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Election Results for August 1st

The general election for county office holders and the primary election for state-wide offices was held yesterday across Tennessee. All local McMinn County office holders ran un-opposed. In state races, US Senator Marsha Blackburn received 1,523 local votes and her only opponent in the Republican primary, Tres Whittum, received 134 votes. Blackburn easily won re-nomination across the state and will face one of the "Tennessee Three", Gloria Johnson, who won the Democratic Primary. In the Etowah City Commission race, Diana Elrod and Steve Fain were elected with 41% and 37% of the vote respectively. Jeffrey E. Williams and Jessica Blair Goodin were elected to the Etowah School Board with 40% and 38% of the vote respectively. State Representative Mark Cochran was unopposed and will face Democrat David Thomforde, who was un-opposed in the Democratic primary in District 23. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann ran unopposed in the GOP District 3 primary race and will face Jack Allen, who ran un-opposed in the Democratic primary.

Council Narrows Manager List

The Athens City Council held a called meeting Thursday afternoon in regards to finding a new City Manager. The council previously rejected all but 5 candidates and narrowed that list to 3 yesterday. They are: Randall Dowling, a former county manager of Dawson County, GA; Scott Meszaros, a county and city manger currently residing in Hope Mills, NC; Randy Robertson, a retired US Army General and former city manager of Dover, DE who currently resides in Oakland, MD. The council voted to invite these three to come to Athens with expenses paid, for one on one interviews with each council member, tentatively set for August 14th. Public interviews would be held shortly thereafter.

Church News & Events

- Union Hill Baptist Church invites you to their Homecoming Service, this Sunday, August 4th at 10:30 a.m. The Carters will be singing and lunch will be served after the morning service. Union Hill Baptist Church is located at 258 County Road 659 in Athens.
- Bethlehem Baptist Church is collecting shoes to donate to children left orphaned and is asking for your donations to help further this cause. They will have collection boxes at the Wil-Sav Drug Store in Madisonville and at Sloan's of Etowah.
- The Hymnsmen Quartet will be singing at Cambria Baptist Church at 305 County Road 875 in Etowah on Sunday, August 4 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Hilltop Baptist Church will have their Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 4th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Knoxville's *The Heartland Quartet* will be the special guest singers. Lunch will follow the service.
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church (123 S. Jackson Ave., Athens) will host its monthly Grief Support Group on Saturday August 3rd from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The group is led by Becky Green, LCSW and is open to the whole community. For more info, please contact them at (423) 745-2224.

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McMinn Senior Activity Center Receives \$15,000 Grant



The McMinn Senior Activity Center recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. Executive Director Diane Hutsell expressed gratitude for the timely grant, which will support upgrades and enhancements as part of the Center's Five-Year Strategic Plan. The funding will be used for projects such as new landscaping, outdoor signage, new exercise programs like Tai Chi, and the purchase of a video camera for virtual programming.

The Center has seen significant growth, with a 299% increase in membership and a 56% increase in volunteerism. The Senior Advocate Program, led by Lola Allen, received the National Council on Aging Award of Excellence and has been nominated for an Aging Innovation Award.

New programs at the Center include a book club, garden club, and various art classes. The Center is also planning three trips for 2025: to Ireland, the Grand Canyon, and the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. An information meeting about these trips will be held on August 15, open to anyone that would like to learn more.

"I joke that if there is an activity or program someone wants the Center to host, if it's not illegal, we'll figure out how to make it happen. There are many more exciting things to come for the Center and for the community. September is not only National Senior Center Month but is also when we will be celebrating the McMinn Senior Activity Center's 50th anniversary. We have several special events planned throughout the month that we're sure everyone will enjoy," said Hutsell.

For more information on the Activity Center, you can find them on [Facebook](#), online at www.mcminnseniors.com, by phone at 423-745-6830 or stop by from 8a-4p at 205 McMinn Ave; Athens, TN 37303.



