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Athens City Schools will be the first school system in Tennessee to receive five [Thomas Built Buses SAF-T-LINER® C2 Jouley](#), the state's first all-electric school buses delivered under the EPA Clean School Bus Program. A celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place TODAY, Thursday, August 1st, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Athens City Intermediate School, located at 316 McMinn Avenue.

The introduction of these electric buses is part of a broader initiative funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides \$5 billion over five years (FY 2022-2026) through the EPA's Clean School Bus Program to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. The first funding opportunity in 2022 allocated up to \$965 million to nearly 400 schools for bus replacements.

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The transition from diesel-fueled school buses to electric models is expected to significantly reduce emissions, making school transportation more sustainable and eco-friendly. Electric school buses are particularly well-suited for electrification due to their low daily mileage, predictable routes, health benefits for students and the community, and the potential for midday charging and providing power back to the grid during peak times.

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More Information
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www.livingheritagemuseum.org

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - 30% Chance of Storms. High 93. Heat Index 109.

Thurs. Night - Mostly Clear. Humid. Low 76.

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Community News You Can Use

- A called meeting of the Athens City Council will be held at the Athens Municipal Building in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers located at 815 N. Jackson Street in Athens beginning at 3 PM TODAY, Thursday, August 1. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the interviews of the five candidates for the position of City Manager, select the top two candidates for future interviews, and discuss, authorize, and approve any and all matters related to the hiring of a city manager.
- The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be giving away up to \$15,000 to the winner(s) of the Athens Shark Chamber Pitch Competition. The pitch contest is open to businesses in and around McMinn County as well as those who have an idea for a business. Last year's finalists are not eligible to apply. The deadline for application is TODAY, August 1 with the pitch itself taking place on September 12th from 5 pm - 8pm at the Colloms Center on the campus of Tennessee Wesleyan University. You can apply by clicking the link [HERE](#) or calling the Athens Chamber at (423) 745-0334 or email rob@athenschamber.org.

Obituaries

Kellie Jeanette Bradford, 55, passed away peacefully on July 28. She was surrounded by her loving family, whose lives she had touched deeply with her boundless compassion, unwavering strength, and enduring love. A celebration of Kellie's life will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Church of God Sanctified. Family and friends will gather to honor her remarkable journey and share in the collective grief of her loss on Friday, evening from 4:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Cleveland, TN and 12:00 noon until 1:00 on Saturday before the service at the church. Internment will follow the service at St. Elmo Cemetery in Georgetown, TN. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Election News You Can Use

Today is Election Day across Tennessee for local county races and state primaries. Several municipal elections are also on the ballot. Early voting concluded last Saturday, July 27th. Here in McMinn County, a total of 1,068 ballots were cast early, one of the lowest turn-outs in recent memory. The tally for early voting was 846 in the Republican Primary, 201 in the Democrat Primary and there were 21 ballots cast for Municipal elections in Etowah and Englewood. McMinn County has a total of 33,713 registered voters, according to TeAnna McKinney, McMinn County Election Commissioner. Polling hours today are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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Fiery Crash in Bradley County



Two people were taken to the hospital after a fiery crash in Bradley County Saturday evening. It happened on Spring Place Road near Million Drive. Bradley County EMS said a woman who was driving the vehicle swerved to avoid stopped traffic. The car flipped into a ditch and then caught fire. Authorities said the woman and man in the car were both wearing seat belts.



The man was able to get out on his own. Bystanders pulled the woman away from the car before the car burst into flames. The woman was flown to Erlanger by Life Force in serious condition, but she is expected to survive. The man was taken to Tennessean by ambulance with minor injuries. *Photos Courtesy of Bradley County EMS*

What Day Is It?

Today In History - August 1

- 1779** - Francis Scott Key was born. He was a lawyer who became famous for writing the lyrics for "The Star Spangled Banner." He wrote the words while watching the British fleet's bombardment of Fort M'Henry in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812.
- 1874** - The insecticide DDT was first prepared. It was banned for use in the U.S. in 1972 due to concerns over its effect on our health and the environment.
- 1873** - Cable cars began operating in San Francisco. The cars are pulled by steel cables below the surface of the street.
- 1876** - Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.
- 1907** - The U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.
- 1936** - The Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.
- 1977** - Pilot Francis Gary Powers was killed when his radio traffic helicopter crashed in Los Angeles. Powers gained fame when his U-2 spy plane was shot down over Russia in 1960.
- 2007** - The eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.



Methodist Meeting

All Methodists and interested folks, join us for a casual get-together where you can meet others going through the same process of looking for a place to worship that follows scripture and obeys God's word as written. Just because the world is changing does not mean that your faith in God must.

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