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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ Athens Utilities Board reports March was a rainy month. Rainfall totaled 9.79 inches. The heaviest 24-hour rain fall was 2.98 inches on March 18th. The highest temperature in March was 77, recorded on both March 27th and 31st. The lowest temperature was 25, recorded on March 7th.

✓ The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) will resume visitation for inmates at all facilities beginning next Saturday, April 10th. The decision to resume visitation, for visitors 18 and older, was based on community data and vaccine administration data. All visitors will be required to schedule an appointment, have their temperatures taken, and wear masks.

✓ Dolly Parton has tweeted that she has received the second dose of Moderna vaccine and literally got a dose of her own medicine. She contributed \$1million for the Moderna research.

◆COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 4-5

Tennessee: 817 022 cases up 522 11 929 deaths up 7

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COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,233	91	96
Meigs	1,318	19	23
Monroe	5,599	69	95
Polk	1,940	48	24
Bradley	14,153	307	145
Rhea	4,271	42	75

Warning for Rabbit Owners

Tennessee's State Veterinarian wants to inform citizens about an outbreak of rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus type 2 (RHDV2). The disease has been detected near the Tennessee border in Arkansas. There have been no cases found in Tennessee, but rabbit owners and hunters should be mindful of the heightened risk.

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease does not affect humans or other animals. However, it is highly contagious and fatal to domestic rabbits, wild hares, and pika. It can be transmitted through direct contact with infected rabbits or carcasses, meat or fur, bodily fluids, bedding material, feed and water bowls, and hav.

State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty says onset of this rabbit virus is extremely quick and persistent. She says pet owners and breeders should be alert for any signs their rabbits are infected, including lethargy, decreased appetite, labored breathing, internal bleeding and bloodstained noses or mouths.

The best defense against the virus is to separate domestic rabbits from other pets and livestock; thoroughly clean and disinfect surface and equipment used for rabbit care; dedicate a pair of shoes to be worn in rabbit housing and don't wear them outside the housing area; quarantine newly-acquired domestic animals for at least 30 days from other pets and livestock; do not handle dead wild rabbits.

Hunters should wear gloves and disinfect tools, and hands after field dressing wild rabbits. Meat from healthy animals is safe for human consumption if dressed and cooked properly.



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Obituaries

- Jesse Vona Guinn, age 30, of Englewood, died March 26th in a traffic accident. The family will have a private memorial service. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- James Calvin Spurling, age 74, died Friday. He retired from a life of trucking in 1996. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday at Companion Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 373.98 to 33,527.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 58.04 to 4,077.91, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 225.49 points to 13,705.59

A POSSIBLE NEW ROLE FOR MINISTERS

✓ A joint resolution filed in the Tennessee General Assembly would change the Tennessee Constitution to allow for ministers and priests of all denominations to be eligible to serve in the legislature. The resolution would delete the section of the Constitution which states that "ministers of the Gospel are by their profession dedicated to God and the care of souls, and ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their functions. Therefore, no minister of the Gospel or priest of any denomination shall be eligible to a seat in either House of the Legislature." The amendment would be voted on by Tennesseans in the 2022 elections.

Tuning Up for Business

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Gregory's Piano Tuning, located in Athens, The photo shows, front, left to right: Lisa Rhea (Chamber Diplomat), Frank Davis (Helping Hands Ministry), Jeffery Gregory (Owner), Tonya Hipps (Chamber), Amy McDonald (Diplomat). Back row: McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Joseph Ladner (Diplomat), Sheriff Joe Guy, & Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO).



TODAY IN HISTORY - April 6th

- **1830 -** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, New York.
- **1862 -** The Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who beat back the Confederates the next day.
- **1896 -** The first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.
- **1909 -** American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.
- **1917 -** The United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.
- **1945 -** During World War II, the Japanese warship Yamato and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.
- **1954 -** Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., responding to CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow's broadside against him on "See It Now," said in remarks filmed for the program that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."
- 1971 Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky, 88, died in New York City.
- **1973 -** Ron Blomberg of the New York Yankees became Major League Baseball's first designated hitter as he faced pitcher Luis Tiant of the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park. (Blomberg was walked with the bases loaded; Boston won the game, 15-5.)
- **1994** Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun announced his retirement after 24 years.
- **1998 -** The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 9,000 points for the first time, ending the day at 9,033.23.
- **1998 -** Country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville home at age 55.