

Food City Hosts Bagging Event

United Way is teaming with Food City, Athens, to host the 2nd annual Celebrity Bagging Event in support of their annual fundraising campaign. The event will take place today from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Local celebrities from throughout the community have volunteered their time and "talents" to bag groceries. Shoppers who wish to do so can make a contribution to United Way at the checkouts. All donations will benefit the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties 2020 campaign. The photo below shows celebrities who took part in last year's event.



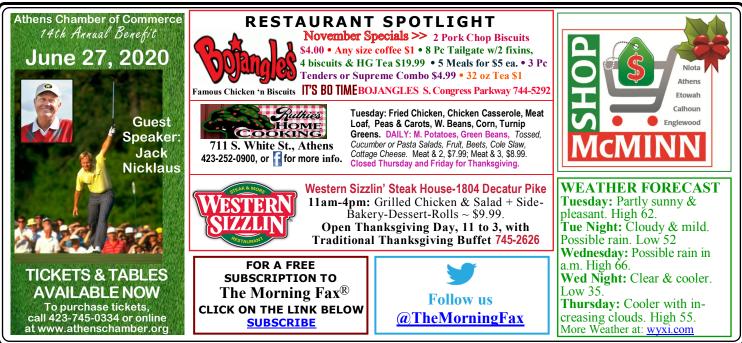
Distinguished Women Winners

The photo below shows the winner and the three runners up in the 2021 McMinn County Distinguished Young Women competition

held last Saturday night at Athens City Middle School. Shown L to R: Grace McDonald (3rd runner up and Scholastic Achievement Award winner), Keely McDonald (2021)McMinn County Distinguished



Young Woman), Diana White (First Runner Up and Interview Award winner), and Maggie Miller (Second Runner Up) (Photo by Richard Newman, Athens Optimist Club)





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Obituaries

✓ William Larry Borden, age 84, of Englewood, died Sunday. He owned Borden's Furniture for 25 years, and taught at Englewood High School and McMinn Central High School for over 30 years. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT U.S. stocks rose on optimism over U.S.-China trade relations. Nearly all sectors were higher following reports that China will tighten its intellectual property rules. Technology shares led the advance.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 191 points or 0.7% to 28,066. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 23 points or 0.8% to 3,134, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 113 points or 1.3% to 8,632.

• THP LAUNCHES I-40 ENFORCEMENT

The THP and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security have announced the 7th annual "I-40 Challenge" traffic safety initiative. The "I-40 Challenge" will consist of increased patrols from the THP as well as local agencies along the I-40 corridor nationwide. The I-40 enforcement will increase on the busiest travel days during the Thanksgiving holiday. Troopers will be assigned every 20 miles on Interstate 40 for 12- hour shifts on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Community News You Can Use

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. The Recycle Center will also be closed Thursday and Friday, but will reopen on Saturday for regular business hours. Residential garbage routes for Thursday will be picked up next Monday, Dec. 2nd, and again on Thursday, Dec. 5th. The Friday route will be picked up on the following Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, and again on Friday, Dec. 6th.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open today beginning at 2:30 on the Christ Community Church campus on S. Congress Parkway. The doctors, nurses, and chaplain will be standing by to assist residents of McMinn and Meigs counties who are uninsured.

✓ The PTSD support group for Veterans will meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Athens Lutheran Church. The next meeting is December 3rd. The church is located at 710 Forrest Ave., Athens.

✓ The 2019 Decatur Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, December 8th, at 3 p.m. Participants can register at the Decatur Municipal Building by 4 p.m. on December 6th. Pre-registration is required. Call 334-5716 with questions.

✓ The Keith UMC Turkey Trot 5K takes place Thanksgiving Day. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$25 per person or \$75 per family. The race starts and finishes on Thompson Street next to the church.

