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## Today's News... This Morning

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens school teachers (all that wanted them) received their COVID-19 vaccinations last Friday in a drive-through event at Athens Regional Park. Approximately 100 teachers got their first vaccination. Etowah teachers were also vaccinated.
- ✓ The AARP Foundation is again offering free tax preparations through the TaxAide program. Although the McMinn County Senior Citizens Center in Athens is still closed, you can schedule an interview with a certified counselor at the Senior Center by going to this website: [taxaide.aarpfoundation.org](http://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org).
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting next Monday, March 8th, at 5 p.m. at the library. The meeting is open to the public.
- ✓ The phone number to call to schedule your COVID-19 vaccination if you are 65 or older is 1-866-442-5301.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 3-01

Tennessee: 775,693 cases, up 689. 11,421 deaths, up 10.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,929 up 12	5,624	144	91
Meigs	1,264 up 5	1,226	17	21
Monroe	5,325 up 3	5,087	148	90
Polk	1,759 up 4	1,675	62	22
Bradley	12,890 up 23	12,367	384	139
Rhea	4,150 up 6	4,004	73	73

## Fire Hits Blair's Florist

A Sunday fire caused damage to Blair's Bo-Kay Florist on New Highway 68 in Madisonville. Firefighters from the Madisonville City, Sweetwater City, Notchey Creek, Mt. Vernon Fire, Christianburg Fire, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments all responded and quickly brought the fire under control. Madisonville City Fire Chief John Tallent was in command of the scene.  
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**WEATHER FORECAST**

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny. High 54.  
**Tue Night:** 70% chance of rain. Low 36.  
**Wednesday:** Partly sunny. High 59.  
**Wed Night:** Clear skies with a low of 34.  
**Thursday:** Sunny. High 63.  
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## Obituaries

♦ **Patricia TeSelle Alexander**, age 84, of Riceville, died Saturday, Feb. 27th. She was a volunteer for McMinn Regional Humane Society for 20 years and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2001, by the City of Athens. A memorial service will be held Friday at 6:00 p.m. Friday at the Athens Christian Church. The family will receive friends at the church from 5 to 6 p.m. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Barbara Ellen Cranfield**, age 83, of the Peakland Community, died Sunday. She retired from Jack May's Chair Company and helped start Decatur Industries. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday (March 3rd) at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

**NOTE:** In the early editions of Monday's Morning Fax, we erroneously reported that funeral services for Deborah Sue Tholin would be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home. The correct time for the service is 7 p.m., following visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Equities finished broadly higher on Monday, with the S&P 500 logging its biggest advance in nine months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 603.14 to 31,535.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 90.67 to 3,901.82, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 396.48 points to 13,588.83.

## AFLAC Joins Chamber

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, AFLAC, located in Athens and surrounding areas. Pictured below, left to right: Lisa Rhea (McMinn Sheriff's Office and Chamber Diplomat), Tonya Hipps (Athens Chamber), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Sharon Davis (AFLAC), Luke Shepherd (Chamber Diplomat & Board member/Companion Funeral Homes), Amy McDonald AUB & Chamber Diplomat). Back Row: Bo Perkinson, Athens Mayor.



## TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

**1877** - Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

**1917** - Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

**1932** - The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

**1933** - The motion picture "King Kong" had its world premiere at New York's Radio City Music Hall and the Roxy.

**1940** - The cartoon character Elmer Fudd made his debut in the Warner Bros. animated short "Elmer's Candid Camera," in which the title character finds himself pitted against a rascally rabbit that was a precursor to Bugs Bunny.

**1943** - The three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

**1962** - Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

**1972** - The United States launched the Pioneer 10 space probe, which flew past Jupiter in late 1973, sending back images and scientific data.

**1989** - Representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

**1990** - More than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers.)

**1995** - The Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.