

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Virus Update

The Monday afternoon report from the Tennessee Department of Health says there are now 3,802 cases of the coronavirus statewide, with 65 deaths. McMinn County's cases remain at three. A total of 219 people in McMinn County have been tested. 216 tests were negative. Monroe County has 6 cases, Meigs County has 2, Polk County has 3, and Bradley County reports 23.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

 \checkmark Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the McMinn County Amateur Radio Club has postponed the planned First Responder Golf Tournament scheduled for May 1st at Ridgewood Golf Club. The tournament is rescheduled for October 2nd.

✓ The City of Etowah has announced the 2020 "Let's Get Creative Art Contest" which you can do while you are sheltering at home. The contest is open to all ages. Call 263-2202 for details.

✓ Governor Lee has announced the State will allocate \$10 million in Small and Rural Hospital Readiness Grants to support hospitals that are facing financial strain due to COVID-19.

✓ Governor Lee also announced \$200 million in grants to be distributed to every county and city government for one-time, local expenses, in fiscal year 2021. The governor says capital maintenance, public safety, and road projects don't pause for disasters like tornadoes and the Covid-19 pandemic.

✓ Hobby Lobby announces it is closing its stores.

Arrest Made in Woman's Death

An arrest has been made in the murder of an employee at Ingles Supermarket in Athens. McMinn County detectives have filed

First Degree Homicide charges against a Sweetwater man, 38year-old Christopher Reece Young, in the February 13th death of Donna Riggins, who worked in the meat department Ingles. Ms. at Riggins' body was found in her residence on County Road 105 by a Sheriff relative.



Joe Guy says despite distractions caused by the coronavirus, his detectives, along with the DA's office and the TBI, have worked every day for the past month and a half following leads, collecting additional evidence, and developing suspects. Young is being held at the McMinn County Jail under a \$150,000 bond.





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Obituaries

James Lynn "Jim" Burger, age 81, of Athens, died Thurs-٠ day at his residence. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Sunrise Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

George (Eddie) Webb of Englewood died April 1st at U.T. ٠ Medical Center. He was a veteran of the Army and the Air Force. Due to Covid-19, a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher. All sectors closed in positive territory. There are new concerns about the settlement deal between PG&E and California wildfire victims. The Fed announced that it would create a program to purchase small-business payroll loans. Treasury prices fell. Yields rose.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1627 points or 7.7% to 22,680. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index up 175 points or 7.0% to 2,664, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 540 points or 7.3% to 7.913.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year Treasury yield is trading higher at 1.27%, and the 10-year Treasury yield is trading higher at .66%. In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold rose \$62.70 to \$1,708.40, and the price of crude oil fell \$1.95 to \$26.39.

Motorcycle Wreck on CR 881

The operator of a 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle lost control last Friday around 6:30 p.m., hitting a tree head-on. AMR transported one patient to Erlanger and the other patient to Starr Regional in Athens. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. THP Officer Travis Ryans investigated the accident.

(Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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