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Garden Club Serves Miracle Lake Training Center

Members of the Etowah Friendly Garden Club cooked and served the students and staff of the Miracle Lake Training Center a Special Lunch on Saturday. The members cooked Chili and Special Desserts, took the meal to the center, and then sat down with the students for the meal. Miracle Lake Training Center is a residential Christian training center for men struggling with life-controlling addictions through a 10-week program. The center was founded in 1980 by Jack Bryan, who said the center has since changed the lives for over 2,500 men. "After four years of ministering to prisoners, I began seeing a pattern," Bryan said. "Men would be released from prison, and within a few months, they would be back in prison again. I saw the need for a center where serious-minded men could continue Christian training upon their release from prison." The Etowah Friendly Garden Club serves Etowah and the surrounding areas. They're not only interested in the beautification of Etowah by growing healthy and beautiful plants and flowers, but also serving with programs that are of benefit to the entire community. "The Etowah Friendly Garden Club is delighted to serve a Special Meal each year to the students of the Miracle Lake Training Center," Club Spokesperson Roby Helm said. "In these days and

Continued from Column 1: times, most criminals are repeat offenders, and many crimes are drug related. What Jack Bryan and his staff here at Miracle Lake are doing is a blessing to these men and the community. The lives that these men led in the past is now gone, and they are preparing to return to society as new men with a whole new positive faith-based outlook on life." Before sitting down to the meal, Bryan also paid tribute to the former President of the Etowah Friendly Garden Club, the late Cecilia Schultz, who recently passed away after a short illness. Mrs. Schultz founded the club's annual meal for the students of Miracle Lake, and the club plans to continue the tradition for many years to come. 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.

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✓ The annual "Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade" is TONIGHT, December 4th, 6:30 p.m. in Downtown Athens.

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- Saturday - Decatur Christmas Festival 1 - 6



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Obituaries

♦ **Shirley Shipley Evans**, 84, of Athens, passed away Saturday, December 2 at her residence. She was a lifelong native of McMinn County. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens where she was a very active member of her Sunday school class, and was a graduate of Calhoun Class of 1956. She was a member of Eastanallee Excercise club at Eastanallee Baptist Church. A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, December 5 at Smith Funeral Home. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2:00 pm Tuesday prior to the service at the funeral home. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Charles Douglas Jackson**, age 77 of Athens, passed away on December 1st. Charles was a wonderful loving husband, dad, papaw and pap. Most of all, he was a child of God who loved to share what Jesus had done for him. He was a faithful member of Valley Road Baptist Church where he proudly served as a deacon and song leader. He retired after almost 30 years of service at Collins and Aikman. He mentored and inspired countless people over multiple generations at Valley Road Baptist Church. He made friends everywhere he went and was a fixture of the community. He was a talented man who could build and fix almost anything. His hobby was work. He loved to mow and help anyone that needed him. He truly had a servant's heart. He fought to the very end with the grace, bravery, grit, love and faith he was known for. He is a proper legend. Services and visitation were held Sunday. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

♦ **Linda Sue Boston Patterson** passed away on Friday, November 24. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 pm at the Calvary Church located at 342 Calico Road in Decatur. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Arrest Report

From The McMinn County Justice Center

Joseph Farrell, 35 of Athens, charged by APD with vandalism and domestic assault. No bond.

Jonathan Ammons, 31 of Etowah, charged by Etowah PD with casual exchange - possession of meth, drug paraphernalia, simple possession - casual exchange schedule VI marijuana, manufacturing, sell, delivery, and possession of fentanyl. \$14,000 bond.

Michael Rouse, 34 of Englewood, charged by MCSO with drug paraphernalia, manufacture, sell, delivery and possession of fentanyl. \$4000 bond.

Malcom Robinson, 22 of Decatur, charged by MCSO with drug paraphernalia, manufacture, sell, delivery and possession of fentanyl. \$7000 bond.

Franklyn Brown, 54 of Decatur, charged by MCSO with drug paraphernalia, manufacture, sell, delivery and possession of fentanyl. \$7000 bond.

Crystal Brown, 41 of Philadelphia, charged by MCSO with misuse of 911. \$1000 bond.

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

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