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Rare Etowah Depot Paintings Donated to Historical Commission



Two original paintings of the Etowah Depot by local artist Francis Patterson have been donated to the Etowah Historical Commission (EHC) by John and Melissa Goins, who purchased the works at an art auction specifically to ensure they would remain in the community.

Jim Caldwell, chair of the commission, expressed appreciation for the gift, noting the importance of preserving local history and honoring artists connected to Etowah. The donation brings the commission's total to three known Patterson depot paintings. Only five are currently known to exist, with one held by the Tennessee State Museum and another in private ownership. A third EHC-owned painting was discovered during the demolition of a building in Sweetwater and is in need of restoration.

Patterson, born Martha Francis Patterson in Sweetwater in 1874, later lived in Etowah with her husband, Charles Shadden Harris, and their son. Historical records show she worked as a hotel chamber maid later in life. She died in 1970 and is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Etowah.

Caldwell said questions remain about when Patterson began painting and why she painted the Etowah Depot multiple times, adding, "We would love to learn more about Francis Patterson. We hope people with knowledge about this unique artist will contact EHC to share what they know about her and her life."

Source: Linda Caldwell, Etowah Historical Commission

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Former Starr Regional Volunteers Continue Community Service



Former Starr Regional Medical Center volunteers continue their commitment to serving others through ongoing community projects and charitable giving.

The group meets monthly to discuss service initiatives and recently made generous donations to the Athens Utility Board and Etowah Utility Board Warm Neighbors and CARE programs, which assist residents with utility bills.

Pictured from left to right are Jim Kirkland, Joy Daniel, Patty Horne, Elaine Schrader, Priscilla Cornwall, Joyce Spaulding, Mary John Bouchillon, Sandra Liner, Sue McDonald, Linda Morrow, Peggy Fairbanks, Linda Fleming, and Joan Kirkland.

AUB Holiday Office Closures Announced



Athens Utility Board offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen Friday, Dec. 26, at 7:30 a.m. for normal operations. AUB offices will also be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

Utility crews will remain on call around the clock to respond to outages or service issues. Customers needing to report power outages or other utility concerns should call 423-745-3131.

AUB employees extend their holiday greetings to the community, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Source: Amy McDonald, AUB

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

12-14-25

Crystal Hatley, 48 of Sweetwater, charged with theft of property, motor vehicle, over \$2,500, Bond \$12,000.

Destiny Jackson, 29 of Etowah, charged with driving on a revoked license.

Cliff Owen, 47 of Athens, charged with possession of meth and drug paraphernalia.

Brandon Daffron, 25 of Sweetwater, charged with driving on a revoked license, Bond \$20,000.

Trey Roach, 24 of Etowah, Charged with false imprisonment, Bond \$30,000.

Miguel Vanilla Ferreira, 46 of Niota, charged with DUI, driving without a license, retaliation for past action, assault against a first responder, and assault, Bond \$10,500.

Garrett Walker, 26 of Crossville, charged with aggravated criminal trespassing and vandalism, Bond \$4,000.

Jack Thomas, 55 of Riceville, charged with unlawful carry or possession of a weapon, unlawful carry or possession of ammo, two counts of aggravated assault, casual exchange, possession of meth, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$68,000.

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Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY



The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Tuesday, December 23 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits.

The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

*REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is typically open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month. Their December schedule has been altered due to the holidays.*

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

Obituaries

Anna Sullivan, 77 of Athens, passed away on Saturday, December 20. Survivors and funeral arrangements to be announced M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.

Ira "Ryan" King Hill IV, 40 of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, December 20. He was an avid bowler and was employed with Classic Lanes in Athens. There will be a gathering of friends and family at Classic Lanes in Athens, TN from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, December 26. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Ira "Ryan" King Hill IV.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:

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Luke 2:7



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 10 & 11

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2: 13 & 14

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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