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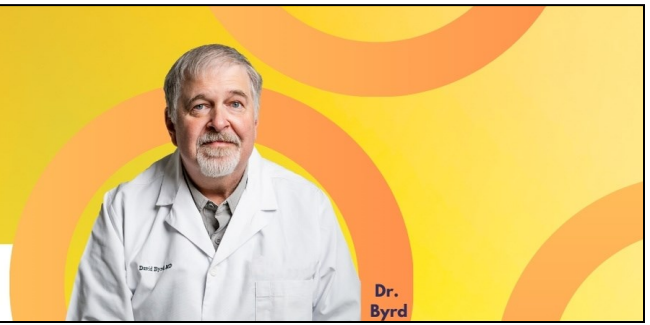
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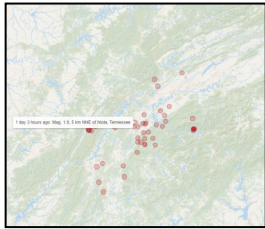
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Earthquake Strikes Niota Area



An earthquake with a magnitude of 1.8 struck the Niota area shortly after 6 a.m. Thursday. It was 3.5 miles NNE of the city and was measured at a depth of about 1.3 miles and was about .75 of a mile wide.

Earthquakes of this magnitude rarely cause major damage, however they can be mistaken for an explosion as they oftentimes produce a very loud "nearby shotgun discharge type sound". Interestingly, the Niota earthquake was preceded by an earlier earthquake that struck 3.5 miles south of Englewood at 10:18 p.m. Wednesday. It was measured at 2.0 in magnitude with a depth of 0.5 miles and a width of 0.3 miles. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, there have been 49 earthquakes of magnitudes up to 2.6 within 100 km (63 miles) of Niota since the beginning of 2024. 26 quakes have been above a 2.0 magnitude and 23 have been below a magnitude of 2.0, which people normally don't feel.

Obituaries

Vivian Jean Farmer Bales, age 69, of Ten Mile, passed away on Monday, July 30. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

Steven Patrick Brusseau, age 45, of Knoxville passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at his home. He is survived locally by his parents, Larry and Margie Brusseau of Athens and a brother of Athens, Andrew Brusseau. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4th, at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

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What Day is It?

Today In History - August 2

- 1776** - 56 people formally signed the Declaration of Independence.
- 1858** - The first street letter boxes for mail collection in the U.S. were installed in Boston and New York.
- 1865** - Lewis Carroll first publishes "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"
- 1909** - The first Lincoln penny was issued. One of the most valuable pennies to collectors is the 1909 VDB S Lincoln penny.
- 1923** - The U.S. Steel Corporation changed the 12-hour working day to eight hours.
- 1934** - Adolf Hitler becomes commander-in-chief of German armed forces.
- 1937** - Proposed by Henry Aslinger, the *Marihuana Tax Act of 1937* is passed in America, essentially rendering marijuana and all its by-products illegal. It was fueled by widespread racial discrimination against Mexican-Americans and Blacks and was instigated by a desperate need for funding by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.
- 1943** - The PT-109, a U.S. Navy torpedo boat under John F. Kennedy's command, was sunk by a Japanese destroyer during World War II.
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Arrest Reports

Jeffery Tudor, 49 of Englewood, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Aggravated Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$15,000

Crystal Brown, 42 of Philadelphia, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation State—Loudon County. No Bond.,

Adam Conner, 33 of Englewood, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,908.90

Janice Hill, 54 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,395.90

William Purnell, 25 of Knoxville, was arrested by the MCSO for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000

Brandon Russell, 56 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Criminal Trespassing. Total Bond: \$500

Jose Ortiz, 37 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving on a Suspended License, Registration Laws, and Failure to Have Insurance. Total Bond: \$1,000

Deborah Karpavoge, 68 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving Under the Influence. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Adrian Peña, 35 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for Theft over \$500. Total Bond: \$15,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.

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