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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

## Emergency Vehicle Driver Training



Etowah City Fire Capt Nathan Coe recently taught a class on Emergency Vehicle Training. Some members of attending agencies were Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments. The training was in accordance with the Vanessa K. Free Act which mandates training for drivers of emergency vehicles, ensuring they are

adequately trained for both emergency and non-emergency situations. The training covers vehicle operation, relevant laws, and responding to non-emergency events. Emergency vehicle drivers, including law enforcement, firefighters, rescue personnel, and emergency services personnel, must undergo at least two hours of annual training and pass a comprehensive examination. Additionally, there is a specific blood borne pathogens course to protect individuals from exposure to blood or blood-containing materials, meeting OSHA requirements when combined with site-specific instruction. The Emergency Vehicle Driver Training is a competency course that assesses a driver's proficiency in handling emergency vehicles through eight situations, evaluating their skill, judgment, and knowledge of vehicle limitations.

## Community News You Can Use

❖ Zion Hill Baptist Church will be hosting a free prayer breakfast on April 20 at the TWU Dining Hall. For more info, see ad on Page 3.

❖ The McMinn Senior Activity Center is hosting Jim Brooks Appalachian Music Grandparents Day TOMORROW, Thursday March 14 at 10 am. Enjoy this fun show with your grandkids. Admission is FREE!

❖ Also at the Senior Center TOMORROW is an Easter / St. Patrick's Day Cardmaking Class at 6:30 pm. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Call 423-745-6830 or stop by the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 205 McMinn Ave., Athens to reserve your spot.

❖ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, March 15, at 9:00 pm on Highway 304 in Meigs County.

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## Obituaries

**Jimmy Jackson**, age 71 left his earthly body March 11, 2024. Jimmy was born on May 5, 1952 to Andrew Jackson and Rosine Wilson. He is preceded in death by his parents as well as a special friend Mable Brackett. Jimmy is survived by his brother, sister; four nieces; and several great nieces and nephews. Jimmy was a true hippie and wanderer, having traveled a great deal through out his life. In honoring his request, there will be no formal services. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Violet Ruth Charles Jackson**, age 94, passed away on March 12, 2024, in Decatur. She was a devoted member of Good Hope Baptist Church. Preceding her in death are her parents, husband, son, daughter-in-law, great-grandson, and siblings. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. A graveside service, officiated by Rev. Mike Couch, will take place at 2 pm on March 14, 2024, at Beta Cemetery. Decatur Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

## Community News You Can Use

- ❖ Remote Area Medical will hold a two-day free healthcare clinic in Cleveland March 22-23. The clinic will be at the North Cleveland Church of God at 335 11th Street NE in Cleveland. Free dental, vision, and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All services are free and open to the public. No ID is required. Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between dental or services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. Patients should be prepared with their own food, water, medicines, and clothing when arriving early. Bathrooms will be provided.
- ❖ The McMinn County Election Commission Regular meeting for Tuesday, March 19th has been canceled. There will be a called meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, to certify the results for the March 5, 2024 election, work / approve the 2024-2025 budget, and any other election business to come before the board.
- ❖ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in McMinn County on US-11 at County Road 50 at 9:00 pm on May 3rd, 2024. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.



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## High Speed Chase in Cumberland County

Adam R. Berrier, aged 43, engaged in a high-speed chase with police in Cumberland County. Despite police attempts to stop him, Berrier continued driving recklessly at around 80 mph in the wrong lane, passing on double yellow lines and forcing other drivers off the road. He was arrested on March 7th for driving under the influence. During the chase, Berrier's vehicle's tires were flattened by spike strips, but he refused to stop, even driving more erratically and making obscene gestures while pushing the silver minivan he was driving up to 80 mph. He intentionally swerved at law enforcement vehicles, striking three, before being forced off the road and arrested. Deputies found an almost empty bottle of whiskey in his vehicle, and noted Berrier's intoxicated state. He faces multiple charges, including felony reckless endangerment, aggravated assault, DUI, evading arrest, resisting arrest, and driving on a revoked / suspended license.



## House Fire Near Englewood

✓ Early Monday morning, a structure fire was reported on Red River Road near Englewood and Monroe County. The homeowner discovered the fire near the chimney after being awakened by a noise. Despite attempts to extinguish it, the fire spread to the roof and living room. Fire departments from Mt Vernon, Tellico Plains, Notchy Creek, and Englewood Rural responded. The roof, attic, and living room suffered heavy fire damage, with additional water and smoke damage elsewhere. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department and EMS also assisted. Mt Vernon Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Phillips commanded the scene.



Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept.

## Illegal Garbage Fire near Etowah

✓ Fire Departments were called to this illegal burn of household garbage which got out of control on Co Rd 906, Etowah around 5:30pm Monday. Responding Agencies were Etowah Rural Fire Dept, Englewood Rural Fire Dept and McMinn County Sheriff's Dept.

\*\*\*Reminder: It is illegal to burn household garbage in the State of Tennessee\*\*\*



Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept.

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## Arrest Reports

**03/08/24**

- Brandon Wilson, age 28 of Cleveland, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on the charge of Contempt with no bond to serve 10 days.
- Chris Martin, age 41 of Cleveland, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on the charge of Contempt with no bond to serve 7 days.
- Heather Bilinski, age 33 of Cleveland, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on the charge of Contempt with no bond to serve 7 days.
- Cody Westmoreland, age 34 of Cleveland, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on the charge of Contempt with no bond to serve 3 days.
- Thomas A. Woodruff, age 28 of Malvern, Arkansas, was arrested by Etowah PD on charges of Possession of Schedule II, Possession of Schedule VI, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Schedule II. Bond was assigned for \$42,000.
- Jennifer L. Moore, age 34 of Ooltewah, was arrested by the Calhoun PD for Failure to Appear with bond set at \$4,000.
- Rhonda Haynes, age 53 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Failure to Appear and was assigned a bond of \$4,000.
- Adrean A. King, age 48 of Calhoun, was arrested by the Calhoun PD for Aggravated Assault and was assigned a \$15,000 bond.
- Juston Millsaps, age 40 of Decatur was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Driving Under the Influence and was held without bond to serve 48 hours.

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- Joshua Dixon, age 32 of Niota, was arrested by the Niota PD for Shoplifting and was assigned a \$1,000 bond.
- Michael Branton, age 32 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Athens PD for Speeding (68 in a 35), Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Simple Possession of Schedule II. Bond was assigned of \$14,000.
- Harold Barnes, age 56 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for charges of Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was not reported.
- Kelli Kaufman, age 52 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia and was held without bond.
- James Andrew Brooks, age 45 of Niota, was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. He was held without bond.

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- James David Mowery, age 28 of Georgetown, TN, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for warrant related to shoplifting. He was held on a \$2,000 bond.
- Adam Joseph Tinger, age 34 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication with a bond of \$500.00.
- Malachi Young, age 24 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for two warrants both related to driving on a suspended license. He was assigned a bond of \$4,000.
- Carlos Quintano, age 22 of Athens was arrested by the Athens PD for a Warrant related to Theft, State Violation of Probation, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Schedule IV Alprazolam. He was assigned a \$5,000 bond with an additional cash bond of \$1,040.45.
- Madilyn Slack, age 22 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD on two charges of Failure to Appear. She was assigned a bond of \$6,000.
- Brian Richesin, age 43 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on charges of Aggravated Domestic Assault. Bond was set at \$15,000.