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Pedestrian Hit by Tractor-Trailer

The Tennessee Highway Patrol and EMS personnel responded to the 59-mile marker of I-75 here in McMinn County after a pedestrian walked into the path of a tractor-trailer. According to the TN Highway Patrol, a 2012 Freightliner operated by 42-year-old Mandinder Singh Gill of Canada was traveling southbound around 8:30 a.m. Monday morning when 61-year-old John A. Sanders suddenly walked from the side of the interstate and into the path of the tractor-trailer. Gill could not stop in time and struck Sanders. Sanders passed away from his injuries. The THP report did not indicate any charges that were filed.

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

TWU Academics Restructuring

Over the past decade, the academic landscape at Tennessee Wesleyan University has expanded dramatically. With the addition of numerous graduate and undergraduate academic programs, the University will soon be expanding the academic leadership to streamline the academic enterprise. The new structure will result in three distinct colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and Professional Studies, and the College of Health Sciences. Each College will have a dean that will focus on academic growth, marketing and recruitment efforts, and donor relations. "The change in structure from multiple schools and divisions into three academic colleges will simultaneously streamline the University's academic enterprise and expand the academic leadership," said Dr. Grant Willhite, TWU's Vice President for Academic Affairs. "This change will allow for the appointment of Deans for each of the three colleges, enhancing the student experience, increasing faculty support, growing academic offerings within each college, and ultimately providing a more comprehensive approach to academic planning and administration." Additionally, the change to a three academic college structure will include the renaming of one existing academic unit, following unanimous approval from the Board of Trustees during their meeting last Friday. *Continued on page 4*



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Today In History

1568 - French forces in Florida slaughtered hundreds of Spanish.

1802 - Washington, DC, was incorporated as a city.

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-Quaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui was given a sentence of life in prison for his role in the terrorist attack on the U.S. on September 11, 2001.

Community News You Can Use

- ♦ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.
- ♦ The McMinn Co. Historical Society and Archives will meet Sunday, May 5th at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Court House. Ann Boyd will present the history of "Beth Salem Presbyterian Church."
- ♦ Athens Community Theatre (ACT) announces auditions for the musical adaptation of the beloved children's book series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, by Jeff Kinney. Auditions are Monday and Tuesday, May 20 & 21 at 6:00 PM at The Arts Center. Show dates for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Musical* are August 1 — 11, 2024. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.



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Church News and Events

TODAY IS...

- National Raspberry Popover Day
- National Two Different Colored Shoes Day
- National Chocolate Custard Day
- National Specially Abled Pets Day
- National Lumpy Rug Day
- National Textiles Day

- Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will be selling luminaries to be displayed at Relay for life on May 18. They range in price from \$10-\$50 and can be placed in memory or in honor of your loved one. If anyone is interested please call the church office 423-745-1650.
- Valley Road Baptist Church is having homecoming this Sunday, May 5th. Morning service begins at 11:00 with a fellowship meal afterwards. Everyone is invited.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- 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.

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TWU Academic Restructuring (Continued)

“In appreciation for the gift by Dr. Robert and Wendy Goodfriend (see photo below) in 2016 and subsequent gifts supporting the Goodfriend School of Business and other initiatives across the campus, the Goodfriend School of Business will become the Goodfriend College of Business and Professional Studies,” according to Dr. Tyler Forrest, Tennessee Wesleyan University President. “Their support has propelled the Goodfriend School of Business to new heights and significantly enhanced both its academic profile and student experience.”

The dean for each College has been named by the University and includes faculty members that have served the University and students for many years.



Dr. Augustin Bocco, (photo at left) Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies as well as Director of International Student Services, has been named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Bocco arrived at Tennessee Wesleyan in 2012 and has proven to be an effective leader in and out of the classroom.



Dr. Lisa Vesser, (photo at left) Associate Professor and current Associate Dean for Allied Health will be the Dean of the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Vesser has been with Tennessee Wesleyan since 2003 and worked closely with the TWU Fort Sanders Nursing Department, and assumed leadership roles with the Master of Occupational Therapy program and Wilhelm Dental Hygiene program as they were launched by TWU.



Dr. Stacy Swafford, (photo at left) Associate Professor and Director of Business Graduate Programs, will assume the Dean role in the Goodfriend College of Business and Professional Studies. Dr. Swafford began her tenure at TWU in 2009, serves as the Faculty Athletic Representative, and has been very involved in the expansion of the graduate programs offered in the School of Business.

Work will begin immediately to move toward the new academic structure as well as identifying naming opportunities for the remaining colleges.

Tennessee Wesleyan University, founded in Athens, Tennessee, in 1857, is a four-year liberal arts institution affiliated with the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church offering more than sixty undergraduate and graduate majors and minors. Through strong academic programs, service-learning opportunities, student organizations, and athletics, Tennessee Wesleyan University helps students become enlightened servant leaders who believe in serving others, pursuing knowledge, and leading by example.

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