

# **Community News You Can Use**

 $\checkmark$  The Athens Public Works Department advises that Keith Lane from Powers Path to Crestway Drive will be closed this week. After Keith Lane is reopened, Powers Path will be closed until Saturday, March 20th, at 5 p.m. The purpose of the closings is for utility crossings and utility taps in connection with the new school building construction project.

✓ McMinn County Trustee Phil Tuggle reminds taxpayers that all unpaid 2019 real and personal property taxes will be turned over to the Chancery Court, as required by law, at the close of business on March 31st. This will result in additional cost to the taxpayer.

✓ The phone number to call to schedule your COVID-19 vaccination if you are 65 or older or 16 and older with certain health conditions is 1-866-442-5301.

#### **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 3-15**

<b>Tennessee:</b>	792,795 cases, up 806. 11,638 deaths, up 11.		
<b>COUNTY</b>	CASES	ACTIVE	<b>DEATHS</b>
McMinn	6,048	101	93
Meigs	1,282	12	23
Monroe	5,462	105	92
Polk	1,829	52	24
Bradley	13,433	391	141
Rhea	4,199	51	73

# **Award Winning Speakers**

The annual Athens Optimist Club oratorical contest was held recently at Athens City Middle School. The winners are pictured below, left to right: Madison Herd (4th place winner), Scarlett Starkey (3rd place winner), Savannah Claire Starkey (2nd place winner), Halle Newman (1st place winner). Scarlet Starkey attends Westside School. The other three winners are students at Athens Middle School.

(Photo by Richard Newman, Athens Optimist Club)







### **Obituaries**

• Mary Sue West Daniels, age 88, of Athens and formerly of Knoxville, died Sunday at her residence. There will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• Jerry Ross Millsaps, age 65, of Decatur, died last Wednesday at Starr Regional. A private family graveside service will take place at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• **Dorothy Prichard Sneed**, age 86, of Etowah, died Saturday. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Goodsprings Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• Mackie G. Elliott, age 77, of Etowah, died Sunday. He was retired from Bordwine Funeral Home after more than 40 years. Funeral services will be today, Tuesday, at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Stocks ended higher, with the Dow setting a fresh intraday record high after posting strong gains last week. Economically sensitive stocks continue to outperform technology stocks, as the economic reopening gains steam and vaccinations become more widespread. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 174.82 to 32,953.46. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 25.60 to 3,968.94, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 139.84 points to 13,459.71.

#### **TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1751** - James Madison, our fourth president, was born in Virginia.

**1789** - German physicist George S. Ohm was born. He discovered the mathematical law of electric currents which is known as "Ohm's Law." The "ohm," a unit of electrical resistance, was named for him.

**1802 -** The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, was established.

**1926** - Dr. Robert Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket. Goddard is known as the Father of modern rocketry and space flight.

**1926** - Comedian and singer Jerry Lewis was born. For years, he and Dean Martin were side-kicks and starred in several movies.

**1966** - Astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott docked their Gemini-8 space vehicle with another spacecraft. It was the first successful link-up of two vehicles in space.

## **Fire Destroys Lawnmower**

A fire Sunday afternoon around 4 on County Road 405, Athens, destroyed a 2011 Simplicity mower. The Englewood and Niota Rural Fire Departments responded to the fire at a residence.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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