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## Arsonist Arrested

A joint investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Meigs County Sheriff's Office about a residential fire in that county has resulted in the arrest of a Decatur woman. On October 10th, TBI special agent fire investigators were requested to assist the Meigs County Sheriff's Office in the investigation of a fire at a residence in the 19-thousand block of North Nopone Valley Road. The investigation revealed that the fire had been intentionally set, and that two people had been inside the home at the time. During the course of the investigation, agents and deputies determined that 45 year old Laura Huckabey was the individual responsible for setting the fire. TBI agents obtained arrest warrants for Huckabey for two counts of Aggravated Arson. She was arrested on October 14th by Meigs County deputies and booked into the Meigs County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Stuart Mason, Promotions Committee Chairperson of Main Street Athens discussing Downtown Halloween & Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

## Community News You Can Use

✓The City of Athens is announcing the Patterns of the Past Quilt Trail program to be an added feature to Historic Downtown Athens. A grant has been received from the Tennessee Arts Commission to fund local artists to recreate renderings of quilt patterns to display. The art will be transferred to UV and weather resistant signage similar to those signs you see along the Storybook Trail. This program really is a re-creation of a previous trail "Civil War Heritage Walking Tour" that was created by a local group of residents. Originally there were 15 patterns downtown and each location was strategically mapped out for enjoyment and learning while walking downtown. Additionally, facts about the pattern and location were also a big attraction and eventually became a part of the Appalachian Quilt Trail. Many local businesses beyond the immediate downtown area also started adding quilt squares to their buildings like the McMinn Senior activity Center. Notably, McMinn County was the county in Tennessee to have the most quilt squares displayed! All interested artists are encouraged to attend an informational meeting at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM to learn how they can participate and the time frame for art submission. There will be 10 patterns that the artists are able to choose from and can submit multiple patterns for this project. Artists will also need to submit a W9 and a brief statement (biographical information and education/training). Continued on page 2

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## Obituaries

♦**Hope Esther Marquez Morrison**, age 94, of Niota, passed away Friday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>. She was a native of Denver, CO and former resident of Highland, CA and Bellefonte, PA before moving to Niota over 38 years ago with her late husband, Lawrence. She was a member of Marshall Hill Baptist Church and proudly served in the US Navy (WAVES) Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services. She retired from San Bernardino City Unified City School, having served in the cafeteria. She later was employed with Walmart in Athens. Funeral services will be 7:00 pm Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will be 11:00 am Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in McMinn Memory Gardens with full military honors. Visitation will be Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm prior to the funeral service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Howard V. "Smokey" Page**, age 88, a longtime resident of Athens, passed away on Thursday morning, October 19<sup>th</sup> in a local healthcare facility. He was born in Hillsboro, Ohio and was an honorably discharge veteran of the United States Air Force. Visitation will be today, Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. A service celebrating his life will follow the visitation time at 6:00 PM. Companion Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Doris Ann Wydler Ritterhaus**, age 83, of Ten Mile, passed away on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. She enjoyed canning and collecting antiques. She was a die-hard Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

## Community News Continued

A diverse committee will do a blind review of the applications and select artist(s) to create and install the final quilt square. "I am excited to work on this attraction for Historic Downtown Athens. Public art displays are such a great thing to have in walkable areas and with our community's deep history in textiles, I think this is a perfect fit to showcase. We have so many talented artists and I cannot wait to see what they re-create to add to downtown," stated Communications Coordinator Brianna Baker. For more information, please contact Communications Coordinator Brianna Baker at 423-744-2798.

✓The Good Faith Clinic at 18 Congress Parkway South, will be open October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. Free flu shots will be available to GFC patients on October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. The GFC is for residents of McMinn and Meigs Counties that are under the age of 65 and have no health insurance. **REMINDER:** The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday of each month.

**Skywatching:** October 24<sup>th</sup> - Find the Moon hanging just to the east of the planet Saturn tonight.

**FOOTBALL SCORES:** McMinn County High School lost to Powell 14-28. McMinn Central defeated Tellico Plains 51-38. Meigs County defeated Brainerd 49-20. Polk County defeated Sweetwater 29-28. Walker Valley defeated PURE Academy 21-8. **Tennessee lost to Alabama 20-34.**

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