Tuggle reminds taxpayers that Saturday, February 27th, is the last day to pay property taxes before interest and penalty must be added. The Trustee's Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on February 27th. Tuggle says his office will accept any mail postmarked by February 28th, and it will be legal even if received a couple of days late. The Trustee drop box is located at the top of the steps on the Washington Avenue side of the Courthouse. However, any payments deposited in the drop box after February 28th will be subject to penalty and interest. Tuggle says the law requires the Trustee to send unpaid "business personal property" taxes and 2019 delinquent taxes to Chancery Court on March 31st. Delinquent taxes are assessed interest and penalty, plus court costs and attorney fees if sent to court. All delinquent county taxes must be paid before current 2020 taxes may be accepted. To make it easier to pay property taxes prior to February 28th, the McMinn County Trustee Office will be open all Saturdays in February from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOTICE: The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 16th, at 5 p.m. The location will be in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct any election business to legally come before the board.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **James Alford Sylvester, Jr.,** aka "Catman", age 80, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was an owner and partner in A and J Bodyshop and Wrecker Co. for over 30 years until his retirement in 2007. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Judith Marie Rogge,** age 75, of Spring City, died January 28th at UT Medical Center. She had served her life in healthcare. A memorial service is planned for a later date.
- ♦ **CORRECTION:** In an obituary earlier this week on the death of Dustin "Dusty" Michael Foriska of Decatur it was reported that he was a 2001 graduate of Sweetwater Hospital. Decatur Funeral Home says he actually graduated in 2003.

REMINDER: Monday is Presidents' Day. Banks, schools, the post office, and some government offices will be closed.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities ended higher. Oil traded slightly lower, while 10-year bond yields were unchanged. Gold was little changed, and the dollar was stronger. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 7.10 to 31,430.70. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6.50 to 3,916.38, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 53.24 points to 14,025.77.

Church News & Events

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, invites you to attend free Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call: 423-435-8986
 - Ascension Life Church is going to two services on Sunday mornings starting this Sunday, February 14th. The first service starts at 9 a.m. and the second service will begin at 11 a.m. They will be identical, with the same worship songs, the same speaker, and the same message. However, there will be no nursery or children's church offered for the 9 a.m. service.
 - Cedar Springs Methodist Church is having its spring bake sale on Saturday, March 27th, at 1326 Cedar Springs Road. Just like November, it will be phone-in orders only. Call 649-3773 to place your order between now and March 5th. Then come by the church between 8 and noon on the 27th to pick up the items.
 - Athens Lutheran Church will be having an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. on February 17th. The church is located at 10 Forrest Avenue.
 - The annual singing and fund-raiser for Burke's Gospel Jubilee radio program will not be held this year due to COVID-19. If you would like to make a donation, contact Stanley Blair at 507-4452.
- NOTE:** If you have church announcements you would like us to publish in this column at no charge, email us at: wyxi@bellsouth.net



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