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Athens, Tennessee

Stabbing in McMinn County

◆ McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy reports that the McMinn County Sheriff's Office is investigating a stabbing incident that occurred near Riceville. On Wednesday April 26th Sheriff's Deputies received a call of a female stabbed and lying in the roadway of County Road 725. Sheriff's Volunteer Public Service units arrived and provided life-saving assistance and were soon joined by deputies and detectives. "As the investigation got underway, the female victim was identified as Diamond Natasha Young 24, of Madisonville," said Sheriff Guy. "She was transported to a regional hospital for further treatment." "I want to note the quick response and life-saving actions of Barry Toomey and Chris Nunley, members of our volunteer Public Service Unit. They made a difference," added Sheriff Guy. "And they are to be commended." This investigation is active and ongoing. Detective Jared Price asks that anyone with any information regarding the incident to contact the McMinn County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at 423-745-5620. This is believed to be an isolated incident.

TWU Investiture

Dr. Tyler Forrest (at podium) is now officially the 22nd President of Tennessee Wesleyan University. Dr. Forrest is the first native Athenian to head the University which was founded in 1857. Dr. Forrest shared in his comments to those in attendance that TWU now has strategies in place that will increase enrollment to 1,500 students; TWU will begin offering TWU Pledge, a last-dollar tuition scholarship that will allow HOPE Scholarship eligible students with a family adjusted gross income of \$36,000 or less to be able to attend TWU tuition free; three new Masters program will be offered in Education, Business Analytics and Sports Management. Also a \$19.25 million capital campaign is nearing completion with \$14 million already or 76%. The Investiture Service can be viewed [HERE](#) Dr. Bob Goodfriend, Chair of TWU Trustees, is shown at the bottom right. (Staff Photo)



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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ There will be a church fundraiser at Sloan's in Etowah for the Pentecostals of Etowah Church from 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, April 29th. They are serving BBQ plates with 2 sides and a drink for \$10. Also offering whole Boston Butts, Full Back Ribs, and Half Back Ribs.
- ✓ Athens Civitan Club's 40th Special Olympics is April 29th. The venue for the event has been changed from MCHS to TWU gymnasium. Opening ceremony is at 10:00. Volunteers are needed. Central Football and McMinn Rugby teams have volunteered. Any other sports groups, clubs, church youth groups that would like to help, please contact Kent Wilson (423) 829-5219 for more info!
- ✓ Jerry Mitchell will be singing at Cooke Ministry Center at 7 pm Friday, April 28th. Clark and Sandie Kesler will be at Cooke Ministry Center beginning at 7 pm Saturday, April 29th.
- ✓ Oak Grove Baptist church located at 1212 County Road 100, Athens, is having their annual yard sale to benefit local missions. The sale will start at 8 a.m. Friday May 5th and Saturday May 6th. There will also be baked goods available, and house plants too.

◆ **THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Earnings remain the focal point. The better-than-expected results from tech continues to support investor sentiment and key U.S. equity indexes. META earnings also exceeded consensus estimates, helping its shares rally by 14%. The U.S. GDP report shows slower economic growth, and lingering inflation pressures mean that the Fed is not in a position to pivot to rate cuts anytime soon.
 At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 524.29 to 33,826.16. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 79.36 to 4,135.35, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 287.89 to 12,142.24.

Chamber Banquet Awards

The Annual Athens Chamber Banquet was held last week at the Barn at Faith Farms. Some photos of the event were in this weeks Monday's edition. Below are photos that were not available at publishing time for Monday's Fax. We are happy to publish these photos in today's edition of the Morning Fax. Congratulations to Ms. Whitney Kimball Coe and Ms. Betty Gentry. Photo at left is Ms. Whitney Kimball Coe, Young Woman Of The Year. Presenting the award to Whitney is Lisa Dotson, Director of Main Street Athens, and at right is Ms. Betty Gentry, Mother of the Year. Photos courtesy of Tanya Hips.

Whitney Kimball Coe
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Obituaries

♦ **Margaret Jane Malone Cornett**, age 79, passed away Wednesday, April 26th at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a native of Athens. She was a retired employee from McKeehan Chair Company. Visitation will be Monday, May 1st from 11 - 1 pm and a funeral service will follow at 1 pm at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow directly after the service at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 28th

1758 - James Monroe, the 5th President of the United States, was born. He produced the Monroe Doctrine, which warned European countries not to interfere in the activities of the Americas.

1788 - Maryland ratified the U.S. Constitution and became the 7th state to do so. It was named in honor of England's Charles I's queen, Henrietta Maria.

1896 - The Addressograph was patented by J.S. Duncan of Sioux City, IA.

1939 - Small cars were offered for sale in the U.S. for the first time on this day. The car, better known as the Crosley, sold for \$325, was 10-feet long, had an 80-inch wheelbase and a four-gallon gas tank.

1945 - Italian ruler Benito Mussolini was executed by the Italian underground. He had started the Fascist political group and tried, unsuccessfully, to make Italy a superpower.

1975 - The last American civilians were evacuated from South Vietnam as North Vietnamese forces tightened their noose around Saigon.



Church News and Events

- There will be an old fashioned singing using the red back hymnal on Wednesday, May 3rd from 6 to 8 pm at the Polk County Show Barn hosted by First Baptist Church of Benton and Ocoee Church of God. Everyone is welcome.

- 2x2 Quartet will be singing Sunday April 30th at 10:45 am at Lakeview Baptist Church located at 183 Co Rd 126 beside Dynasty Spa. Everyone is welcome. Lunch to follow service.

- Vacation Bible School will be June 5-9 at 6 pm at Clay Hill Baptist church located at 594 County Road 675 in Riceville.

- Double Springs, 111 Co. Rd 776 Athens is having a Youth Sunday on April 30. Lucky Grubb will be the special speaker and the church is providing a free lunch after worship service. Sunday School at 10:00 am, Worship at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Don't miss Athens Community Theatre's youth production of The Little Prince (See Photo Below). There are three remaining performances, Friday and Saturday April 28th-29th at 7 pm and Sunday April 30th at 2 pm at The Arts Center in Athens. Photo courtesy of Leslie Claire Photography.



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