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Today's News...This Morning

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Englewood Christmas Parade
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December 3rd
at 6:30pm
in downtown
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Monday, November 22, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

It's Beginning To Look Like...

If you drive through Downtown Athens this week, you'll agree that it's beginning to look like Christmas. The lighted snowflakes are up on the utility poles, and the city's Christmas Tree has been erected and lighted in Market Park. As you drive around town, you'll be seeing more and more houses decorated for Christmas with each passing day. The lighting of the Christmas Tree took place this past Friday night as part of the Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas Festival.



Photo by Elaine Newman

Community News You Can Use

✓ United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is teaming up again this year with Food City to host the 15th annual Celebrity Bagging Event in support of United Way's annual fundraising campaign. The event will take place Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Food City locations across the state. "Celebrities" from the Athens City Schools, Athens Kiwanis Club, McMinn County Government, Athens Fire Department First Responders, Simmons Bank, CapStar Bank, and the United Way Board of Directors will be on hand at the Athens Food City to bag your groceries. Shoppers who wish to do so can make a contribution to United Way at the checkout lanes.

✓ The City of Athens announces that the Municipal Building, Public Works, and Animal Shelter will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. Those facilities will re-open on Monday, November 29th. The Recycle Center will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, but will re-open on Saturday. Residential garbage routes for Nov. 22, 23, & 24 will be on the regular schedule. Thursday's route will be picked up the following Monday and Friday's garbage will be picked up the next Tuesday.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday will be Bryan Thomas with The Sock Shop. The program will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390 FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99
Pork Chop Biscuits 2 / \$6 • 32 oz Tea

Due to Staffing Shortages, the Athens Bojangles will be closed on SUNDAY ONLY DURING NOVEMBER

BOJANGLES of Athens-South Congress Pkwy 744-5292



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- Monday & Tuesday : Closed
- Wednesday: Madisonville Walmart 10:30-2:30
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday : Sweetwater Walmart 10:30-4:30
- Saturday: Sweetwater Small Town Christmas 5 - 8

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Obituaries

♦ **Taelyn Marlaina Robinson**, infant daughter of Cody and Chelsea Robinson of Englewood, died last Friday, November 19th, at East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with interment to follow at Clear Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Gerald "Jerry" Poats**, age 91, of Elizabethton (and formerly of Athens), died last Wednesday, Nov. 17th. He and his wife lived in Warsaw, Indiana, for many years where he worked as an automotive paint and body expert, a typewriter and adding machine repairman, and finished his career as a tool & die and machinist operator. They moved to Athens in 1986. He was a member of the National Guard, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Swift Museum Foundation. He prided himself in his restored Swift aircraft. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the McMinn Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with visitation from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Nora D. Rodgers**, age 78, of Riceville, died November 11th at her home. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 30th, at Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Larry Wayne Smith**, age 74, of Athens, died on November 17th after a battle with cancer. He retired from CSX Railroad after 37 years. Funeral services were held this past Saturday. Serenity Funeral Home was in charge.

Friendly Fellow Club Update

For more than 80 years, the Friendly Fellow Club food basket project has been a Christmastime tradition for the entire community in Athens and McMinn County. It was started by J. Neal Ensminger and Frank Buttram, and serves households in the community with food to help get them through the winter. The work is made possible by donations from the public and volunteers who pack and distribute the food baskets. Online donations via credit/debit card or PayPal can be made at friendlyfellows.org by clicking the donate button. Or you can mail checks payable to Friendly Fellow Club to P.O. Box 325, Athens, TN 37371-0325. Your donations are tax deductible. Applications to receive a food box are available at the drive-through windows of any McMinn County branch of CapStar Bank, Simmons Bank, BB&T, Peoples Bank, or Southeast Bank. Boxes will be packed on Monday, Dec. 20th, at 6 p.m. and will be distributed on Dec. 21st.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 11-19

Tennessee: 1,303,830 cases up 1,629. 16,829 deaths up 33.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,669, up 10	68	137
Meigs	2,215	15, down 1	30
Monroe	9,875, up 5	76, up 7	126
Polk	3,231, up 2	23, up 1	31
Bradley	22,475, up 12	167, down 1	212
Rhea	7,067 up 8	44, up 4	97

Starr Regional Medical Center invites you to attend its third annual

Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday, November 30
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- ★ Christmas Carols
- ★ Pictures with Santa
- ★ Cookies, Hot Chocolate & Cider

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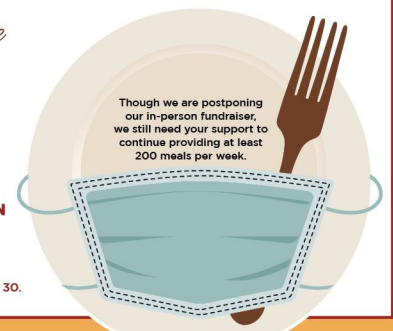
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Though we are postponing our in-person fundraiser, we still need your support to continue providing at least 200 meals per week.