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## Today's News...This Morning

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Thursday, March 24, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

## Athens Bicentennial Poster Shown

The kick-off event for the Bicentennial celebration of Athens at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum drew a large crowd of more than 500 people last Friday. Several organizations were involved in the event and it was a wonderful time of community spirit and celebration. Visitors enjoyed demonstrations of pioneer type crafts from a variety of artisans on the upper level of the Museum. On the main level there was a Bicentennial Art Contest coordinated by the Community Artists League and music by Harmony and G.R.I.T.S dulcimer group. There was a rotation of programs all afternoon on the lower level culminating in the unveiling of the official Bicentennial Poster (See Photo at right) painted by artist Allen Sibley.



The purpose of the event was not only a time to celebrate 200 years of the history of Athens but to create a learning experience for children and adults alike as to the hardships, civil unrest, progress, and events that shaped our community and what it is today.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center's Bingo & BBQ event will be Saturday, March 26th. Doors open at 5 p.m. and Bingo follows. Tickets in advance are \$10 and \$12 at the door. This includes a Barbeque Dinner and a free Bingo Card good for all of the games that will be played and a chance to win some great prizes. For tickets or information call the Senior Center at 423-745-6830.

✓ The Daddy Daughter Dance will be this weekend and the Parks and Recreation Department says they have 52 tickets remaining for Friday at 7:30 p.m., 356 tickets remaining for Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 104 tickets remaining for Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the Saturday 7:30 pm dance have sold out. Tickets will be on sale until 5:00 p.m Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> or until all the tickets are sold. For up-to-the-minute inventory, [click here](#). Click on any of the four dances and it will tell you the remaining tickets available. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department by phone at (423) 744-2700 OPT 3, by e-mail at [recreation@athenstn.gov](mailto:recreation@athenstn.gov) or you may visit the website at [www.athenstn.gov/parks](http://www.athenstn.gov/parks).

✓ Nominations are now being accepted for the Athens Young Woman of the Year award and the Athens Young Man of the Year award. Both awards will be presented at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on April 21. These awards are sponsored by Tennessee Wesleyan University. Candidates for the Young Man of the Year and Young Woman of the Year awards must be 39 years of age or younger and the date of birth should be included on the application. Candidates should exhibit leadership qualities and participate in providing overall contributions to community welfare. Nomination forms are available upon request by calling 423-746-5202 and nominations should be sent to: President's Office, Tennessee Wesleyan University, 204 East College Street, Athens, TN, 37303. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, March 30.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday** - Clouds mixed with sun. High 62.

**Thursday Night** - Partly cloudy. Low 41.

**Friday** - Mostly cloudy. Possible rain. High 55.

**Friday Night** - Partly cloudy. Low 39.

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



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### HISTORY FOR LUNCH with JOE GUY

Thursday, March 24, 12:00 NOON

Bring your lunch and listen to Joe as he talks of his life from childhood to the present, touching on some of the struggles and successes he has had.

free for all to attend!

Sponsored by: C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation

### LEATHER WORK with Shane Clark

Watch and learn experienced leather artist!

Saturday, March 26th, 11:00 AM

Admission is \$5 or free with Museum membership.

Program sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation & Tennessee Arts Commission

#### Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Sunday - Monday: Closed

#### Admission

Adults: \$5  
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## Obituaries

♦ **James Tucker Swafford**, age 16, of Athens, passed away Monday at his residence. He was a sophomore at McMinn County High School. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and golfing. A Celebration of Life service will be at 4 p.m., Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Timothy "Tim" Willard McPhail**, age 43, passed away Tuesday at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Linda Fay Tankersley**, age 72, of Dayton, passed away Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Cranmore Cove Cemetery in Rhea County. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Patrick "Pat" Lamar Barnes**, age 70, of Athens, died Saturday. He was a Certified Master Mechanic specializing in European made vehicles. A Celebration of Life service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Companion Funeral Home in Athens with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Riceville.

♦ **Mary Katheryn Gray**, age 75, of Etowah, passed away Tuesday. She was retired from Applied RF Technologies. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Committal services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens.

## Wednesday's Market Report

Equities closed lower taking a breather from the sharp rally that started last week. Global markets followed suit, with European and Asian stocks down modestly on ongoing geopolitical concerns. Oil was higher as discussions continue among Western governments around further actions to reduce dependence on Russian energy. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 448.96 to 34,358.50. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 55.37 to 4,456.24, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 186.21 to 13,922.60.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 03/13/22 - 03/19/22

There were 305 cases (per day) and 29 deaths (per day) last week

**Tennessee:** 2,018,238 Total Cases - 25,449 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	16,652	17	251
Meigs	3,351	3	55
Monroe	14,482	17	235
Polk	4,722	2	70
Bradley	33,065	29	402
Rhea	9,959	8	154

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

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