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## House Fire in Etowah Claims 2 Lives

Authorities said Etowah City Fire Dept. requested mutual aid from Etowah Rural Fire and Englewood Rural Fire Departments for a structure fire on Louisiana Ave, Etowah just after midnight Monday morning. The structure was fully involved upon arrival of fire personnel.

Sadly the two residents of the home perished in the fire. Assisting at the scene were Madisonville City Fire Dept, Etowah



City Police Dept, McMinn County Sheriff's Dept and EUB. Special thanks to Athens for standing by for the departments. TBI Arson and Bomb unit were called to investigate the fire. Etowah City Fire Captains Nathan Cole and Dustin Ruebush were in command of the scene.

Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

WYXI RADIO and Morning Fax Reporter Wes Hall also says that parts of the structure collapsed and the interior was gutted. After a lengthy battle, firefighters were able to extinguish the fire and fire crews located two deceased occupants inside the dwelling. Etowah Police Department and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation are also investigating. Authorities continued Monday

to determine the cause of the fire. The identities of the victims are being withheld until their family is notified. Nearby residents said that there was no utility service to the structure and that a neighbor had recently bought the occupants of the house a kerosene heater which was found inside. It is not known if the kerosene heater was where the fire began.



**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Diane Hutsell, Director, McMinn County Senior Center. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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## Obituaries

◆ **James Allen Brown, Jr**, age 63, passed away March 16<sup>th</sup> from a short battle with cancer. A graveside service will be Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Melvin Lee Millsaps**, age 85, of Niota, passed away Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Starr Health and Rehab Center in Etowah. He was a native of Madisonville and longtime resident of McMinn County. He was a self-employed construction mechanic. A graveside service will be at 2 pm Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Big Creek Cemetery in Madisonville. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: [wysiradio@gmail.com](mailto:wysiradio@gmail.com)

Be sure you scroll down to page 3 today to see an important announcement from the Etowah Chamber of Commerce.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure: The area to be affected is PERRY STREET from Highway 39 to Delay Street. This road will be closed to thru traffic on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour and traffic control signage, pedestrians, and work crews. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic.

✓ The Meigs-Decatur Friends of the Library will host author John Suter, Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, at the Meigs-Decatur Public Library building. Mr. Suter will discuss his book, "Jeb Strauss and Grant's Gold". This event is free and open to all.

✓ The McMinn County United Methodist Churches will be hosting a "Camp Day" at Athens Market Park Pavilion on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm-5 pm. Staff from Camp Lookout and Camp in the Community will be present and will provide games and activities for children and youth. Adults can learn more about the camps including scholarship opportunities and how to sign-up for a free week-long day camp hosted in Athens and Niota. There will be lots of fun for everyone and s'mores! For more information contact [marythompson@holston.org](mailto:marythompson@holston.org).

### MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 382.60 to 32,244.58. The S&P 500 was up 34.93 to 3,951.57, and The Nasdaq Composite was up 45.03 to 11,675.54.

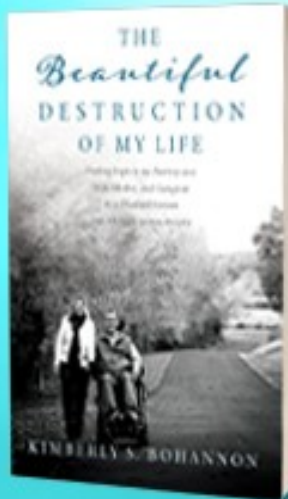
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