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## Today's News... This Morning

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# BIG BELLY DELI

## TEEN NIGHT

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Thursday, February 17, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

## Police & Fire Activity for Jan.

The Athens City Council heard the reports for activity in January from the police and fire departments at their Tuesday night meeting.

Interim Police Chief Fred Schultz reported there were 37 thefts in January, 20 assaults, 10 motor vehicle thefts, and 8 burglaries. Officers issued 62 citations and 56 warnings for moving violations. There were 75 traffic accidents in January, with 8 injuries. There are currently 6 vacancies on the police department.

Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that the fire department responded to 201 calls in January. There were 8 fires, 11 false alarms, and 152 calls for rescue & emergency service. He also reported that the two new engines have arrived. Property losses in January totaled \$144,000. Most of that (\$125,000) was from a building fire on January 31st.

### PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE DRAWING CLOSER

Monday, Feb. 28th, is the last day to pay property taxes before interest and penalty must be added. The McMinn County Trustee Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday in February and Monday-Friday from 8 to 4. The law requires the Trustee to send unpaid "business personal property" taxes and 2020 delinquent taxes to Chancery Court on March 31st. City property taxes are also due by February 28th. They can be paid at the finance office at the Athens Municipal Building.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Thursday, March 17th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park Expo Center. You do not need a commodity card to participate. But if you have not been issued a card since Oct. 1st, 2021, you will need to provide proof of income for all household members or proof of category eligibility to participate. Eligibility will be based on total income not in excess of the state-established maximum.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 02/06/22 - 02/12/22

There were 5,018 cases (per day) and 54 deaths (per day) last week.

Tennessee: 1,973,332 Total Cases with 23,404 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	16,414	797	222
Meigs	3,297	126	52
Monroe	14,171	556	212
Polk	4,568	187	54
Bradley	32,615	1,095	363
Rhea	9,813	339	141

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

UNITED WAY'S ANNUAL

## Power of the Purse

### FUNDRAISER



Thursday, March 3, 2022

Purse Preview: 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Event Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Springbrook Golf & Country Club

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in advance online at [www.mcminn-meigs.com](http://www.mcminn-meigs.com) or by calling the United Way Office.



## RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99  
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## Music Extravaganza

Sunday, February 20th



with Wendell Richardson, Piano & Patsy Burger on Organ

3:00 PM @ ST. PAUL UMC, ETOWAH

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## WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Cloudy & Windy.  
Possible Thunderstorms in p.m.  
High 68.

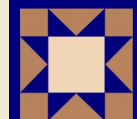
Thursday Night - Periods of rain & wind. Much colder.  
Low 33

Friday - Clouds mixed with sun. Cooler. High 44.

Friday Night - Clear & Cold.  
Low 22.

Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

## Living Heritage



MUSEUM

HISTORY FOR LUNCH  
February 24, at 12 pm  
Bring your lunch and come enjoy an interview with Elizabeth Faye Kentfield from Charleston, TN. She was the first woman from this area to join the United States Air Force in 1967 until 1981. She will be available after the interview for question. Sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Matthew "Matt Matt" McDaniel**, age 19, of Decatur, died Monday, February 14th. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 18th, at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Delisa Kaye Johnson Brooks**, age 63, of Etowah, died Tuesday, Feb. 15th, at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Bridget Duttenhoffer**, age 20, died Friday, February 11th. She was a graduate of Meigs County High School. A Celebration of Life Service will be held today, February 17th, at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Phyllis Sue Taylor**, age 73, of Athens, died Sunday, February 6th. No formal services will be held at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Buddy Joseph Sullivan, Sr.**, age 90, died Saturday, February 12th. His passion was being a custodial engineer. He worked for the Cleveland Public School System until his retirement on November 30, 1991. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday, February 19th, at Light of Life Ministries, LLC, at 1112 North Congress Parkway, Athens, with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements. Covid 19 procedures will be in compliance at all times.

## Madisonville House Fire

At 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Monroe County called for mutual aid with a structure fire on Southgate Road, Madisonville. When fire personnel arrived flames were coming out of the roof. All occupants were able to escape without injury. Notchy Creek, Madisonville City, Christianburg, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. Notchy Creek Assistant Fire Chief Donald West was in command of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



# WHO YOU ARE

### UMBC Women's Conference

Feb 26, 2022, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Doors open 9:45 am

Lunch will be provided

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