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Thursday, May 11, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

### Ford Expedition Caught On Fire

The owner of a 2003 Ford Expedition had just traded for it and been home around 30 minutes when it caught on fire. This happened around 5:30 pm Tuesday on Dodson Avenue in Englewood. The Expedition was fully involved upon arrival of the fire departments. The vehicle was a total loss. Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Police Dept, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded.

Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, May 13th. The book sale is on the first floor of the library and will be open 10 am - 2pm.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session, Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The commission will conduct any election business to legally come before the board.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center is pleased to welcome the Cherokee Beekeepers Association to the Center on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. This program is free to the public and open to everyone and is a great opportunity to learn about the role bees play in our lives. There will also be a live display hive. While the common belief is that beekeepers are mainly interested in producing honey, bees play a vital role in farming. The mission of the Cherokee Beekeepers Association revolves around the importance of the honeybee, particularly for its effect on agriculture. For example, did you know that bees pollinate a third of our food. One out of every three bites you put in your mouth was pollinated by honeybees. Without the honeybee, we would lose 30% of our fruits and vegetables almost immediately. The Cherokee Beekeepers work to raise awareness of the honeybee as a pollinator, not a honey producer. For information on the Cherokee Beekeepers Association program, or any other program at the McMinn Senior Activity Center, call 423-745-6830 or find the center's programs online at: [mcminnseniors.com](http://mcminnseniors.com) or you can find the center on Facebook. You can also learn more about the Cherokee Beekeepers Association on their Facebook page at Cherokee Beekeepers. More Community News on Page 2

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Wanda King Barnett**, age 82 of Englewood passed away Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at her home. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was church clerk at Wildwood Baptist Church, for 50 plus years. She served at the Englewood Food Pantry for 20 plus years. A funeral service will be at 3 pm Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Baptist Church. The interment will follow at Wildwood cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### ♦ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Tennessee School Boards Association hosted its Annual Board Secretaries' Conference for school board secretaries and assistants on May 5<sup>th</sup>. During the business meeting, in addition to electing officers, the TSBA also recognized secretaries who achieved Level I, II and III in the Tennessee Association of Board Secretaries (TABS) Certification Program. The Program recognizes the board/executive secretary as an integral part of the total education program in Tennessee school systems and encourages professional growth. Missy Boyd of Athens City Schools received Level II recognition.

### WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

The S&P 500 Index was higher, while the Dow Jones closed lower. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 30.48 to 33,531.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 18.47 to 4,137.64 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 126.89 to 12,306.44.

## More Community News

✓ The Etowah Friendly Garden Club will host its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Etowah's Historic L&N Depot on Tennessee Avenue from 8 am to 12 noon. Proceeds from the sale will go into a Scholarship Fund to benefit local high school students looking to advance their education of plants and soil. Among the plants that will be on sale will be Irises, Hosta, Sedum, Snowball Bushes, Peonies, Banana Plants, Japanese Maples, Sage, Aloe Vera, Elephant Ear, Ferns, Black-Eyed Susan, Cocks Comb, Coleus, Snake Plant, Chives, 4 O'clock, Spider Plant, Peperomia, Bee Balm, Climbing Hydrangea, Marigold, Zinnias, Cosmos, Cleome, Blue Mistflower, Cone Flower, and Tomatoes. The Etowah Friendly Garden Club has also entered into an agreement to work with the City of Etowah's Parks and Recreation Department in an effort to Beautify the Downtown Etowah Historic District. The club will give input regarding plant life that will bring a bouquet of color to the area. Plant seeds will also be available at the sale, and plants will be sold well below retail prices. The Etowah Friendly Garden Club was founded in the late 1940's. While its mission may have changed over the decades, their focus has always been on educating the public on the benefits of gardening. The Etowah Friendly Garden Club serves Etowah and the surrounding areas. They're interested in growing healthy and beautiful plants and flowers. The Etowah Friendly Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Etowah Community Center. Check their Facebook page for the latest information or call the club President Gene Keller at 423-263-1506. The Annual Etowah Friendly Garden Club Plant Sale at Etowah's Historic L&N Depot will be on, this Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Submitted by Helm Communications, Etowah, 423-781-8154 .



## McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

### Upcoming Events



#### HERITAGE SCHOOL

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Adults: \$5.00  
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#### More Information

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