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Today's News... This Morning

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Thursday, April 8, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Friday, April 9th, is the deadline for purchasing tickets to the annual meeting of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will take place on April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn at Faith Farm. Tickets are \$30 each.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library's self-care program for teens and adults in April is planting wildflowers. Grab and Go bags are available at the library.
- ✓ As more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine become available, vaccination clinics are popping up around the area. One of those will be in Madisonville. The Madisonville Police Department has partnered with Chota Community Health Services to help distribute the Johnson and Johnson single-dose vaccine. The clinic will be held this Saturday, April 10th, at Madisonville Primary School. It starts at 8 a.m. No appointment is needed.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 4-7

Tennessee: 819,505 cases, up 522. 11,976 deaths, up 9.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,242 up 3	83	95
Meigs	1,322 up 3	14	23
Monroe	5,615 up 6	72	95
Polk	1,945 up 4	46	24
Bradley	14,223 up 29	300	147
Rhea	4,275 up 4	38	75

## It's Spring Cleaning Time

The Athens Public Works Department has announced that the annual Clean-Up Week will be April 19th-23rd. If you have items you want hauled off, you should have them next to the curb before 7 a.m. on April 19th. Items that will be picked up include furniture, appliances, yard sale junk, scrap metal, and limited building materials. Compressor and coolant lines must be removed from appliances. Tires and wheel rims must be separated. Gas tanks from automobiles or BBQ grills will not be picked up. Crews will not haul off any roofing or siding shingles. The Public Works Department urges you to donate good, useable clothing and furniture to the Better Living Center or to Coordinated Charities.

McMinn County will be observing "Cleanup, Fix-up, Sparkle Week" the same week. No fees will be charged for disposal of residential cleanup materials at the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill.

### FLASH BACK:

A tornado hit Athens on this day in 1974, causing \$450,000 in damage. The twister struck City Park School and the Whiteway Shopping Center on S. White Street. One house was destroyed. Several others received major damage. A total of 32 automobiles were damaged or destroyed. The vehicles were parked on the parking lots of the Whiteway Center and City Park School. The Big K Store in the Whiteway Center was heavily damaged. Approximately 50 windows were smashed at City Park School and a part of the roof was blown off. None of the children received serious injuries.

### McMinn Co. FFA

#### Spring Greenhouse Sale

SALE DATES & TIMES:  
4/10 & 4/24 9am-2pm  
4/14, 4/21 & 4/28 10am-2pm  
6 packs \$3; Quart Pots, \$3; Flats, \$15;  
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Maples, Range \$10-\$50 Succulent/  
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[Brittany.Davis@mcminnschools.com](mailto:Brittany.Davis@mcminnschools.com)

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Maddi Mae's Cafe

## DINE OUT DAY

for United Way

Friday, April 9, 2021  
Maddi Mae's Cafe will donate a portion of their sales to the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties  
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## Obituaries

♦ **Betsy Riggs Stephens**, age 71, of Ten Mile, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be Friday at 4 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

♦ **William Joe Bridges**, age 88, of Riceville, died Wednesday at his son's residence. He was a native of War, West Virginia and a resident of McMinn County since September, 1949. He served in the U.S Army, graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College and University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was a teacher and principal at area schools including Riceville Elementary School. He retired from teaching in Tennessee in 1989 and taught in Georgia from 1989 until his retirement in 1999. Funeral services will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6pm to 8pm prior to the service. Masks and social distancing are requested.

### UNDERDOWN WINS ELECTION

Fred Underdown of Athens has been elected unanimously President-Elect at the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution convention. The group is non-profit and is dedicated to promoting patriotism and preserving American history.



## Starr Regional Recognized

The American Hospital Association (AHA) has presented Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens with a plaque in appreciation of its 75 years of membership in the AHA. AHA regional executive, Rebecca Jolley, presented the award on April 1st to members of the administration team of Starr Regional Medical Center. Jolley said that since joining the AHA in 1940, Starr Regional Medical Center has provided high-quality care to patients in East Tennessee while helping to train the next generation of caregivers. The photo shows, left to right: Chris Brown (Chief Operating Officer), David Alley (Chief Financial Officer), John McClain (Chief Executive Officer), and Rebecca Jolley.



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