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Today's News... This Morning

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**CEDAR SPRINGS UMC**  
**Spring Event**  
**PRE-ORDERS ONLY!**  
For a price list and to place orders by phone, call 744-4360 or click on CEDAR SPRINGS UMC CREATIONS FB PAGE HERE.  
Pick up date, April 9th 8am-noon at 1326 Cedar Springs Road, Athens  
Orders may be placed until March 19th.

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

## New COO at Starr Regional

Starr Regional Medical Center announced that Dave Santoemma has been named Chief Operating Officer effective Monday, February 7, 2022. Santoemma joins Starr Regional from Saline Memorial Hospital, where he served as Associate Administrator. "We are excited to have Dave step into this important leadership role at Starr Regional," said John McLain, CEO of Starr Regional Medical Center. "His operational experience and commitment to patient care, physicians, employees and the community is evident in all that he does, and I know that he will help us further advance our mission of Making Communities Healthier." As Associate Administrator of Saline Memorial Hospital, Santoemma provided leadership support to hospital departments, including Environmental Services, Imaging, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Plant Operations, inpatient and outpatient therapy, and others; completed successful accreditations from The Joint Commission for the full hospital and laboratory; and sponsored multiple facility projects such as renovation of nursing floors, geriatric behavioral health unit, acute care rehab and pharmacy. "Dave is a great fit for our hospital," said Carter Runyan, Chair of the Starr Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees. "We have been impressed with his experience and knowledge, as well as his genuine care for people. We are looking forward to working with him to lead the hospital forward." "Starr Regional Medical Center is such an important part of this community," said Santoemma, "and I am really excited to take on this new role and join this incredible team of individuals. I look forward to building on the strong foundation that already exists and helping the leadership team look for even more ways to improve the overall health and well-being of this community." Santoemma holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in Phoenix, Ariz. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



## Happening at the Museum Today

It's "History for Lunch" today at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. Bring your lunch and enjoy an interview from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. with Elizabeth Faye Kentfield, from Charleston, Tennessee, who was the first woman from the area to join the United States Air Force in 1967. She served in the United States Air Force until 1981, and then in the Air National Guard until 1991. She ultimately attained the rank of Master Sergeant. Her Air National Guard uniform will be on display too. The museum is located at 522 West Madison Avenue, Athens.

## COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 02/13/22 - 02/19/22

There were 3,158 cases (per day) and 82 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 1,995,040 Total Cases 23,981 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	16,540	357	232
Meigs	3,323	67	51
Monroe	14,312	262	216
Polk	4,624	108	56
Bradley	32,832	547	376
Rhea	9,890	140	148

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

## BIG BELLY DELI

### TEEN NIGHT

ATTN: ALL McMINN CO. STUDENTS (CITY & COUNTY, ALL AGES) You get 15% off your entire family meal Friday and Saturday nights, 5-7 pm 16 E. Washington Ave., Athens 423-649-0037 Open: M-Sat. 7am-7pm

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## MEDIC

REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

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Athens Center  
213 E. Washington Ave.  
Athens, TN 37303  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 am - 5 pm

## RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99  
Steak Biscuits 2/\$5 • 32 oz Tea \$1  
8 Piece Tailgate \$19.99

Bojangles is reopening on SUNDAYS in February with DRIVE THRU Service ONLY

Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits BOJANGLES of Athens-South Congress Pkwy 744-5292



### HIWASSEE CHAPTER

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [NWTF.ORG](http://NWTF.ORG), TROPHY HOUSE  
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### DINNER & AUCTION

## HUNTING & HERITAGE

### LOCATION:

THE BARN AT FAITH FARMS  
136 CO. RD 260 • ATHENS, TN

February 26th

DOORS OPEN AT 5  
DINNER AT 6:30



You are invited to join us for a Meet and Greet  
**DOUG BAILEY FOR CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**  
at Navarro's in Englewood - Food, Music and Games  
**Saturday, February 26th 11am - 3pm**  
Paid for by the committee to elect Doug Bailey

UNITED WAY'S ANNUAL

## Power of the Purse

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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.uwcmcmnn-meigs.com](http://www.uwcmcmnn-meigs.com) or by calling the United Way Office.



United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties



Tennessee  
Wesleyan

# "THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE"

Community lecture on the history of  
Russian and Ukraine relations.

Feb. 24 | 6 p.m. | Johnson Event Center in Colloms Campus Center

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## Obituaries

♦ **Gloria Gail Gregory Owens**, age 75, of Englewood, died Tuesday, February 22nd, at Life care of Athens. She was a native of Cleveland and a longtime resident of Auburndale, Florida before moving to Englewood. A graveside services will at 1 p.m. Friday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Anthony William McCarter**, age 55, of Maryville, died on Monday, February 21st after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis and cancer. He is preceded in death by his father, Rev. Jimmy L. McCarter. There will be no services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Freddie Nolia Upton**, age 86, of Sweetwater, died Tuesday, February 22nd. She was employed at Sweetwater Hospital Association where she served for many years and eventually retired. A Homegoing Celebration will Monday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of M. D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens. There will be a walk through visitation from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Covid-19 mask and social distancing requirements observed.

### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

The McMinn County Election Commission will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Conference Room of the Courthouse to certify petitions for the May 3rd Election and Independent Candidates.

## Daddy Daughter Dance Update

The City of Athens Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the 36th Annual, 2022 Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, March 25 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, March 26 at 1 PM, 4 PM, and 7:30 PM. Dances will be held at the McMinn County High School cafeteria. Beginning Wednesday, March 9th, tickets may be purchased online, at [athenstn.gov/parks](http://athenstn.gov/parks), at the recreation office in City Hall, 815 North Jackson Street, or by phone by calling 423-744-2700 EXT 3. Only 500 tickets are available for each dance and each person attending must have an individual ticket. Tickets are \$12 each and must be purchased prior to the dance, as no tickets are sold at the door. Picture vouchers are also available for \$14 which includes two 5x7's and eight wallet size photos. Picture vouchers may be purchased in advance or at the dance. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2700 extension 3.

**Listening Reminder:** The guests on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," today will be 3 of their residential students. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.



522 W Madison Ave.  
Athens, TN 37303  
423-745-0329  
[www.livingheritagemuseum.org](http://www.livingheritagemuseum.org)

### WOODCARVING with JIM McCUTCHEON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 11:00 A.M.

Jim will have pieces of his collection with him to show. He will explain how he creates his wood carved items and what inspires him.

### CHAIR CANING with APRIL GREER

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 11:00 A.M.

April will be doing a demonstration on how to cane chairs.  
Admission for these programs is \$5.00 or free with Museum Membership  
Sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation & Tennessee Arts Commission

### ATHENS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—FRIDAY, MARCH 18

keep watching the morning fax for more information coming soon

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

Admission	
Adults:	\$5
Seniors (60+):	\$3
Students:	\$3

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