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Athens, Tennessee

Tax Assistance for Seniors

The AARP Foundation is again offering free tax preparation for senior citizens through the TaxAide program. Taxpayers can obtain help from a certified counselor while they complete their own taxes or can schedule an appointment at the McMinn Senior Activity Center to complete an intake interview and have their tax documents scanned. The tax return will be prepared off-site and returned to the taxpayer the following week. To use either of these services, go to this website: taxaide.aarpfoundation.org. You will be able to make contact with a counselor to help you complete your taxes or schedule an appointment at the senior center. Appointments are limited this year so you are encouraged to complete your own taxes with the help of a counselor.

IN CASE YOU ARE COUNTING: Just 23 days to go until the start of Spring.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 2-23

Tennessee: 767,315 cases, up 1,226. 11,198 deaths, up 45.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,855 up 16	5,606	160	89
Meigs	1,254 up 3	1,211	23	20
Monroe	5,249 up 21	5,022	139	88
Polk	1,732 up 7	1,616	95	21
Bradley	12,699 up 45	12,120	442	137
Rhea	4,112 up 1	3,960	80	72

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council will be holding the Council Strategic Summit this Friday beginning at 5 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. The Summit will take place at the LITE House at 1 West College Street.
- ✓ The American Legion's monthly Fish Fry resumes this Friday at 5 p.m. at the VFW Post on Congress Parkway North. All you can eat fish, fries, dessert, and all the trimmings for a donation. Bring the whole family. Proceeds help keep the big American Flag flying at exit 49 of I-75.
- ✓ The United Way of McMinn and Meigs County announces that its 2021 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation will be held virtually this year to ensure health and safety for all due to COVID-19. You can visit United Way's Facebook page this week to view the awards presentation. The photo shows Mrs. Debbie Harrison recipient of the 2021 Dick M. Dyer Award. Debbie was a school teacher and principal for 33 years. Her husband, Stan, is on her right. Bryan Jackson is on her left.



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WEATHER FORECAST
 Wednesday - Sunny. High in the upper 60s.
 Wednesday night - Increasing clouds. Low 46.
 Thursday - Mostly sunny. High upper 50s.
 Friday - Mostly cloudy. 70% rain chance. High low 50s.
 More weather at: wysi.com



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Obituaries

♦ **Tony Douglas Farris**, age 55, of Athens, died Monday at his residence. He was employed at Denso. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home. There will be no formal services.

♦ **Judy Bryan**, age 82, of Athens, died Monday at NHC of Athens. She had worked for Athens Manufacturing. According to her wishes, there will not be any formal funeral service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Christina Gower "Cricket,"** age 29, of Athens, died last Friday. The family will hold a private service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Mickey C. Huff**, age 70, died Saturday. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. A celebration of life service will be Friday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 4 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Brandon Lee Tinsley**, age 25, of Decatur, died Monday at Tenova Hospital in Cleveland. He was a storm spotter for the National Weather Service's Skywarn Program. Funeral services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Connie McIntosh. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

New Chamber Member

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member Mexi-Wing II, located at 2547 Decatur Pike. Shown left to right, front row: Yareli Sanchez, Carmen Sanchez, Humbertino Sanchez, & Ana Desiree Vargas (Mexi-Wing II), Jessica Skelton (Chamber Diplomat/Dominion Senior Living), Jesus Sanchez & Tanya Sanchez (Mexi-Wing II), Amy McDonald (Diplomat), & Tonya Hips (Chamber). Back row: Jennifer Mancera (Mexi-Wing II), Dick Pelley (City Council), Luke Shepard (Diplomat & Companion Funeral Homes), Tina South (Diplomat & McMinn Senior Center), & Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO)

(Photo courtesy of Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 24th

1942 - The SS Struma, a charter ship attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine, was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in the Black Sea; all but one of the refugees perished.

1582 - Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

1868 - The U.S. House Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

1920 - The German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

1955 - The Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

1961 - The Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Connecticut.

1969 - Johnny Cash recorded his second live prison performance. It followed a concert the previous year at Folsom Prison. The LP *Johnny Cash at San Quentin*, with the hit single *A Boy Named Sue*, was recorded live as part of a British TV.

1994 - Dinah Shore died in Beverly Hills, California, five days before turning 78.

1996 - Cuba downed two small American planes operated by the group Brothers to the Rescue that it claimed were violating Cuban airspace; all four pilots were killed.