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**Mistletoe Market**  
**December 9 - 10**  
**SAT. 10-5**  
**SUN. 12-5**  
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 Pictures with Santa  
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Thursday, December 07, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

## Cows Stolen from Englewood Farm

FROM WATE.COM: In the early morning of December 3, five Angus cows were taken from an Englewood farm. The owner of the cows is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to the thief's arrest or recovery of his animals. Video surveillance showed two trailers pulling into the McConkey Farm and stealing five cattle from them. They took panels from across the street to create a makeshift corral to hone the cattle in. "I lost three and my son lost two," said Stan McConkey. The McConkey farm has been a family business for generations, and in a span of 30 minutes, they lost thousands of dollars. "In that 30 minutes they stole approximately, you know, \$7, 8, 9,000 dollars' worth of cows," said Jason McConkey. Two of the cows stolen were pregnant, making the loss even greater. Luckily the area was well-equipped with surveillance cameras, catching the culprits in action. **Continued on page 4**


## MVA Intersection Zion Hill Rd/ W Athens St.


A 2023 Honda Accord LX clipped this 2001 Polar Craft boat and trailer which was being pulled by a 2016 Ford F-150 at the intersection of Zion Hill Rd and W Athens St, Englewood, Tuesday morning around 8:30. No injuries were reported. Englewood Rural Fire Dept responded with Englewood Police Officer Anna West who investigated the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Charlie Robinson**, age 88, passed away on Tuesday, December 5 surrounded by family. He was born in Etowah. After graduating from Etowah High School, he attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he graduated with a degree in Education and lettered in football. After graduation he worked as a teacher and high school football coach in Harriman. He served his country in the Army National Guard, achieving the rank of Major, and he served as an aide to the late Major General Warren C. Giles, with whom he remained in close contact throughout the General's life. His motto was "Family Comes First," and he and Linda had six children whom he adored. The greatest tragedy of his life occurred on May 4, 1983, when he lost his oldest child, Mark, in an automobile accident. That loss shaped the remainder of his life, and the family is thankful he and Mark are now reunited in Heaven. After a brief career in education, he worked at Bowater for a short time. With \$100 in the bank and six children at the house, he came home one day and told Linda he had quit his job. That decision paved the way for him to enter real estate sales. He started Robinson Realty in 1973. An innovator throughout his career, Charlie brought franchised real estate to Athens in 1976, establishing the area's first Century 21 location. For the next 46 years, he was proud to work with the best agents in the business who became his extended family. The family will hold a private graveside service at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Ester Imogene Jones Taylor**, age 88, a resident of Ten Mile, formerly of Lady Lake, FL., passed away on Tuesday, December 5. She enjoyed her spare time sewing, art, and golfing.

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## Obituaries Continued

**Continued from Column 1:** A funeral service will be held Monday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jo Ann McNeley**, age 80, of Etowah, passed away Tuesday, December 5 at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. She was a member of Goodsprings Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held at 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 8 at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Green Hill Cemetery for the 2:00 p.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **William Cody Harvey**, age 61, of Athens, passed away on December 2. He was born in Hinton, West Virginia. He was employed at Adient of Athens. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at Companion Funeral & Cremation Services in Athens. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Melva Loveday Buckner**, 86, of the Goodsprings Community since 1948 and a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, December 5. She was a member of Goodsprings Baptist Church for over 70 years and had served in various capacities, which included being church clerk for 40 years. She attended Goodsprings School and Etowah High School and was a member of the graduating class of 1955. Melva was employed by Bowater Southern Paper Corp. for over 37 years. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 8 at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Goodsprings Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.



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## MVA Co Rd 461 at Co Rd 480 Englewood



The driver of a 2003 Suzuki SX7 lost control on Co Rd 461 at Co Rd 480, Englewood around 10 pm Sunday sending the rider down the embankment and the driver left lying on the side of the road. The patient down the embankment was transported by AMR to UT Hospital Knoxville while the driver refused medical transport. Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officers Ethan Jones and Whitney Stooksbury investigated the accident. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

## Stolen Cows

**Continued from Page 1** One was driving what looked like a Dodge pickup with a trailer with a Chevrolet Yukon traveling behind them, "I've got all the farmers and most of the law enforcement folks around here are all looking for them so if anyone knows or sees that trailer, please let us know," said Jason McConkey. For Stan McConkey, this is a huge loss, and Jason McConkey is out to catch who did it. "You feel violated and it's very detrimental to your... you know your financial plan," said Stan McConkey. "Hopefully we can find these folks and prevent it from happening to anyone in the future," said Jason McConkey. The McMinn County Sheriff's Office also urges anyone with information about this theft to contact them at (423)745-5620.

## Arrest Reports

**From the McMinn County Justice Center:**

**Robert Tshantz**, 39 of Niota, charged by MCSO with felony aggravated assault. \$45,000 bond.

**William Monroe**, 50 of Athens, charged by APD with violation of probation. \$1722.45 cash bond.

**Joseph Proctor**, 43 of Chattanooga, charged by MCSO with failure to appear - burglary and fraud - use of ATM card. No bond.

**Paul Rector**, 30 of Englewood, charged by MCSO with violation of probation - Hamblen County. No bond.

**Emma Blackburn**, 19 of Greenback, charged by APD with criminal trespass, liquor / alcohol offenses - unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. \$2000 bond. Information gathered from public sources. The accused are considered innocent of charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

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