



Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Community News You Can Use The Easter Bu

. ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open today, Tuesday, with drive through refills from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and physician visits at 4 p.m. The free medical clinic is for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties and is located on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S. Congress Parkway.

✓ Full Circle Medical Center for Women announces that Christian singer Steventhen Holland will be the keynote speaker at Full Circle's 2021 fundraising dinner to be held April 8th at 7 p.m. at The Barn. Steventhen will also lead a night of worship on Friday, April 9th, at 7 p.m. at Ascension Life Church. Tickets are \$10.00.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday (today) will be Janie Ehmig, AmeriCorp Hunger Relief Coordinator for St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Table Graces. The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390 FM-94.5 & ONLINE

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 2-22

Tennessee:	766,089 cases, up 952. 11,153 deaths, up 20.			up 20.
<u>COUNTY</u>	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,839 up 7	5,588	162	89
Meigs	1,251	1,210	21	20
Monroe	5,228 up 13	4,996	144	88
Polk	1,725 up 2	1,610	94	21
Bradley	12,654 up 21	12,059	458	137
Rhea	4,111 up 9	3,949	90	72

The Easter Bunny is Coming

Athens, Tennessee

Both Athens and Etowah have announced plans to hold Easter Egg hunts this year.

- The Athens Parks and Recreation Department and Trinity United Methodist Church are teaming up to hold a "drivethrough" Egg Hunt." The tentative date is March 27th. Approximately 12,000 eggs will be handed out to children as they drive through. There should be enough eggs for each child to receive 15 to 20 Easter eggs. The idea is for the children to take the eggs home and hold their own egg hunt. The event will be held at Athens Regional Park. Last year's Easter Egg hunt was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's event will take the place of the egg drop held at the McMinn County Airport.
- The annual Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, at 11 a.m. at the L&N Depot. Over 5,000 eggs will cover the lawn for children ages 2-10. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for pictures. Etowah Chamber Director Durant Tullock says the people distributing the eggs will wear gloves. The area for hunting will be spread out to create more distance between hunters. Etowah cancelled last year's egg hunt due to the pandemic.

NOTE: United Way is also a collection point for books for Let's Read 20, along with Keith UMC, Capstar & Athens Insurance.





Obituaries

• Gladys Addie Hill Thurman, age 80, of Decatur, died last Friday at her home. She was a former employee of Shaw Industries and Life Care Center of Athens. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Methodist Cemetery in Madisonville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Teresa Ann Ramey Pannell, age 56, of Athens, died Sunday at her residence. Teresa coached little league basketball at the YMCA, was an assistant Troop Leader for the Girl Scouts and was a PTO President at North City Elementary School. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

• Kelly Renee Finnell Taylor, age 45, of Meigs County, died Sunday. She served as Emergency Communications Director for Meigs County, where she had been employed for 27 years. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 27.37 to 31,521.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 30.21 to 3,876.50.

The NASDAQ Index was down 341.41 points to 13,533.05.

Another Moment of Black History

E. Harper Johnson was a native McMinn Countian. He was the son of Charlie and Gussie Queener Johnson. He graduated from J.L. Cook School. He attended Morristown Jr. College and received his bachelor's and master's degrees



from Tennessee State University.

He began teaching at East Etowah School. He later became principal of J.L. Cook School and remained until its closing in 1966. He then served as the director of federal projects in the McMinn County School System.

E. Harper Johnson became nationally known for his work with the Tennessee

Education Association. He became the Tennessee Education Association's assistant executive secretary in 1976.

In 1981, he was awarded the H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award of the National Education Association for "leadership in the advancement of intergroup understanding within the education profession." The TEA named its two human relations awards for individuals; the "E. Harper Johnson Human Relations Awards," in his honor. Locally "Women United in Community Service" and Stanley Blair have been honored with those awards.

Johnson died in Nashville in 1982 at the age of 64. (Submitted by Harriel Blair)

