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Athens, Tennessee

Dolly Gets Her Shot

Singer Dolly Parton wants everyone to know she has gotten vaccinated for COVID-19. She was vaccinated at Vanderbilt Medical in Nashville. She received the Moderna vaccine. Dolly donated \$1 million to Vanderbilt to help produce the vaccine. Dolly, who is 75, posted a photo of herself getting the shot to her social media accounts with the caption, "Dolly gets a dose of her own medicine."



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Due to COVID-19, the traditional 4-H camp has been cancelled. However, Brooke Cass who handles 4-H Youth Development duties for the UT Extension-McMinn, says she is excited to share that the 4-H camp will be coming to us! McMinn County will be hosting Clyde Austin 4-H Center here in McMinn County for a fun-filled day camp experience. She will share details later.
- ✓ The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry reminds you that if you plan to burn outdoors, a burn permit is required through May 15th in most counties. Free burn permits can be quickly obtained on line. Materials that can be burned include leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, and other woody vegetation and yard trimmings. Permits are issued only when conditions are conducive to safe burning. If you live inside the city limits check with your city's fire department before you burn. BurnSafeTN.org
- ✓ Main Street Athens and several TWU student volunteers are planning a Friendly City "Spring Clean Up Day" for the downtown business district to be held on Friday, March 12th. If you would like to volunteer to help clean up, meet at Knight Park at 1 p.m. The work will involve picking up trash, pulling weeds where needed, and cleaning around the dumpster areas.
- ✓ Local author Viola Kathleen Bates has produced a new children's book called "Little Mr. Schoodles and Friends." Kathleen says the story came to her in a dream. The book is available by calling 1-888-795-4274.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 3-03

Tennessee: 777,935 cases, up 1,598. 11,459 deaths, up 23.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,939 up 8	5,734	113	92
Meigs	1,267 up 1	1,231	15	21
Monroe	5,346 up 15	5,116	140	90
Polk	1,770 up 5	1,698	50	22
Bradley	12,957 up 39	12,449	368	140
Rhea	4,152 up 1	4,016	63	73

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Lots of sunshine. High 63.
Thu Night: Clear skies and cold. Low 35.
Friday: Partly sunny & cooler. High 52.
Fri Night: Mostly cloudy skies with a low of 34.
Saturday: Lots of sunshine. High of 52.
 More Weather at: wxyi.com

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Obituaries

♦ **Mary Ann Coulter Gordon**, age 82, of Etowah, died Tuesday at her daughter's home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

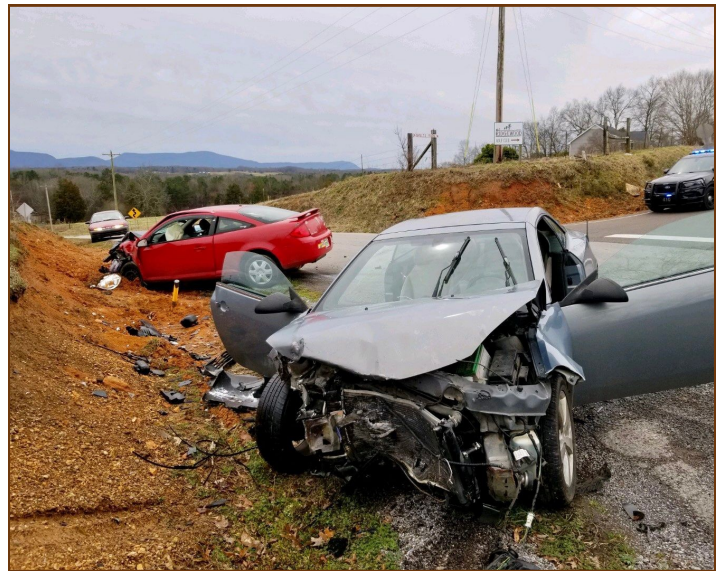
MISSING TENNESSEE CHILDREN RECOVERED

Operation Volunteer Strong, a coordinated effort by the TBI, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, has led to the recovery of 150 missing children. The operation began last fall when 240 missing children statewide were identified. The recovery operation was launched on January 4th. Fifty-six missing children in East Tennessee were recovered. Five of them were in other states. Authorities identified three of the recovered juveniles as potential human trafficking victims.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks ended lower as they continue to cool off from Monday's sharp rally, which saw the S&P 500 post its largest daily gain since last June. The NASDAQ Index continues to underperform the broader market, which has seen value stocks holding up better than growth stocks as high-multiple trades unwind. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 31,270.09, down 121.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index closed at 3,819.72, down 50.57. The NASDAQ Composite Index closed at 12,997.75, down 361.04.

3 Injuries in CR 609 Crash

Two Pontiacs collided at the intersection of County Roads 609 and 603 Tuesday afternoon. All the occupants, a total of three, were taken to Starr Regional in Athens by AMR. Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire responded, along with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department. THP Trooper Eric Diaz investigated the accident. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 4th

1681 - William Penn received a grant from King Charles II of England to develop territory on the North American continent. The area later came to be known as Pennsylvania.

1789 - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in New York City; the new U.S. Constitution went into effect.

1801 - Thomas Jefferson became the first President to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.

1888 - Knute Rockne was born. He became famous as the football coach at Notre Dame, where his teams won 105 games, lost 12, and tied 5. He died in a plane crash.

1958 - The nuclear-powered submarine "Nautilus" became the first submarine to reach the North Pole by "sailing" beneath the Arctic ice cap.

1996 - Comedian Minnie Pearl died in Nashville at age 83.

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