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Athens, Tennessee

Maggie Blaine Joins Main Street Moments as New Host



Main Street Moments has a new voice. Maggie Blaine, a native of McKenzie, Tennessee, will take over as the new host, following the leadership of Sandra Kinney, Executive Director of Main Street.

Blaine is set to graduate this spring from Tennessee Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and International Business. In addition to her academic success, she was an active member of the TWU soccer team, helping the Bulldogs reach the second round of the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Tournament this year.

Outside of her new role with *Main Street Moments*, Blaine also operates her own business, Studio Blaine Marketing and Media, offering services in graphic design, custom website design, and social media marketing. More information about her business can be found at https://lewisaird-associates.net/studio-blaine-marketing.

See the ad for this week's Main Street Moments guest on Page 3.

WEATHER FORECAST

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Athens, Tennessee

Senior Center Gospel Choir Honors Director Debbie Brooks



Back in mid-January, the McMinn County Senior Center Gospel Choir celebrated the 10th anniversary of Debbie Brooks' service as their volunteer director. In recognition of her dedication, Brooks was presented with a handmade knitted afghan, generously donated by the Center's knitting group.

Source: Erin Selander, McMinn County Senior Center

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on Main Street Moments: Host Maggie Blaine invites The May Daze Culture Crawl Committee to talk about the May Daze Culture Crawl. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. See ad on Page 3

Community News You Can Use

- By order of the McMinn County Highway Dept., the following McMinn County Roads will be closed Tuesday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. for road construction:
 - County Road 36, Hube Walker Road
 - County Road 755, Canon Road
- The <u>McMinn County Historical Society</u> will meet this Sunday, May 4 at 2pm in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse as <u>Marilyn Mascaro</u> will discuss her latest book, "When the Rivers Flowed"
- WYXI Radio will be broadcasting the May Daze Culture Crawl this Saturday, May 3 from 10:30 am 2:30 pm. Tune in on FM 94.5 and AM 1390. Attendees will have the opportunity to enter to win one of many giveaways with no purchase necessary. Come to downtown Athens and celebrate Art Culture in the Friendly City!





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Athens, Tennessee

Sherlin Shares Update on Local Development Projects



Former Athens Mayor Steven Sherlin provided an update this week regarding several highly anticipated development projects in the city.

Sherlin announced that plans for a Panda Express and a shopping center at the site of the old Russell Stover building have fallen through and will no longer be moving forward. Additionally, plans for a separate shopping center proposed across from Walmart have also been canceled, though other parties have shown interest in the property.

There is still potential for new projects in the area. Sherlin noted that the Russell Stover property is continuing to receive interest, and discussions remain positive for the development of a new hotel behind the former candy factory site. In addition, there is renewed interest in the former Shoney's property, with the possibility of a restaurant project moving forward, pending further announcements.

While Sherlin acknowledged the community's disappointment, he pointed to ongoing renovations at the former Big Lots shopping center as a positive sign of continued growth and investment in Athens.





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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County SOCM to Host Community Potluck on May 5



The McMinn County chapter of the State-wide Organization for Community Empowerment (SOCM) will host a community meeting and potluck on Monday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at J.L. Cook Me-

morial Park, located at 414 Cook Drive in Athens.

The event is part of SOCM's ongoing efforts to strengthen relationships among McMinn County residents and foster new ideas for community growth.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share and a friend to join in the evening of connection and conversation.

Obituaries

Donna Jean Harris, 51, passed away at Parkwest Medical Center on Sunday, April 27. Donna loved spending her days drawing and creating art. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

James Earl Wyatt, 57, passed away on Wednesday, April 16. James was an Over the Road Truck Driver for many years. He enjoyed music and could play the guitar very well. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.











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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

April 20, 2025

Heather Robinson, 33 of Etowah, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$5,016.00

James Land, 56 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Timothy Winchell, 30 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$7,000.

Dallas Moses, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Child Abuse. Total Bond: \$5,000.

Dallas Bradley, 27 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for DUI and Driving with a Canceled License. Total Bond: \$5,000.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.

April 22, 2025

Mitchell Lamb, 22 of Knoxville, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Ashley Graves, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Shoplifting. Total Bond: \$5,000.

Angela Amburn, 53 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Samantha Murphy, 30 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Janice Dotson, 61 of Maryville, was arrested by the THP for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Render Aid, and Failure to Give Immediate Notice of Accident. Total Bond: \$3,000.

Tomah Parris, 38 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Criminal Trespassing, Aggravated Assault, Vandalism over \$1,000, Resisting Stop, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$18,500.



