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Fire On Peach Street

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Community News You Can Use

✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center will host a Blood Drive at Walmart in Athens TODAY, Wednesday, December 27th from 11 am to 6 p.m. The drive is open to the public and all donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card, MEDIC beanie (hat) and a Texas Roadhouse coupon. Please make an appointment by visiting www.tndonor.org. Walk -ins are welcome.

Quadruple Murder Update

The two suspects in the quadruple murder which occurred in McMinn County in 2021 are Curtis Smith of Etowah and Jazzmine Hall of Athens. They are facing first-degree murder charges in the case. State prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Smith and Hall and initially planned to have the pair tried at the same time. According to recent court documents, the pair will now be tried separately. The couple are charged with the murders of Trevon Hall, Skylar Hawn, Jesse Dupree, and Brandi Harris. The quadruple fatal shooting took place at a home on County Road 60 in the Riceville community in September 2021. The victims were killed inside the home and the suspects took a 10-month-old child with them when they fled the scene. Two other victims survived the shooting. There had been some kind of custody dispute just before the deadly shooting. The baby was found unharmed later the same day. The two suspects were taken into custody in Polk County, where they had fled. (from Local 3 News)



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Wednesday - Sunny and areas of clouds. High 57.
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Obituaries

◆ **Adelia "Dee" Keller**, age 83, passed away on Saturday, December 23 at her residence surrounded by family. Dee was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who will be dearly missed. She was a native of McMinn County. Family will gather at 11:00 AM for a graveside service on Thursday, December 28 at Valley Road Baptist Church Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Larry Arnold Kennedy**, age 79, native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 24 while visiting his family in Alabama. Larry was retired from Plastics Industries and was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 28 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 29 at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens.

◆ **Mae Burns**, age 89, passed away on Sunday, December 17. She was born in the community of Englewood. She attended Englewood High School where her lifelong passions for sewing and gardening were kindled. Thela Mae's adept hands could transform the mundane into the magnificent, a testament to her creativity and skill. A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 29 at Bordwine Funeral Home in Etowah. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, followed by the funeral service at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow the service in Goodsprings Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

◆ **Steve Edward Anderson**, age 82, passed away on December 16th. His final hours were spent surrounded by close family. Steve was born in Etowah. He worked for Olin Chemical and retired after 50 years of service. Everyone who knew Steve knew how much he loved cars and car shows. He loved corvettes. He was the kindest, sweetest, generous, and most loving man we have ever known. He will truly be missed and loved by family and friends. There will be a memorial service at Valhalla Funeral Home in Huntsville, Alabama on Wednesday, December 27th at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held, Saturday, December 30th at 2:00 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home in Etowah with visitation from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IS:

• National Fruitcake Day

◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Connie McIntosh discussing "The Magi." Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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