

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

♦ A VIEW OF THE "DIAMOND RING"

One of the special things about a total solar eclipse is the effect known as the "diamond ring." The effect is due to slight irregularities on the moon's surface and occurs twice. Photographer Edward Goodman of A. Goodman Productions sent us his photo of the diamond ring effect as it appeared at second contact.



♦ MORE LOCAL NEWS

✓ The Athens Police Department has identified the woman who was killed in a traffic crash on North Congress Parkway Tuesday as Tiffany Hope Watson, 39, of Sweetwater.

✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office says the problems with their internet service and data links have been corrected, and they are now fully open for business at their new location in the new Courthouse Annex across from the McMinn County Courthouse.

National - World News

◆ The City of Charlottesville, Va. covered two Confederate statues with giant black veils on Wednesday in remembrance of 32-year-old counter-protester Heather Heyer. Heyer was killed at a rally of white nationalists and neo-Nazis earlier this month.

◆ Bodies of some of the 10 missing sailors have been found in flooded compartments of the USS John S. McCain that collided with an oil tanker off Singapore. The U.S. Navy has relieved from duty the three-star admiral in charge of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

◆ The Great Smoky Mountains National Park confirmed that an 18-year old teenager missing for 11 days walked out of the Tennessee woods in good condition on Tuesday after disappearing following a hike with his stepfather. He was taken to a local hospital, but later released.

◆Just weeks after North Korea launched an intercontinental ballistic missile, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson offers praise for Kim Jong-un for holding his fire since then. Tillerson noted that it could be the "beginning" of a pathway to peace talks.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The American Legion holds its monthly fish fry this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. You can have all the fish you can eat for 90.00.

✓ This summer's Sounds of Summer concert series comes to an end this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Market Park in Downtown Athens. The headliner is Mending Wall. Will Carter will be the opener. Admission is free.





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July Home Sales

According to Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services, there were 37 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in July. Some of those are listed below.

Breckenridge St., Athens -\$423,750 County Rd 707, Athens -\$335,000 Canterbury St., Athens -\$323,500 County Rd 1151, Riceville - \$310,000 County Rd 659, Athens -\$279.000 County Rd 784, Etowah -\$267,500 Timber Creek Drive, Athens -\$244.900 County Rd 50, Riceville -\$225,000 County Rd 703, Athens -\$224,000 County Rd 875, Etowah -\$219,900 Timber Creek, Athens -\$203,000 Colonial Ave., Athens -\$184.000 Indiana Ave., Athens -\$180.000 \$179,900 County Rd 255, Athens -County Rd 586, Englewood- \$170,000 County Rd 685, Etowah -\$158,500 County Rd 90, Riceville -\$154,950 County Rd 130, Athens -\$152,000 County Rd 560, Athens -\$138,000 Cedar Springs Rd., Athens - \$130,000 Highway 163, Calhoun -\$128,000 \$120.000 Ingleside Ave., Athens -W. College St., Athens -\$115,000

Obituaries

• **Dorothy Jean Anderton Skorupan,** age 89, of Athens, died Tuesday at Morning Pointe Assisted Living. She was a founding member of the McMinn County Humane Society and was a member of the Library Book Club. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ONE MORE E C L I P S E PHOTO

Traffic on I-75 was heavy before and after Monday's eclipse. Travis Newberry took this photo from his airplane showing traffic congestion at the Sweetwater exit.





TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 24th

79 A.D. - Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

1814 - British forces captured Washington, D.C., and burned the White House and the Capitol Building.

1875 - Captain Matthew Webb of England began the first swim across the English Channel. The distance is only 21 miles as the crow flies. However, because of the tide, Webb actually swam nearly twice that distance and was in the water for nearly 22 hours.

1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

1938 - Musician Mason Williams was born. His biggest hit record was "Classical Gas."

1989 - Pete Rose, baseball's all-time hitter, was banned for life from playing baseball for betting on games when he was playing for Cincinnati.