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Imagination Library Gets Grant

United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties recently awarded a grant to the Meigs County Imagination Library. The grant money is used to purchase books for children in Meigs County ages birth to five years that are enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. Pictured below, from left, are: Judi Davis (Governor's Early Literacy Foundation), Jane Goodman (Meigs County Imagination Library), and Paige Zabo (United Way President/CEO)



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting tonight at 6 at the Municipal Building. The public is invited, and the meetings is streamed online.
- ✓ Thursday night is Movie Night at Athens Movie Palace, sponsored by Greeks Bearing Gifts. Bring the family to watch "National Lampoons Christmas Vacation" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but you are asked to make a donation that will benefit the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties and their partner agencies.

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

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 12-20

Tennessee: 1,354,367 cases, up 1,391. 18,054 deaths, up 26.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,994 up 23	140 down 2	152
Meigs	2,311 up 12	46 up 3	33
Monroe	10,171 up 17	121 down 18	144
Polk	3,331 up 9	42 up 4	37
Bradley	23,188 up 80	320 up 16	249
Rhea	7,304 up 14	80 down 11	102

2022 Etowah Historic Calendar
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Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 20 - January 2, 2022! REOPEN January 3 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The year 2021 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2021. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2022! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2022!



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Obituaries

♦ **William "Bill" Lowry**, age 72, of Athens and formerly of Huntington, W. VA., died Sunday. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Harvest Time Church. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

SHERIFF JOE GUY TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy has announced his candidacy for a fourth term as the Republican candidate for McMinn County Sheriff. Guy has served as Sheriff since 2010. Before that, he served 8 years as an Assistant to the McMinn County Mayor. Prior to that, he worked as an officer for the Englewood and Etowah Police Departments, as an EMT, and as a deputy with the McMinn County Sheriff's Office where he was also a supervisor, a School Resource Officer, and SWAT Team Commander. Sheriff Guy says if re-elected he will continue to develop new strategies for fighting drug-related crime like burglaries and thefts and to continue to be aggressive on drugs and addiction, because that drives almost every other crime. Guy is also the McMinn County Historian.

One More Parade Photo

Before Christmas is over, we have room for one more photo of an award-winning float in the Jimmy Limer Memorial Christmas Parade in Downtown Athens. Julie Simbeck with the Athens Chamber of Commerce sent us this photo of the Triumphant Baptist Church float, which was awarded 2nd place in the Church Division.



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