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Friday, April 17, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## Friday's Coronavirus Update

There have now been 6,262 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Tennessee, with 141 deaths across the state. McMinn County is now reporting 6 cases of the virus, with 4 recovered. Monroe County has 9 cases, 6 recoveries, and 1 death. Polk County has 5 cases and 4 have recovered. Meigs County reports 3 cases with 2 recovered. Bradley County has 35 confirmed cases, 30 recoveries, and 1 death.

✓ Free testing for the coronavirus will take place again today, Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the McMinn County Health Department behind the National Guard Armory.

✓ What do you do if your coronavirus test comes back positive? Ronnie Hall, Chief Nursing Officer at Starr Regional Medical Center, says you will be instructed to self-isolate at home for about two weeks. He says family members should self-isolate also, but it is not mandatory. If you begin having difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, Hall says you should call your doctor or come to the emergency room. He says call first, so emergency room personnel can be prepared. He says the patient will receive a complete evaluation and assessment to determine what treatment is needed. He says Starr Regional has cared for some patients who tested positive.

✓ The Third Annual Train Day in Niota set for May 2nd and 3rd has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. It may be rescheduled later.

## State & Local News

### ◆ LOWER POWER RATES TO CONTINUE

Local electric power rates will fall a bit more in May as the spring rate season brings lower fuel charges from TVA. The AUB residential power rate for May will be \$0.08407 per kilowatt hour compared to April's rate of \$0.08422.

### ◆ PRESIDENT PREPARES TO "REOPEN"

President Trump has announced the names of well-known executives, economists, and leaders in transportation, agriculture, banking, healthcare, manufacturing, retail, and many other categories. Together, they will form various Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups. At least two Tennesseans are among the leaders--Fred Smith, founder of FedEx, and U.S. Senate candidate Bill Hagerty.

### ◆ ROAD CLOSING

The McMinn County Highway Department announces that County Road 279, the Rockview Church Road, will be closed on Monday, April 20th, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for road maintenance work. This road is between County Road 280 and County Road 282.

### ◆ CRUISE-IN CANCELLED

For the second month in a row, the Athens Travelers Morning Cruise-In car show has been cancelled. The next cruise-in is tentatively scheduled for May 16th.

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High 72.  
**Friday Night** - Overcast. Possible rain. Low 50.  
**Saturday** - Intervals of clouds mixed with sun. High 64.  
**Saturday Night** - Partly cloudy. Low 41.  
Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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## Obituaries

♦ **Hazel Dean Fairbanks "Maw" Ricker**, age 65, of Ten Mile, died Wednesday at her residence. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks closed mostly higher. The Department of Labor reported an additional 5.2 million people filed for unemployment benefits last week, which brings the four-week total to over 22 million workers. U.S. Treasuries rose. Yields fell.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 33 points or 0.1% to 23,538. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 16 points or 0.6% to 2,800, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 139 points or 1.7% to 8,532.

## MORE VIRUS POSTPONEMENTS

- ✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University is postponing its commencement exercises. They will be held on August 7th at 7 p.m. in the Colloms Campus Center Courtyard.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will be closed through April 30th. The Museum is going forward with plans for the Annual Summer Luncheon, "A Women's Suffrage Celebration," to be held on July 25th.

## Church News & Events

- Virtually all churches have cancelled their worship services and other activities until further notice due to the coronavirus outbreak. As a result, many churches are streaming their services on the Internet. The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio (FM 94.5/AM 1390) at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Fairview Baptist Church service is from 11 a.m. to 12 noon., also broadcast live on WYXI Radio. You can also listen to our stream [ONLINE](#)

- Family Worship Center is holding their regular church services as permitted by the Mayor at 250 County Road 378, Athens, on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- Lakeside Baptist Church at 2418 State Highway 304 in Ten Mile is having church services this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. They will be practicing "social distancing."

- Applications and all required submissions for the St. Mary Church Scholarship will be accepted through April 30th. Application forms and rules can be obtained on the St. Mary Catholic Church website. The scholarship program is open to college students from Meigs, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk counties.

## TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1421** - The sea broke the dikes at Dort in Holland, drowning an estimated 100,000 people.
- 1492** - A contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.
- 1521** - Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms (vohrms) to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (Luther was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V)
- 1861** - The Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.
- 1897** - Author and playwright Thornton Wilder was born. He wrote a Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Our Town."
- 1948** - Bandleader Jan Hammer was born. His biggest hit was the "Miami Vice" theme.
- 1961** - A force of anti-Castro Cuban rebels launched what came to be known as the "Bay of Pigs" rebellion. It was not successful.
- 1964** - Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock became the first woman to complete a solo airplane trip around the world as she returned to Columbus, Ohio, after 29 1/2 days in her Cessna 180. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. The first game was played at New York's Shea Stadium; the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Mets, 4-3.
- 1969** - Sirhan Sirhan was found guilty in Los Angeles of the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Kennedy was assassinated while campaigning for president.
- 1972** - The Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.
- 1973** - Federal Express (later named FedEx) began operations as 14 planes carrying 186 packages took off from Memphis International Airport, bound for 25 U.S. cities.