

### Monday, March 15, 2021

# **Community News You Can Use**

The AARP Foundation is no longer accepting tax appointments at the McMinn County Senior Activity Center. All of the available appointments have been filled.

Main Street Athens and the Athens Area Council for the Arts are partnering to host a street fair on Friday, April 30th. The plan is for this to be the first in a series of "Fifth Friday" events in Downtown Athens. Streets in the Downtown area will be closed from 5 to 9 p.m., businesses will remain open until 8 p.m., performing and visual arts will be offered, there will be games for children, and food trucks will be present. It is also Tennessee Wesleyan's graduation weekend which will bring visitors to Downtown Athens.

#### ♦ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE FRIDAY 3/12

Tennessee:	789,652 cases,	up 1,543. 1	1,639 deaths, up 16.
<b>COUNTY</b>	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,020 up 17	95	93
Meigs	1,278 down 1	16	23
Monroe	5,440 up 8	103	92
Polk	1,822 up 6	52	24
Bradley	13,318 up 61	397	142
Rhea	4,190 up 6	54	73

NOTE: Effective immediately, the TN Department of Health is reporting COVID cases Monday-Friday only.

## A Salute to Women Veterans

The new flag you see in front of the Historic Niota Depot was presented to Mayor Lois Preece by Fred Underdown of the Hiwassee Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution Chapter in honor of the Women Veterans Day which was recently celebrated.



LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday will be Aston Burrows with Miller & McPhail CPAs . The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390 FM-94.5 & ONLINE



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# **Obituaries**

• Deirdra Ann Hawkins Barrows, age 42, of Athens, died Thursday at her residence. She was an employee of RX Perts Pharmacy in Loudon. The family will receive friends on Monday, March 15th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Church of God Zion Hill in Cleveland, with a service of life Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Linda Lewis, age 74, of Decatur, died Thursday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. She retired from Shaw Industries. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday.

# **Dine Out for United Way**

Michael's Casual Dining holds an annual "Dine Out Day for

United Way" at their Athens and Etowah locations. A portion of their sales that day goes to the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties. Michael's has been hosting a "Dine Out Day" for the past nine years. Paige Zabo, United Way President/CEO, says, "We want to thank Michael's for their continued support and commitment to change local lives and strengthen our community." The photo shows Brad Masterson, Director of Operations for Michael's and Gus Jaibat, owner, presenting a check



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to Ms. Zabo. Any restaurant interested in hosting a "Dine Out Day" for United Way can contact the United Way office at 745-9606.

Here is another picture from the Big Blizzard of 1993. Janice Skinner who lives on Mt. Verd Rd took this photo of a National Guard vehicle helping to rescue people stranded in their homes.



