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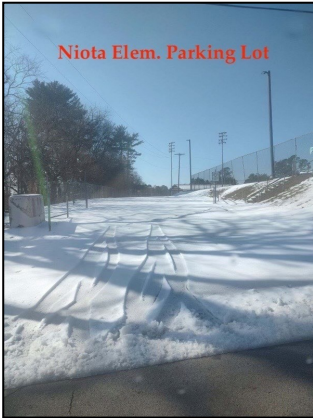
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Some Area Schools Remain Closed Tuesday



Niota Elem. Parking Lot

Beginning around noon on Monday, [McMinn County Schools](#), [Etowah City School](#), [Christ's Legacy Academy](#), [Meigs County Schools](#), [Polk County Schools](#) and [Monroe County Schools](#) explained that icy road conditions on many back roads and reduced visibility gave reason for a continued closure of respective schools.

[Athens City Schools](#) and [Sweetwater City Schools](#) chose to resume regular class schedules and [Bradley County Schools](#) are operating on a two-hour delay.

Photo: Niota Elementary School courtesy of McMinn Co. Schools

Community News You Can Use

- The Good Faith Clinic will be open on Tuesday, January 14 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.
- Due to the inclement weather, the Niota City Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, January 13 at 6 pm has been rescheduled for Friday, January 17 at 11 a.m.
- The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, January 23 at 5 pm in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse and will conduct any election business to legally come before the board. The Agenda will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the Election Office by Thursday, January 16.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Sunny. High 35.
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Obituaries

David Lee Mason, 71 of Athens, passed away on Friday, January 10. David was a supervisor for Athens Table Company, and worked in law enforcement with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department for several years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs, Funeral Home. The graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15 at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Tuesday at the funeral home before the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens will be in charge of the arrangements.

Dennis Fred "Dip" Grubb, 89 of Athens, passed away on Friday, January 10 at Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville. He was a 1953 graduate of McMinn County High School and served in the National Guard for 12 years. He was a member of East Athens Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, January 15 at East Athens Baptist Church. Graveside services will be at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday at Idlewild Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-4 PM prior to the service at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

Rev. Wendell Eugene Puett, 73, of Etowah, TN passed away peacefully with his wife, Karen, by his side on Friday, January 10. Wendell was a lifelong member of Coghill Baptist Church where he was ordained as deacon. He worked at J.M. Huber and retired from there after 30 years of dedicated service. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16th at the funeral home and proceed to Coghill Cemetery for the 1:00 p.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Bryson Eaton, 18 of Riceville, passed away on Friday, January 10. A celebration of Bryson's life will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 2025, from 12:00-2:00 PM, with a 2:00 PM funeral at Ziegler Funeral Home in Athens. Family and friends are invited to come together to honor his memory and share the stories that made him so special. Interment will follow at South Liberty Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Bryson Eaton.

Neda Lois Sewell, age 70, of Decatur, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.



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United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is now accepting nominations for the Dick Dyer Community Service Award. The Dick Dyer Award is a community service award given each year to an individual who exemplifies Mr. Dyer's exceptional vision and caring spirit for the community. As the first United Way Director, Mr. Dyer worked tirelessly to provide the community with services that meet the most pressing needs. His vision and leadership made our community a stronger and more caring place to live and work.

The recipient of the Dick Dyer award should have made significant contributions to the community through church or civic activities and made a lasting impression through his or her work. The award recipient is chosen by a panel of previous recipients. The award will be given at the United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on February 13th.

In addition to being named the Dick Dyer Community Service Award recipient, the person chosen will also represent McMinn County as the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award recipient. The Governor's office established this award to recognize ways volunteers strengthen communities, increase volunteerism to meet compelling needs, and show that volunteering is rewarding and part of what it means to be a Tennessean. The award will be presented at a ceremony hosted by Governor Lee in Nashville.

To submit a nomination, mail it to P.O. Box 1681, Athens, TN 37371. You may also email it to united-way@unitedwaymm.com or drop it off at the United Way office at 313 Maple Street. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2025.


LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Sandra Kinney will have as her guest Stuart Mason with Universal Travel Agency. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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Search Warrant Leads to Fentanyl Seizure



On Thursday, January 9, officers and investigators of the Sweetwater Police Dept. executed a search warrant at a residence in the 800 block of Beardshire St. This search warrant followed credible information regarding the sale of fentanyl from the location. During the search, officers discovered multiple containers of fentanyl, as well as drug paraphernalia. One individual, identified as Mr. James Ingram, was taken into custody in connection with the investigation. Mr. Ingram now faces charges related to the sale of fentanyl and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Chief Byrum stated "As law enforcement, our primary focus is to stop the sale of dangerous drugs including fentanyl in our community. Every dealer we take down helps save lives and keeps our streets safer."

Source: [Sweetwater Police - Facebook](#)

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on **Monday, January 20** in observance of **Martin Luther King Day**. Those buildings will re-open on Tuesday, January 21 during regular business hours. **Residential garbage routes for Monday, January 20 will be picked up on Tuesday, January 21.** All other residential garbage routes will be on regular schedule. EMS will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyxiradio@gmail.com

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