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Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## Fire on County Road 906

A fire started for unknown reasons in the middle of a wooded area on Co Road 906, Etowah around 4:30 pm last Wednesday, November 15. It spread to approximately 2 acres. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire and the TN division of Forestry all responded. Etowah Rural Asst Fire Chief Kevin Elliott was in command of the scene. Photo by Karley



## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Library Board Director Search Committee will be meeting at the E.G. Fisher Library on Monday November 27 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm to discuss the candidates for the position of library director. The interviews were conducted on November 20.
- ✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University announces two seasonal events that are free and open to the public. On Monday, November 27, their annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on the campus quad. All are invited to attend and enjoy s'mores, hot chocolate, and kids activities in this family friendly event. Then, on Tuesday evening, the Concert Choir and Chorale will host the annual Lessons and Carols at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. This service will feature readings, scripture, and music for the Christmas season.
- ✓ Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is presenting its annual Open Exhibit for residents of McMinn County and the surrounding counties. The entry deadline is Friday, December 22, 2023. The exhibit has three divisions: High School, College, and Open. There is no entry fee for high school and college division artists, and those in the open division may enter for \$10 per piece. Information about how to enter, including detailed prospectus and exhibit timeline, is available at [athensartscouncil.org/open-exhibit-2024-prospectus](http://athensartscouncil.org/open-exhibit-2024-prospectus) For more information about AACA programs visit [athensartscouncil.org](http://athensartscouncil.org), or call 423-745-8781. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.
- ◆ Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Morning Fax will not publish tomorrow (Thanksgiving Day).

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## Obituaries

◆ **Albert "Al" Jerome Jack**, age 86, a lifelong resident of Athens, passed away on Monday, November 20, at his residence. He proudly served in and retired from the United States Navy and retired from TVA as a safety officer. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Marlene Sue Farmer Morgan**, age 65, a native of Hammond, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, November 19. She had previously lived in Utica, KY and was a longtime resident of McMinn County. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Friday, November 24 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Union McMinn Church Cemetery in Niota. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Arrest Reports

From the McMinn County Justice Center

**Phillip Cooley**, 42 of Athens, charged with burglary by MCSO. No bond.

**Michael Brown**, 49 of Athens, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation, violation of probation misdemeanor shoplifting, \$1779 bond.

**Erica Thurman**, 36 of Athens, charged by APD with theft of services. \$4000 bond.

**Brad Steele**, 49 of Athens, charged by APD with violation of probation - possession of marijuana, casual exchange - possession of meth, drug paraphernalia, driving on suspended license, failure to have insurance, and registration violation. \$10,624 bond.

**Joshua Harper**, 37 of Etowah, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - burglary 2 counts and vandalism. No bond.

**Tyler Mashburn**, 36 of Lenoir City, charged by MCSO with failure to appear - driving without a license, child support. \$7000 bond.

**Jason Johnson**, 47 of Riceville, charged by APD with assault. \$1000 bond.

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

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**Andy Bell**  
**Stephanie Devine**  
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**THANKSGIVING HISTORY AND FACTS:**

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival, but it wasn't observed as a national holiday until 1863. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present. Historians believe the first Thanksgiving meal consisted largely of seafood, like mussels, lobster, and clams. Diners almost certainly ate venison and likely some assortment of wild fowl—turkey, duck, goose and swan. Pumpkin Pie wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. The TV dinner was invented by a Swanson employee in 1953 thanks to Thanksgiving. "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song. It was originally published under the title "The One Horse Open Sleigh" and was written by James Lord Pierpont to commemorate Medford, Massachusetts annual sleigh races around Thanksgiving.

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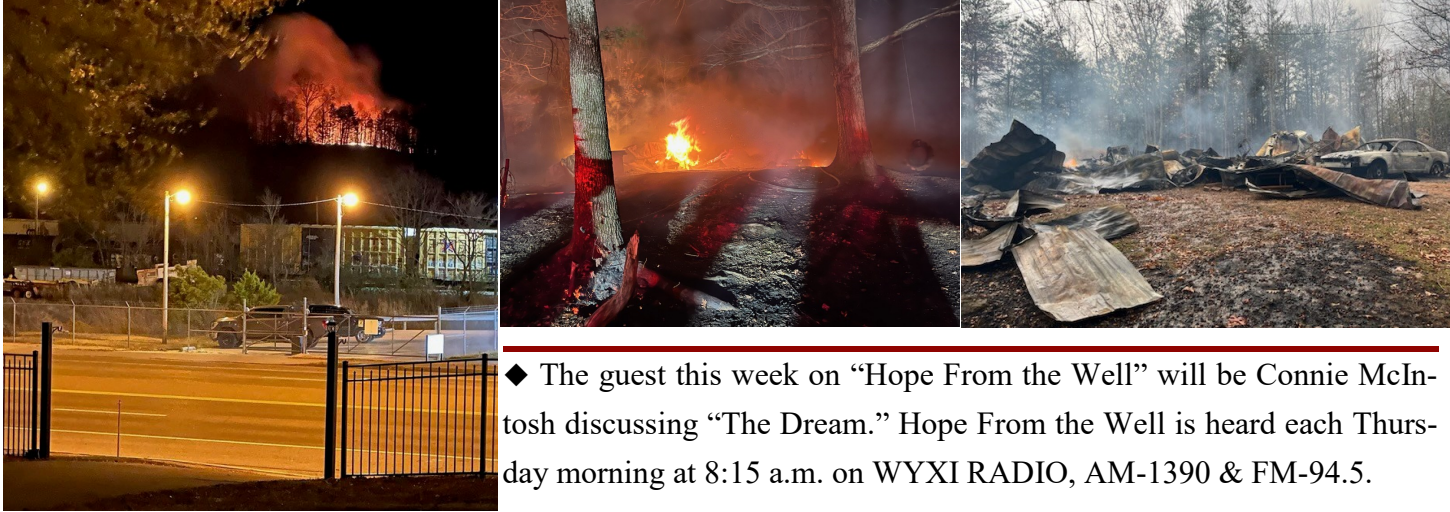
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## Fire on Co Rd 906-Mobile Home Fire-Vehicle Fire

Close to 1am Tuesday morning, 911 Dispatch received a call of a massive fire on Co Rd 906, Etowah that could be seen from Tennessee Avenue and was spreading fast. They were also notified there was a structure on fire with entrapment. The occupants were able to barely escape the single wide mobile home with one having minor injuries. The structure and 2 vehicles were a total loss. Approximately 5 acres of woodland burned. Agencies responding were Etowah Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Athens Rural Fire, Athens City Fire, West Polk Fire and Tennessee Department of Forestry. Assisting Agencies were McMinn County EMA Director Tom Trotter, Athens City Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, AMR and EUB. Agencies standing by for Etowah Fire District was Bradley County Fire Department and for Englewood Fire District was Madisonville City Fire Department. The Command Post location was Calvary Baptist Church on County Road 890, Etowah. The Fire Grounds Operations Officer in command was Etowah Rural Fire Chief Adam Hafley and Incident Command Operations Officer in command was Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach. Photos are special from several sources.



◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Connie McIntosh discussing "The Dream." Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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