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Wednesday, March 06, 2024 Athens, Tennessee

Shower Bus Catches Fire

✓ You may have seen the Shower Bus around Athens. It's a Recreational Vehicle that was converted into a showering facility for the homeless in our area. It caught fire Friday morning and is a total loss. The bus is part of Grace and Mercy Ministries of Athens and was created in 2021 by Norm Beetler. It was parked next to the Cooke Ministries Building when the fire erupted. No one was injured in the fire. Grace and Mercy Ministries says they are assessing the damage and determining how to get their shower bus ministry up and running again. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined, although several witnesses reported that it appeared to be a mechanical problem. Photo by Jim Nelson



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Today, March 6, at 10 am the Election Commission will compare the scanner tapes and election results in the Blue Room of the Courthouse.
- ✓ Englewood First Church of God. 1340 Hwy 39 E in Englewood is having a spring tea on March 9 at 12 noon. The guest speaker is Candace "Kitty" Wenger, Navy Tailhook Pilot. Special entertainment by Berna Dene Clark and Pastor Chris Alexander. The tea is sponsored by Ladies in Fellowship together. For more information, please call Frances Powers at 423-887-3631 or Gail Key at 423-507-7097.
- ✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Thursday, March 21, from 10am-12pm at the Athens Regional Park Expo Center. If you have already signed up for Commodities, the only item you will need will be your Commodities card issued by the SETHRA office. If you have not already signed up you will need to visit your local SETHRA office prior to or any day after distribution. There will not be the option to sign up on distribution day. In accordance with Federal law and USDA policy, SETHRA is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.
- ◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Connie McIntosh discussing "Women of the Bible: Mary and Martha". 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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Obituaries

- ◆ **Curtis Theodore Peterson, Sr.**, passed away Monday, March 4th at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date to be announced by the family. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
- ◆ **Sarah Joyce Janeway**, 95 passed away at home while holding hands with Donald, her husband of 74 years. No funeral or memorial service will be held. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
- ◆ **Barbara Duncan Davis**, 89, passed away Monday, March 4th. She retired from the Knox County Schools and was the first office coordinator for the Good Faith Clinic. A celebration of life graveside service will be Saturday, March 9th at 2 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.
- ◆ **Jerry Dean Cross**, 64, a longtime resident of McMinn County, passed away Saturday, March 2nd. The family will receive friends Saturday, March 9th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will follow at 6 p.m.

Super Tuesday Results

The only highly contested primary race in yesterday's voting was the District 10 contest for District Attorney. With 100% of precincts reporting, Stephen Hatchett won with 9,535 votes, while incumbent and appointed DA Shari Tayloe received 8,998 votes. In third place was former State Senator, Jeff Miller with 7,920. To nobody's surprise, Donald J Trump won the Republican Presidential Primary in Tennessee with 444,707 votes while Joe Biden received 122,189 votes in the Democratic Primary.

Arrest Reports

From The McMinn Co. Justice Center 3/1/2024

- Melissa Johnson, aged 38 of Etowah, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on three charges including Simple Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Simple Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$13,000.
 - Travis Raper, aged 47 of Athens was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for charges of Simple Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Simple Possession of Schedule II oxymorphone hydrochloride, Possession of Schedule, Simple Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was set at a combined total of \$18,000.
 - Joshua Simonds, aged 47 of Etowah was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia with bond set at \$1,000.
 - Donna Wade, aged 58 of Riceville, was arrested by the Athens PD for Simple Possession of a Schedule 2 substance and Simple Possession of a Schedule IV substance. Bond was set at a combined total of \$9,000.
 - Tiffany Stevens, aged 27 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office due to an active warrant as well as a warrant for Failure to Appear. Bond set at \$135,000.
 - Thomas Creek, aged 61 of Athens, was arrested by Athens PD for Theft Over \$1,000 with bond set at \$6,000.
 - Kelvin Christman, aged 53 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office and charged with Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Vandalism, and Interfering with Emergency 911. Bond set at \$31,000.
 - Jimael Linder was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office and charged with State Violation of Probation.
 - Calvin Shafer, aged 46 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office and charged with Theft over \$2,500 and Vandalism over \$2,500.
 - Jamie Arnett, aged 44 of Englewood, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for State Violation of Probation with no bond given.
 - Skylar Marshall, aged 21 of Dunlap, TN was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for Driving Under the Influence, the TN Open Container Law and Driving without Due Care. Bond set at \$2,000.
 - Regina Hodge, aged 65 of Athens, was arrested by Etowah PD on charges of Possession of an illegal substance without prescription as well as Falsification of a Drug Test Result. No bond info given.
 - Tracy Armstrong, aged 48 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. No Bond.
 - Jacob Hartfell, aged 25 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia and Simple Possession. No Bond Listed.
- The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.

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