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## Bagging for United Way

Local celebrities participated in the United Way Celebrity Bagging event hosted by Food City of Athens last Tuesday. Local teams of volunteers bagged groceries for tips and helped raise \$3,400 for United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties and their partner agencies. Food City of Athens raised the most funds out of 20 participating Food City's throughout East TN and Southwest VA. Volunteers from CapStar Bank, the Athens Fire Department, and the McMinn County government participated. The photo below shows volunteers from the McMinn Co. government.



## Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn County Extension Office and Starr Regional Medical Center have teamed up to host "Dining with Diabetes," a cooking school for people with Diabetes and their caretakers. The class is only one session, which will be held next Tuesday, Dec. 14th, from 10 to noon or from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McMinn Higher Education Center at 2345 Denso Drive. Call 745-2852 to register.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in regular session this coming Thursday, December 9th, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

The differences shown below for cases and active cases are the differences between Friday's data & Monday's data.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 12-06

Tennessee: 1,327,453 cases up 919. 17,487 deaths up 45.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,825 up 36	111 up 18	144 up 1
Meigs	2,247 up 8	20 up 4	33 up 1
Monroe	10,020 up 33	105 up 14	140 up 1
Polk	3,284 up 16	38 up 11	33
Bradley	22,784 up 54	212 up 11	235 up 2
Rhea	7,187 up 31	99 up 22	100

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### American Legion's Christmas Party

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## Obituaries

♦ **T.J. Carroll**, age 95, of Etowah, died Saturday. He served in the Navy aboard the destroyer escort U.S.S. Ray K. Edwards during World War II. He also was a master carpenter and cabinet maker. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to noon. Interment will follow the service in Mars Hill Cemetery.

♦ **Frank J. Cochran**, age 93, of Englewood, died Sunday at Dominion Senior Center. He was retired from Alcoa Aluminum Company of America. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Joshua Eric Hughes**, 41, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was a construction worker. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **James Edwin Upton, Jr.**, age 63, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. He was a musician and singer-songwriter. He operated James Upton Plumbing in Cleveland until his retirement. He served in the Air Force from 1978 to 1982. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Doyle Eugene Gentry, Sr.**, age 81, of Decatur, died Monday at his residence. He was the co-founder and retired owner of Gentry and Painter, Inc. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Lakewood Memory Gardens East in Chattanooga. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Gerrit Herman Witvoet**, age 65, of Riceville, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a retired self-employed diesel mechanic. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the services. Interment will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery following the services.

## Etowah Parade Winners

The Etowah Christmas Parade was held last Thursday, Dec. 2nd. The winners in the float judging were Haren Construction in the Commercial Division and The Hope Center in the Non-Commercial Division. Helen Mullins sent us the photos of the Haren float along with the Grand Marshals of the Durant Tullock Memorial Parade--Doug and Brenda Tullock (Durant's dad and step-mother) and Sandra Tullock (Durant's wife).



## East Athens Baptist Church

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 10:45 AM the Sanctuary Choir of East Athens Baptist Church presents the musical: "When We Needed a King" Directed by Rev. Mike Dannel.

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10:45 AM the Handbell Choir of East Athens Baptist Church will present anthems of Christmas praise. Director: Rev. Mike Dannel.

Friday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 PM East Athens Baptist Church will hold their annual Christmas Eve service.

**The public is invited to attend.**  
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