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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Junior Spring Beef Show will be held next Friday, April 16th, at the McMinn County Showbarn. The show will begin at 6 p.m. The Cherokee Beef Clinic, a multi-county Junior Beef Show will be held the following day, April 17th, also at the Showbarn. Educational clinics will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with show time at 12 noon. For more information, contact Brooke Cass at 745-2852
- ✓ Since the IRS has extended the tax season, the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program has additional appointments available for free tax return preparation at the McMinn County Senior Activity Center. Appointments can be made by calling the Senior Center on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 745-6830. No one will be available to answer the phone on other days.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 4-8

Tennessee: 820,965 cases, up 1,460. 11,997 deaths, up 21.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,251 up 9	85	95
Meigs	1,322	11	23
Monroe	5,633 up 18	81	95
Polk	1,952 up 7	48	24
Bradley	14,255 up 32	304	147
Rhea	4,279 up 4	38	75

Patti Greek Wins Award

Patti Greek was presented with the James H. Willson Award at United Way's Virtual Annual Meeting. The James H. Willson award is given to a person who is or has been a United Way board member for outstanding dedication to the organization. Patti was the 2020 chairman of the Board of Directors and has helped with organizing the annual Power of the Purse. She and her husband, Jim, also own Greeks Bearing Gifts. Pictured presenting Patti with her award are Paige Zabo (United Way President/CEO), Patti, and Kathy Dougherty (United Way board member).



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Friday: Periods of clouds & sunshine. Possible t'storms. High 79.
Fri Night: Cloudy. Possible t'storms. Low 61.
Saturday: Cloudy. Not as warm. High 69.
Sat Night: Cloudy. Possible rain. Low 55.
Sunday: Partly sunny. High 70.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Laverne Elrod Patterson**, age 88, of Athens, died Thursday. She was a former employee of the Daily Post Athenian, Graves Buttram Lumber Company, Babb Lumber Co., and Johnson's Home Furnishings. A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Don Rogers Raper**, age 84, of Englewood, died Wednesday. He served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He later worked at Bowater and then served as a teacher, coach, principal, supervisor, and school board member for the McMinn County School District. He also served with the Tennessee Department of Education. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Athens, with a service celebrating his life to begin at 1. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:
 The S&P 500 closed at another record high and bond yields fell slightly. Weekly jobless claims rose last week to 744,000. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrials: 33,503.57 +57.31; NASDAQ: 13,829.31 +140.47; S&P 500: 4,097.17 +17.22.

Church News & Events

- Jones Chapel UMC, 590 County Road 778, invites you to "Celebrate Recovery" Sunday nights from 6 to 8 p.m., with worship, groups, and a to-go meal. Groups are for anyone dealing with hang-ups, hurts, life challenges and loss.
 - If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call: 423-435-8986
 - Christian singer Steven Holland will appear at Ascension Life Church in Athens at 7 p.m. Friday, April 9th, for a night of praise and worship. The evening is presented by Full Circle Medical Center for Women. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$10.
 - Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun will have a Red Back Book Singing at 6 p.m. on April 18th. All singers are invited. The church is located at 4975 Highway 11. The pastor is Scott Martin.
- NOTE:** If you have announcements of church news or activities, just email them to us and we will be glad to include them in this Friday column as space permits. Our email address is: wycli@bellsouth.net

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1968 - Funeral services, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
1977 - The Swedish group Abba debuted at number one on the American pop charts with "Dancing Queen".
1983 - The space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.