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Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Coronavirus Update

McMinn County's coronavirus cases reported 5 with 4 recovered. Monroe County reported 9 cases, with 6 recovered. Meigs County has 3 cases with 2 recovered. Polk County now has 5 cases, with 3 recoveries. Bradley County reports 33 cases with 24 recovered and 1 death. Statewide, there are 5,823 cases of the virus with 124 deaths.

FATAL DUMP TRUCK WRECK ON CR 750

An employee of the McMinn County Highway Department died when his dump truck loaded with gravel ran off County Road 750 about .8 of mile south of Highway 30 Tuesday morning, hit a tree, and came to rest on its side. Dean Wallace, 55, was extricated and rushed to Starr Regional Medical Center where he died from his injuries. He was the son of Larry Wallace, former sheriff, THP Head and TBI Director. Trooper Travis Ryans says diesel fuel and oil spilled over the road and tied up traffic for several hours.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

✓ Governor Bill Lee says a decision about the remainder of the school year will be announced this afternoon (Wednesday). As it stands now, schools are to remain closed until Monday, April 27th.

✓ Free tests for the coronavirus are being given each day this week from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the McMinn County Health Department off Highway 30 behind the National Guard Armory. No doctor's order is necessary.

Road Swallows Car

The road collapsed on County Rd 525 early Monday morning as a

result of the heavy rainfall. Unaware of what had happened, the driver of 2003 Dodge Neon drove into the hole in the road. The driver was extricated by Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire **Departments** and taken by AMR to UT Hospital



Knoxville. THP Officer Travis Ryans investigated. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire)

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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Mostly sunny High 68.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy & cold. Low 31.

Thursday - Sunshine mixed with clouds. High 65.

Thursday night - Mainly clear and chilly. Low 39.

More Weather at: wyxi.com

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Tuesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks closed sharply up. Most sectors were higher, with consumer discretionary and staples performing the best. JPMorgan reported earnings of \$2.87 billion, or \$0.78 per share, down 69% from \$9.18 billion a year ago. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), reported that the world economy is expected to contract by 3%, or \$2.7 trillion, in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 559 points or 2.4% to 23,950. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 84 points or 3.1% to 2,846, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 323 points or 3.9% to 8,516.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development has announced the 10 communities selected to participate in the seventh round of the Tennessee Downtowns program. One of those is Madisonville.
- ✓ The McMinn County School Board will have a policy committee meeting on Thursday, April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. The school board will meet remotely until further notice.
- ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Amy Swabby, a student. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or ONLINE

Flood Rescue on CR 804

The Etowah Rural, Etowah City, and Englewood Rural fire departments were called to the intersection of County Roads 804 and 809 where someone was stranded inside a mini-van surrounded by flood waters. Etowah Rural Assistant Fire Chief Mike King was in charge of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 15th

- **1452 -** Italian painter, sculptor, and scientist, Leonardo da Vinci, was born. His paintings include the "Mona Lisa" and "The Last Supper." He also drew plans for a flying machine and a parachute, both well ahead of his time.
- **1783 -** The American Revolutionary War ended. A treaty between the United States and the Kingdom of Great Britain was signed in Paris, on September 3 of the same year, ending the war and formally granting the United States independence from Great Britain.
- **1850 -** The City of San Francisco was incorporated.
- **1865 -** President Abraham Lincoln died from an assassin's bullet and Andrew Johnson was sworn in as President.
- **1912 -** The "unsinkable" luxury liner "Titanic" sank on its maiden voyage off Newfoundland after hitting an iceberg. Of the 2,223 passengers on board; 1,517 drowned.
- 1933 Hee Haw Actor, Guitar Picker & Comedian Roy Clark was born on this day in Meherrin, Virginia.
- 1947 Jackie Robinson became baseball's first black major league player when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- **1974 -** Members of the Symbionese Liberation Army held up a branch of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco; a member of the group was SLA kidnap victim Patricia Hearst, who by this time was going by the name "Tania". Hearst later said she'd been forced to participate.
- **1989 -** Students in Beijing launched pro-democracy protests upon the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang.