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Mobile Home Fire Early Monday

A fire started early Monday morning at the mobile home shown below on Old Englewood Road. The structure was engulfed in flames as the Englewood Rural Fire Department arrived. The mobile home suffered heavy fire, smoke, and water damage. The Etowah Rural Fire Department also assisted. The Englewood Police Department and AMR stood by.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



More History from Joe Guy

Daphne was born in 1851, a slave in the Edwards home near Charleston, South Carolina. As a small child, she learned to help with the Edwards babies, and was taught to read by the Edwards children. At about age 9, Daphne was taken from her mother and brothers and sold to a family in Augusta, Georgia, then sold again and taken by train to Athens, Tennessee where she stood on a box at the Courthouse and was purchased by the Billy Peck family.

Daphne grew up a slave in the Peck household near Starr Mountain, learning the trade of a midwife, all the while keeping a small basket, the only connection to her long-lost mother and brothers in South Carolina. Daphne remained with the Pecks until the Civil War brought news of freedom in 1865.

Soon after, Daphne was released by the Pecks and taken to a farm nearby, where to her surprise, horror, and anger, she discovered her mother and brothers had been living the entire time as slaves. Reunited, the family made its own home away from the former owners who had deceived them and kept the family apart.

Daphne later married, and continued to be a nurse and midwife to both black and white families in the Beth Salem community. When Daphne Chestnutt Melton Howard died she was buried at Beth Salem Church, with her large and distinguished family mourning her.

(Joe Guy is the McMinn County Historian)



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Lowell Thomas Cantrell, Sr.**, 77, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional of Athens. He was owner of Cantrell Plumbing and Electric. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Ronald R. Patterson**, age 78, of Lenoir City (formerly of McMinn County), died Sunday. He was an Air Force veteran. Services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Calhoun United Methodist Church, with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Bobbie Loren Mason**, age 82, of Benton, died Sunday at Starr Rehab in Etowah. She was a retired teacher at Polk County High School. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Ruby Sue Nicholson**, 72, of Tellico Planes, died Saturday. A service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Epperson Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Robert Hawkins "Hawk" Arnwine**, age 73, of Athens, died on Friday at his residence. He was a Vietnam veteran serving in the United States Army. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens. Graveside services will be Wednesday at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ There will be a Shred It Event Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, from 9 a.m. to Noon in the Athens Food City parking lot. There is a 3-bag limit, but no limit on the size of the bags. The event is co-sponsored by Keep McMinn Beautiful.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will offer free flu shots starting at 2:30 p.m. today to uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties. You must bring proof of residency. The Good Faith Clinic is located at 18 S. Congress Parkway, Athens.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will have their monthly meeting tonight at 7. The meeting will be held at the farmers Co-Op on North Congress Parkway in Athens.

Ribbon Cut for Edward Jones Office

A ribbon cutting was held recently at the office of Corey Madding with Edward Jones Investments at 2418 Congress Parkway S. #2. From left to right: Brenda Lowe (Mortgage Investors Group), Lisa Harrison and Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomats), Joseph Ladner (Edward Jones), Shayne Arnold (Chamber Board Chairman), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Jordon Nelson (Edward Jones), Erin Blankenship (Diplomat), Corey Madding (Edward Jones), Jacki Madding, Haley Longwith, Chris Anderson, and Brittini Wright (Diplomats) (Photo by Tonya Hipps)



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