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Stewart to be Honored by Bridge

Sixty-five years after saving five people from drowning, Bill Stewart will be honored by having a bridge over the Chestuee Creek named for him. On January 22, 1954, Stewart who was an employee of Southern Bell Telephone Company, sprang into action when a vehicle carrying Hugh Willson, his wife Mintie, and their 3-year-old son, Paul, was washed from Highway 411 into the muddy, rain-swollen Chestuee Creek. Stewart waded into the swiftly flowing creek. While attempting to rescue the Willson family, two other people found themselves clinging to a tree and in need of help. Using a rope from his company truck in addition to two other ropes provided by others who had arrived at the scene, Stewart was able to get the ropes secured to a tree and a post allowing him to reach those stranded in the tree and assist them to safety. For his efforts he was awarded the Silver Medal given by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) to employees who have demonstrated selfless heroism and meritorious service. This coming Saturday, the state of Tennessee will be naming the Highway 411 bridge crossing the Chestuee Creek the "Billy B. Stewart Bridge." The public is invited to a reception in honor of Mr. Stewart to be held at the Hampton Inn this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.



TWU Student Dies from Injuries

A Tennessee Wesleyan University student has died from injuries received last Friday night when he and another TWU student were struck by a person who was driving a stolen vehicle in Charleston, South Carolina. Lane Lusk of Knoxville was critically injured and died on Monday. He was a nursing student at TWU. The other student is Kyle Blessingame of Athens. He remains hospitalized.

- ✓ Athens Utilities Board says local electric power rates for August will fall compared to July based on lower generation fuel charges from TVA. AUB says the change in rate will decrease the average residential user of 1,200 kilowatt hours by \$2.30.
- ✓ Applications for the Leadership McMinn Class of 2019-2020 are being accepted through August 16th. The program is sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and is a great way to learn about Athens and McMinn County. More than 600 people have graduated from Leadership McMinn since the program's inception in 1988. The class will start in September and will meet one day a month for nine months. Applications can be picked up at the chamber office, #13 North Jackson Street, in downtown Athens.
- ✓ The Athens City School Board and the Athens City Council will have a joint meeting this evening at 6 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. The Athens City School Board will unveil their plans for a consolidated school. The public is welcome to attend.

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Obituaries

♦ **Max Franklin Barnett**, age 74, of Georgia, died last Friday. He was a native of Spring City and grew up in Athens. He later moved to Georgia and owned a business specializing in wastewater irrigation. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Sandy J. Mason**, age 66, of Athens, died Saturday at her residence. She retired from Athens Regional Medical Center where she worked in the Medical Records Department. Graveside services will be at 12 noon Thursday in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Tommy White**, age 59, of the Green Cove area, died Sunday. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were higher, with the technology sector leading the advance. Oil field services company Halliburton reported quarterly earnings above consensus expectations, driven by growth in international markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 18 points or 0.1% to 27,172. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 8 points or 0.3% to 2,985, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 58 points or 0.7% to 8,204.

Crosswalk Rules

The Athens Municipal Code contains laws pertaining to pedestrian's rights-of-way in crosswalks. This is what it says:

1. When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
2. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

(One place in Athens where there are such crosswalks is Eastanallee Avenue at the Mayfield plant. Pedestrians in the crosswalks have the right-of-way)

MEIGS STUDENTS ARE GOING FISHING!

Meigs County High School will have a fishing team this fall, complete with a boat, fishing equipment, and a fishing coach. The fishing team will be considered a "club" sport and the team will have to raise its own money for such things as equipment, tournament fees, and jerseys. The members will also have to have fishing licenses. They will be participating in several tournaments. The coach is Jesse Long, an officer with the Meigs Sheriff's Dept.

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TODAY IN HISTORY—JULY 23rd

1829 - The first typewriter was patented by William Burt of Mt. Vernon, MI. It didn't work out as well as other practical models developed years later. The first problem was, people couldn't get used to calling it a Burtwriter.

1904 - The ice cream cone was independently introduced at the St. Louis World's Fair by Ernest A. Hamwi, a Syrian concessionaire. Hamwi was in a booth next to an ice cream maker who ran out of plates for the ice cream. Hamwi, who was selling a crisp, waffle like pastry, quickly rolled one of his wafer-like waffles in the shape of a cone, or cornucopia, and gave it to the ice cream vendor. The cone cooled in a few seconds, the vendor put some ice cream in it, the customers were happy and the cone was on its way to becoming the great American institution that it is today.

1971 - Bluegrass singer Allison Krauss was born. One of her biggest hit records is "When You Say Nothing At All."

2000 - Tiger Woods became the youngest golfer to complete a career Grand Slam when he won the British Open at age 24.

2003 - Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably sexually abused more than 1,000 people over six decades.