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## Minor Earthquakes Near Englewood on Saturday

Two minor earthquakes shook East Tennessee near Englewood on Saturday afternoon, according to data from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) based at the University of Memphis.

The first earthquake, recorded at a magnitude of 2.1, occurred at 1:23 p.m. local time. The epicenter was located approximately 4.0 km (2.5 miles) north of Englewood and 9.9 km (6.1 miles) east-northeast of Athens, at a depth of 9 km.

The second earthquake, slightly stronger at a magnitude of 2.2, struck just moments later at the same time. Its epicenter was 4.4 km (2.7 miles) north of Englewood and 10.5 km (6.5 miles) east-northeast of Athens, but it originated deeper underground at 16 km.

While these earthquakes were minor and unlikely to have caused damage, they underscore the seismic activity in the region, which sits near the Eastern Tennessee Seismic Zone. Residents in nearby communities may have felt mild vibrations or heard faint rumblings.

The USGS continues to monitor and analyze seismic activity in the area. Residents are reminded that while these small quakes are not uncommon, they are part of the broader geological processes that shape the region.

## Community News You Can Use

- The Etowah Friendly Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at the Etowah Community Center (155 Robinson St., Etowah) beginning at 7 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Etowah Christmas For Kids President Sergeant Wes Atwell, who will report on the 2024 Toy Drive. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday at the Etowah Community Center. For updates, visit their [Facebook](#) page or contact President Gene Keller at 423-263-1506.
- The Athens City Council will meet for a work session TODAY, Monday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers of the Athens Municipal Building. They will be discussing a paid Christmas light display at Regional Park, Reconsideration of the North City School Property, and improvements to the intersection of Crestway Drive and Matlock Avenue.
- Due to icy road conditions and cold temps overnight, Athens City Schools and Kid's Connection is closed today. Click or tap [HERE](#) on our Facebook page for more Closings & Cancellations.
- Due to Athens City schools being closed, the Board Meeting that is scheduled for TODAY Monday, January 13, is rescheduled for Thursday, January 23, beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the ACMS auditorium.

**Monday - Closed**

- Tuesday-Madisonville-Will Sav -10:30 - 2
- Wednesday-Etowah Across from Johnsons-10:30 - 2
- Thursday-Athens Across from Harbor Freight 10:30 -2
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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

**Paul Ronald "Ronnie" Lingerfelt**, 81 of Sweetwater, passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday, January 8. Paul was a proud Army MP veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in Germany. He spent his life in East Tennessee, and was a surveyor for 50 years. Graveside services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 13 at Union McMinn Cemetery, Niota. There will be no formal visitation. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery Monday for Graveside services. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. in charge of arrangements.

**MaryLou Tanner Wilson**, 83 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, January 8 at Hospice of Chattanooga. She was a member of Faith Baptist Tabernacle and enjoyed going to church and listening to gospel music. She was a former employee of the United State Postal Service having retired after 25 years of service. Funeral services will be 12:30 PM Monday, January 13, 2025 at Faith Baptist Tabernacle. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Monday prior to the service at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

**Kelly Lingerfelt**, 73 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, January 8 at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He enjoyed sports, especially the Volunteers and Lady Vols. He was a computer expert who brought dial up internet to McMinn County years ago. He loved 70's rock and the Titans. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

**Larry "Don" Burris**, 76 of Delano, passed away in the comfort of his home while surrounded by his family on Thursday, January 9. A long-time member of Friendship Baptist Church, Don was the one and only familiar voice of the Polk County Wildcats for 30 years among many, many accomplishments. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Interment followed the service at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah was in charge of arrangements.

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Athens, Tennessee

## LeBron Fowler now leading Etowah Chamber & Etowah Main Street



The Tennessee Overhill welcomes LeBron Fowler in his community position as the new Director of the Etowah Chamber of Commerce &

Etowah Main Street Program. LeBron stated "It's my privilege and an honor to have become Etowah's Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Executive Director. It's been a pleasure partnering with Nancy & Adrian as we work together to promote business, industry, tourism & the arts in beautiful Etowah area."

Source: Tennessee Overhill - Facebook

## CSCC to Unveil Renovated Performance Center

Cleveland State Community College Foundation will host the grand opening of the newly renovated Mark E. Smith Performance Center on **Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. in the L. Quentin Lane Gymnasium** on the Cleveland State campus. The state-of-the-art facility, located on the gymnasium's first floor, provides fitness equipment for student-athletes and is also open to students and staff.

The center was made possible through the generous contributions of Mark E. Smith, a Cleveland State alumnus and long-time supporter. Smith, a 1980 graduate and CEO of Smith Family McDonald's, has been a steadfast advocate for athletics and education, establishing multiple scholarships and serving on the college's Foundation Board of Trustees for over 26 years. The event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours of the facility, and a reception. A special presentation honoring Smith will take place during halftime of the women's basketball game against Pellissippi State Community College. The community is encouraged to attend this celebration of progress and support for student success.

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**Adam Haynes**, 39 of Maryville, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond Reported.

**Cheyenne Brown**, 32 of Etowah, was arrested by Etowah PD for Aggravated Burglary and Resisting Stop. Total Bond: \$48,000.

**Amanda Watkins**, 34 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation, Violation of Probation, Criminal Impersonation, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Schedule VI Substance, and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange of Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$25,500.

**Ayleena Earls**, 19 of Englewood, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Joy Riding, and Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$6,000.

**April Fugate**, 37 of Pikeville, was arrested by the MCSO for Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property, Possession of a Schedule II Substance, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$15,000.

**Clinton Russell**, 38 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000.

**Louis Sumpter**, 63 of Reliance, was arrested by the MCSO for Simple Possession & Casual Exchange of Meth. Driving on a Re-

voked License, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond.

**Zachary Lane**, 21 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Forgery, Theft over \$500, Worthless Checks, and Criminal Conspiracy. Total Bond: \$9,000.

**Bailey Locke**, 21 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Forgery, Theft over \$500, Worthless Checks, and Criminal Conspiracy. Total Bond: \$9,000.

**Austin Morales-Reynoso**, 29 of Chattanooga, was arrested by the THP for Evading Arrest, Driving without a License, Failure to have Insurance, Resisting Stop, and Failing to have Taillight on. Total Bond: \$25,000

**DeJesus Manrique**, 52 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Disorderly Conduct. Total Bond: \$10,000

**William Smith**, 54 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Assault by Intimidation. No Bond.

**The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

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