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Friday, October 20, 2023

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Bobcat Engine Fire

While clearing some land on County Road 629, near Etowah on Wednesday at 3 p.m., a 2015 T870 Bobcat engine caught fire. Etowah Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire and Englewood Rural Fire Departments all responded with Etowah Rural Fire Chief Adam Hafley in command of the scene. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ **Don't forget:** The "Walking Through History Tour" sponsored by the McMinn Living Heritage Museum this Sunday, October 22, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. for The Fisher Mansion on Ingleside Avenue, the Van Dyke Civil War Mansion on Elizabeth Street (behind Save-A-Lot), and Cherokee Hardware. Tickets are \$25 for all three sites and can be purchased at the Museum or at the door of the site.
- ✓ McMinn County Road 361, aka The Mason Road, will be closed at County Road 360, The Cobble Ridge Road intersection beginning on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 8:30 AM and will be closed all week (weather permitting) for road construction.
- ✓ The Southeast Tennessee District of the Senior Olympics is pleased to announce the gold medal winners for Doubles Bowling to Paul and Carolyn Klein at Classic Lanes Bowling in Athens, and the gold medal winner for Billiards to Dan Crumley held at the McMinn Senior Activity Center in Athens. The Annual Tennessee Senior Olympics is a multi-sports competition for athletes 50 and older that combines a wide range of competitive activities.
- ✓ At the Tennessee Folklore Society (TFS) annual meeting at The Gem Theatre in Etowah on Saturday, Nov. 4, fiddler Greg Brooks will present a repertoire of Tennessee's 1921 Champion Fiddler Allen Sisson. Blue-ribbon winning fiddler and banjo player Joseph Decosimo will also perform music rooted in the traditions of East Tennessee. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public. For more information about the schedule, go to www.tennesseefolklore.org



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First Baptist Church Etowah

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 22, 2023

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

All Ages Welcome





Downtown Halloween

Join the downtown businesses and community organizations for a fun and safe night of tricks and treats. Costume contest, trick-or-treating, and activities for the family!

October 31, 2023
5-7pm

Questions?
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Obituaries

♦ **Johnny Witt "Papaw Johnny"**, age 86, of Etowah passed away Monday, October 16th surrounded by his loving family. He was the owner and promoter of Witt's Wrecker Service and Used Cars in Etowah. He was the former Fire Chief of Etowah for many years during the 70's. He was a member of the Tennessee National Guard and a founding member of the Etowah Rescue Squad. Visitation will be Saturday, October 21st from 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. with graveside service to immediately follow at 1:30 p.m. in Green Hill Cemetery. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Bonnie May**, age 94, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, October 18th. She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church since 1993. A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Decatur, TN. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Reta Bull Whitten**, age 92, of Etowah, passed away Wednesday, October 18th. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 23rd at Bordwine Funeral Home. Friends and family will meet at Bordwine Funeral Home Monday, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. and proceed to Conasauga Cemetery for the 2:30 p.m. graveside service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Mack Shane Putman**, age 57, of Athens passed away, Tuesday, October 17th at Starr-Regional Medical Center. A native of New Mexico, former resident of Hughes Springs, Texas and current resident of Athens. He was a member of Mosaic Church in Arlington, Texas. He attended Dallas Baptist University where he was a cheerleader and former baseball player. He was employed with Microsoft as a program manager. Memorial Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, October 21st at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES for Oct 20th and 21st:
Oct 20th 7 p.m. Games: McMinn Co. Cherokees play at Powell; Walker Valley hosts Pure Academy. Bradley Central plays at Cleveland.
Oct 20th 7:30 p.m. Games: Meigs County hosts Brainerd.
Oct 21st: The Tennessee Volunteers travel to Tuscaloosa to play the Alabama Crimson Tide. Game time is 3:30 p.m. and will be on CBS television.

Church News and Events

-Everlasting Life Christian Center will celebrate Pastor Kevin Harris Anniversary on Sunday October 29th at 11:00 AM. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Tom Homes and Watson Chapel of Charleston Tn. Dinner will be served following morning service. The public is cordially invited through this announcement.

-The Carter's will be singing at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, Etowah, on Sunday October 29th, Old Timer's Day, at 11:AM. Everyone is welcome.

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church will celebrate their 200th Anniversary on Sunday, November 5th, with a special morning Worship Service beginning at 10:45 a.m. There will be special dedicated music during the service along with an inspirational message. Please join us for this religious milestone. You are invited to stay after the service for fellowship with refreshments. Mars Hill is located at 205 North Jackson Street in downtown Athens.

-Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).



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