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## National Recognition for McMinn Senior Activity Center



The McMinn Senior Activity Center's Senior Advocate Program has received the 2023 Program of Excellence Honorable Mention in Social and Support Services from

the National Council on Aging (NCOA). This recognition highlights the program's significant impact on the local senior community by providing crucial support and resources.

The Senior Advocate Program, one of only three in Tennessee with a dedicated staff member, has helped address food insecurity, safety, and home repair needs for economically disadvantaged seniors. Key initiatives include the Senior Safe at Home Program, which assists with financial burdens that other programs may not cover, such as food, safety, and home repairs.

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## Athens City Manager Announces Resignation



Athens City Manager Deb Wallace announced at Tuesday night's Athens City Council Meeting that she will be resigning from her position on June 30th. Wallace said that due to family situations, she could no longer be able to work full time. Wallace began her time as the Athens City Manager on July

3, 2023 making her tenure just a few days short of a full year. The City Council reluctantly accepted her resignation and most of the council members expressed their appreciation for the job that she has done. The council approved a schedule of advertising to notify the public that the job will be open and ask for applications and resumes by June 30th. Athens Mayor Steve Sherlin added that the City Council's June study session will include discussing whether to appoint a search committee or have an interim manager.



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## Hamilton County Teacher Arrested After Domestic Altercation



FROM NEWS CHANNEL 9: Deputies arrested Jon Stanford, a math teacher at Soddy-Daisy High School, on Tuesday for aggravated assault following an incident at his Hixson home over the weekend. According to a police affidavit, Stanford, while intoxicated, put his wife in a chokehold as she tried to record his behavior on her phone. He later destroyed her phone in the garage. The incident occurred after the family spent Sunday at Ches-

ter Frost Park and a friend's house, where Stanford became highly intoxicated. The altercation began when they returned home and Stanford, still drinking, argued with his wife. Concerned about his behavior, she recorded him, which led to the physical confrontation. Although she was not in fear for her life, she was worried as it was the first time he had laid hands on her. After destroying her phone, she took their children to her father's home. Deputies arrested Stanford at the school during a session. Hamilton County Schools was asked about Stanford's current employment and Spokesman Steve Doremus responded via text, "HCS is aware one of its employees was arrested at Soddy Daisy High School today on a charge unrelated to the school. At this time, we are working to learn more information. Once we learn more, appropriate steps will be taken in accordance with district policies and procedures." Read News Channel 9's ongoing coverage [HERE](#). Photo courtesy of HCSO/WTVG

## Gov. Lee Signs Smart Heart Act into Law



Photo Courtesy of Governor's Press Office

On Tuesday, Governor Bill Lee signed the Smart Heart Act, which mandates the installation of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in schools and establishes response protocols for cardiac emergencies.

"Nothing is more important than keeping our students healthy and safe, and the Smart Heart Act ensures schools will be ready to respond in the event of a cardiac-related emergency," said Gov. Bill Lee. "I commend the General Assembly for their commitment to Tennessee students in passing this legislation."

The legislation, supported unanimously by both parties, requires all public and private schools serving grades nine through twelve to have an AED accessible during the school day and at athletic events. Schools must also develop and annually practice emergency action plans for cardiac arrests and life-threatening injuries during athletic activities. Additionally, coaches and relevant personnel must be trained in CPR and AED use. The signing ceremony included representatives from the National Football League, American Heart Association, and the Smart Heart Sports Coalition, which promotes policies to prevent sudden cardiac arrest fatalities among high school students.

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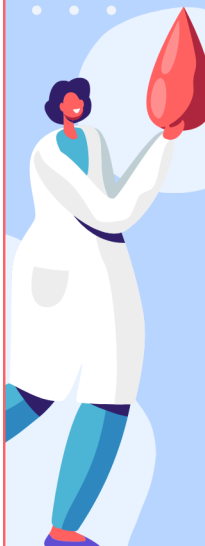
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10:00 Welcome Breakfast for all in Activity Center

11:00 Gathering Service

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Since its inception in 2019, the program has delivered thousands of meals, assisted with Medicare Part D prescription plans, provided free tax assistance, built or replaced over two dozen wheelchair ramps, and offered numerous wellness checks and other essential services. The program's success is due in part to partnerships with organizations like the Southeast TN Area Agency on Aging and Disability, local food banks, and businesses, as well as generous funding from the Athens Federal Foundation, United Way, and the VEC Customer Shares Program.

Due to increased demand, the Center is seeking funding to expand the program's service days. The McMinn Senior Activity Center has seen record participation and new memberships, underscoring the vital role of the Senior Advocate Program in supporting the senior community.

For more information, visit [mcminnseniors.com](http://mcminnseniors.com) or visit the center at 205 McMinn Ave., Athens..



## Obituaries

**Ann Harrill**, 75 of Loudon, passed away on May 20. She enjoyed working with children. She worked for over 25 years at KinderCare Learning Center in Knoxville. She was an active member of Rocky Hill Baptist Church in Knoxville for over 33 years, where she had many friends and blessed many children's lives in Children's Church. Ann and her husband of 33 years, Gene, enjoyed traveling and going to Lady Vols basketball games with friends. Funeral Services will be 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 23, 2024 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Whaley officiating. The graveside service will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12-2 pm Thursday before the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.



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## What Day Is It?

### Today In History - May 23

**1701** - Captain William Kidd was hanged in London for piracy and murder.

**1788** - South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

**1960** - Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina.

**1997** - Iranians elected a moderate president, Mohammad Khatami, over hard-liners in the ruling Muslim clergy.

**2006** - ABC named Charles Gibson to replace Elizabeth Vargas as anchor of its "World News Tonight" evening newscast.

## Arrest Reports

Mason Warner, 27 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond Reported.

Teddy Land, 54 of Englwood, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Driving on a Restricted License. Total Bond: \$3,000.

Kelsey Martin, 26 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$3,781.95

Cesar Munoz, 26 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for DUI. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Clifford Winsted, 43 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of an Order of Protection, Driving on a Restricted License, and a warrant in Monroe County. No Bond Reported.

Misty Wilson, 38 of Georgetown, was arrested for Public Intoxication, Resisting Arrest and two counts of Assault on a First Responder. Total Bond: \$6,000.

Ashley Stacey, 38 of South Pittsburg, TN, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$14,000.

**The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.**

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