

Coffman Receives Honor

◆ The Optimist Club of Athens recognized Johnny Coffman for serving as Master of Ceremonies of the Distinguished Young Women's Program. The Athens Jaycees selected Johnny as Master of Ceremonies for the Junior Miss Program in 1973. He has served for 49 years. It is estimated that over 800 young ladies have been contestants in the program. Coffman was presented a plaque of appreciation for his years of service. Optimist Club members of the committee to recognize Johnny were: Jerry Howell, President Lois Preece, Carey Hicks, Sheree Reed, Stanley Blair, Jackie Newman, and Diane Frank. The photo below shows (L-R) Jerry Howell, Lois Preece and Coffman. (Photo by Lisa Kinard)



Community News You Can Use

✓ The Johnny McGrew exhibit is now on display at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. It is located in Gallery Number 1.

✓ On May 6th, the Community Artist League will receive entries between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for their annual May art show It will go on display May 9th at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. A reception is scheduled for May 14th at 11:00 a.m.

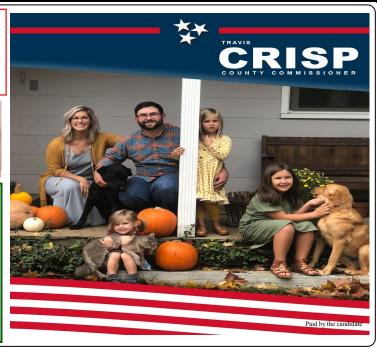
✓ A Veterans Boot Camp will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park. Veterans can learn about benefits, healthcare, education, cemetery, nursing homes, jobs, service animals, agriculture, and quilts of valor. Any veteran or service member is welcome to come by and learn about their benefits.

✓ Starr Regional Medical Center and the UT Extension Service of McMinn County are hosting a free Diabetes Prevention Program. It begins Thursday, May 5th, at 4:30 p.m. at Starr Regional Medical Center – Athens. Call Joy Daniels, MS, RD/LDN, CDE, Director of Community Wellness, at 423-744-3249 to learn more about the program or to enroll. Additional information may be found at: **StarrRegional.com/diabetes-center**

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Obituaries

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

• **R. L. Culberson,** age 57, passed away Thursday, April 28th. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Arthur W. "A.W." or "Dub" Davis, age 95, passed away Sunday, May 1st, at U.T. Medical Center. He was an Army veteran involved in the occupation of Germany and received an Army Occupation Award. A graveside service will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Decatur Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge.

• Annie Elizabeth Cranfill, age 72, of Englewood, passed away Monday, April 25th. A Celebration of Life service will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. prior to the service.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT U.S. equities oscillated between positive and negative territory throughout the trading day before finishing modestly to the upside. Technology did see a modest lift with the Nasdaq outperforming the Dow and S&P 500.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 84.29 to 33,061.50. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 23.45 to 4,155.38, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 201.38 to 12,536.02.

Today In History

1568 - French forces in Florida slaughtered hundreds of Spanish.1802 - Washington, DC, was incorporated as a city.

1855 - Macon B. Allen became the first African American to be admitted to the Bar in Massachusetts

1921 - West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax. **1933** - The U.S. Mint was under the direction of a woman for the first time when Nellie Ross took the position.

1937 - Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for "Gone With The Wind."

1971 - National Public Radio broadcast for the first time.

1999 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 11,000 for the first time.

2006 - In Alexandria, VA, Al-Qaida conspirator Zacharias Moussaoui was given a sentence of life in prison for his role in the terrorist attack on the U.S. on September 11, 2001.

Tennessee Puts a Hold on all Executions

The State of Tennessee is putting a hold on all executions through the remainder of 2022 after the state failed to test its lethal injection drugs prior to the scheduled execution of 72 year -old Oscar Smith last week. Smith was given a temporary reprieve. Governor Bill Lee has ordered an independent review of the entire lethal injection protocol. Lee has tapped a former U.S. Attorney to find out what caused the Department of Corrections oversight. The execution manual will also be reviewed.

