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State and Local News

◆ BLACKBURN TO HEADLINE GOP DINNER

Congressman Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee will be this year's keynote speaker at the McMinn County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 26, in the TWC cafeteria. Blackburn is chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which oversees health care, energy regulation, and telecommunications issues. She is also a member of the House Budget Committee. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann will also address the crowd and will introduce Congressman Blackburn.



◆ WILSON RECEIVES EDUCATION AWARD

Tim Wilson was recently presented the 2015 Achievement in Education Award by The Optimist Club of Athens. Tim teaches industrial electricity at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology and has had 100% employment placement of his graduating students. The Optimist Club also presented awards to the outstanding teachers of each school in McMinn County. The photo shows Richard Newman, left, presenting the award to Wilson.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The NFL has suspended Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady without pay for the first four games of the season and fined the New England Patriots \$1 million. They also took away two draft picks as punishment for deflating footballs used in the AFC title game.

◆ On Monday, the Obama administration granted conditional approval for Arctic drilling to Shell Oil Company. Shell will still have to obtain necessary permits from multiple state and federal agencies before drilling.

◆ One person was killed and others wounded when a Turkish cargo ship was attacked off the coast of Libya on Monday.

◆ A new type of blood test, the liquid biopsy, is starting to transform cancer treatment which will spare many patients from surgical and needle biopsies. Researchers believe that liquid biopsies could be a major game changer in capturing cancer cells, and it's possible they could capture just the tumor DNA in the blood without physically pulling cells directly from the tumor. Studies are being done now to determine the effectiveness of liquid biopsies.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Graduation time has arrived. Graduation exercises for seniors at McMinn Central High School will be this Friday at 7 p.m. Seniors at McMinn County High School will graduate Saturday morning at 9:30. Meigs County High School's commencement exercises will be Saturday at 10 a.m.

✓ The next Cash Mob sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be this Thursday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at Heavenly Creations by Jen, 1311 Railroad Avenue, Athens.

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A Journey by Paint and Brush

The Etowah Arts Commission announces its upcoming exhibit, "CHRIS INGRAM: A JOURNEY IN PAINT AND BRUSH," from May 14 - June 25. The exhibit will be in the Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery at 700 Tennessee Ave. in Etowah. The exhibit is a collection of works in various media from oil painting to sculpture. The various works tell the story of the artist's journey. Ingram believes that it is the artist's job to be a storyteller, who reflects society with an artistic eye. The painting shown below is titled "Final Approach." The public is invited to meet the artist at a free opening reception this coming Saturday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.



Obituaries

- **Tommy Ruth Lockard**, age 84, of Niota died last Saturday at his home. He was born in Jellico. At age 15, he enlisted in the Army 21st Airborne Division and served in the Korean War. At his request, he will be cremated and his ashes released on the Indian Mountain in Jellico. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Avis "Mamaw" Ballew**, age 90, of Etowah died Sunday at her daughter's home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Edna Culberson Cardin**, age 78, of Athens died last Thursday at Willow Acres Home for Seniors in Riceville. She worked for more than 40 years in the emergency room and various other departments of the Athens Hospital. Funeral services were held last Saturday night at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.
- **Frank James Cates, Jr**, age 59, of Athens died last Thursday at his home. He was a former employee of Athens Stove Works and was a landscaper. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hammonds Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were lower today, reversing some of the exuberance from last week's positive jobs report. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 85.94 at 18,105.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 10.77 at 2,105.33, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 9.98 at 4,993.57.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 12

- 1820** - Nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale was born. She was in charge of nursing British soldiers during the Crimean War. Soldiers called her "the lady with the lamp" because she carried her lamp as she walked the halls of their hospitals at night.
- 1907** - Actress Katharine Hepburn was born in Hartford, Conn.
- 1924** - Lawrence Peter Berra (better known as "Yogi") was born. He was a catcher for the New York Yankees and later managed both the Yankees and the Mets.
- 1929** - Songwriter and musician Bert Bacharach was born. He wrote such hits as "Raindrops Keep Falling On Your Head" and "I'll Never Fall In Love Again."
- 1932** - The body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J.
- 1937** - Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.
- 1965** - West Germany and Israel established diplomatic relations.
- 1982** - Pope John Paul II was assaulted by a knife-wielding Spanish priest while visiting the shrine of Fatima in Portugal. (In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff had been lightly wounded.)
- 2003** - Fifty-nine Texas House Democrats fled to Oklahoma to prevent passage of a congressional redistricting bill.
- 2008** - An earthquake in China's Sichuan province killed some 70,000 people.