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March 29 - 30  
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Monday, March 25, 2024 Athens, Tennessee

## Fire on County Road 906

On Thursday, March 21 on County Road 906 in Etowah, a concerning event unfolded as an individual ignited household garbage. The wind changed, seizing the embers and inadvertently causing the fire to escalate. The flames swiftly began to engulf approximately half an acre of surrounding brush, prompting a swift response from the Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department. They rallied together, pooling their expertise and resources to swiftly contain the spreading blaze. Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



## Community News You Can Use

- Today's Holy Week service is being observed at Keith Memorial UMC (600 W Madison Ave., Athens) which will be hosting Rev. Tiki Dixon. Service starts at noon, with a light lunch and fellowship to follow. Services hosted by the Athens/McMinn Ministerial Fellowship.
- Young folks aged 12-18 are welcome to join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) this Thursday, March 28, 4:30 - 5:30 pm at E.G. Fisher Public Library to discuss ideas for improving library services, especially for teens in the community. TAB meets ever 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.
- The meeting of the Athens Utilities Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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- Sat-Athens McMinn County Airport - 11-1

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## McCowan Cruiser Memorialized



The decision has been made by the Blount County Commission to retire the vehicle that once belonged to the late Deputy Greg

McCowan from active duty, instead choosing to bestow upon it a dignified memorial. Through the approval of a resolution, a sum of \$70,725 has been earmarked for allocation to the Blount County Sheriff's Office, with the express purpose of acquiring a replacement vehicle. This thoughtful gesture ensures that Deputy McCowan's cruiser will not fade into obscurity but will be tenderly preserved and revered in remembrance of his service and sacrifice. Tragically, Deputy McCowan met his untimely end on February 8 while carrying out his duty during a routine traffic stop. His passing, marked by solemnity and honor, drew the attention of the public, with his funeral service being broadcast on television and attended by Governor Lee and numerous other esteemed dignitaries, who gathered to pay their respects and honor his memory.

## Civil Rights Town Hall at TWU

Tennessee Wesleyan University is organizing a community town-hall in Athens on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in Townsend Auditorium, focusing on the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Chris Schutz and Cliff Couch will moderate a panel featuring four McMinn County residents who will share their personal experiences. Panelists include Anne Boyd, Robert McCowan Jr., Ray Johnson, and Dr. Vant Hardaway, each with unique perspectives on civil rights in the area. Anne Boyd is the current president of the local NAACP chapter and the first African American student to attend Etowah City Elementary School. Robert McCowan Jr. is a retired officer and one of the first African American law enforcement officers in Athens. Ray Johnson is a lifelong McMinn County resident and was part of the last graduating class from J.L. Cook School. Dr. Vant Hardaway, a retired educator, was part of the 1967 MCHS graduating class, the first full class after desegregation in the McMinn County school system. The event is free to attend and open to all community members, offering an opportunity for meaningful dialogue and reflection.



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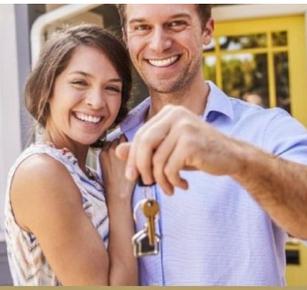
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## Obituaries

**James Andrew "Drew" Layman**, 38 of McMinn County, passed away on March 20, 2024. Known for his friendly nature and love for the outdoors, Drew had a passion for adventure and travel. He had attended Union McMinn Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, March 28th at Union McMinn Baptist Church, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 7 pm. Ziegler Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Jean Duncan Kile**, 79, of Etowah, TN peacefully passed away Thursday, March 21, 2024, surrounded by her family. Jean was a member of Cambria Baptist Church. She loved using her spare time to go sit with sick friends and family, as a nurse and caregiver. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Cambria Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements

## Trapped in Maury County

The Maury County Fire Department responded to a mutual aid call due to a landslide incident that trapped a man operating a backhoe in nearby Lewis County. Upon arrival, they found the backhoe completely buried under the collapsed face of a chert pit. Remarkably, the equipment operator had been trapped for approximately 12 hours before being discovered by family members who could not get in contact with him. With only his head and one arm visible under a small portion of the backhoe's roof, a pipe was deployed to provide him with fresh air. Heavy equipment, including a skid steer, excavators, and backhoes from public and private sources, was swiftly mobilized to the scene. The coordinated efforts of skilled operators played a crucial role in the successful outcome of the rescue operation. Incident command and operations were effectively managed by the Hohenwald City and Lewis County FD, with firefighters from multiple departments joining forces to dig out the trapped individual using shovels and forming a "bucket brigade" to remove dirt from the vicinity of the backhoe.



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## Arrest Reports

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- Hunter Kaiden Ellison, age 23 of Philadelphia, TN, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for a warrant related to Domestic Assault in Roane County. He was not assigned bond and was awaiting transfer to Roane County.
- Victoria Morris, age 34 of Niota, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation and was not assigned a bond.
- Misty Cochran, 42 of Athens, was arrested by Etowah PD for Violation of Probation in Monroe County. She was held without bond awaiting transfer to Monroe County.
- Kyndall Ellison, age 21 of Philadelphia, TN, was arrested by the Drug Task Force for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale, Possession of Schedule IV Alazopram and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$44,000.
- Skyler Morris, 29 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Public Intoxication and was assigned a bond of \$1,000.

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- Diana Locascio, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Child Endangerment and was assigned a \$1,000 bond.
- Aaron Standridge, 29 of Athens was arrested by Athens PD for Public Intoxication and Disorderly conduct. Bond was assigned of \$1,000.
- Brian Thurman, 41 of Spring City, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation. Cash bond was assigned of \$336.45.
- Derrick Hyde, 42 of Athens was arrested by the Etowah PD for State Violation of Probation and Felony Vandalism. No bond was assigned.
- Barry Raper, age 51 of Athens was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Legend Drugs. Bond assigned of \$2,500.
- Amanda Carter, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Bond was not reported.
- Alyson Walker, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving Under the Influence, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$69,000.
- Emily R. Nicodemus, 22 of Benton, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for charges of Soliciting Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and two counts of Exploitation of a Minor by Electronic Means. Bond was assigned of \$200,000.
- Stephanie Austin, 35 of Etowah, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation, and Failure to Appear. Bond was assigned of \$2,626.45.

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

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