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Local and State News

◆ WAMP TAKES ISSUE WITH MORNING FAX

Congressional candidate Weston Wamp responded via e-mail to our story published on Monday that outlined recent contact that he had with former Congressional candidate Scottie Mayfield of Athens. Wamp contends that our coverage was one sided and was misleading. Wamp forwarded his statement from last Friday on the matter which is on page 2.

◆ "BLINK DAY" IS COMING UP WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, April 2nd, is "Blink Day" in Athens and McMinn County. "Blink Day" stands for "Because Life Is Never Known." It's the annual effort by the McMinn County Rescue Squad and Susan Ray's Life-Skills class to warn high school students of the dangers and consequences if they decide to drink and drive. There will be a Mock Wreck on the MCHS parking lot Wednesday with rescue vehicles, a helicopter, a wrecked vehicle, and Life-Skills students playing the part of the victims. There will be five performances starting at 8:30 a.m. The community is invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. presentation. The purpose of the Mock Wreck is to show students the importance of making good decisions on prom night and any other night for that matter.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Estimated financial losses from the deadly Washington mudslide that has killed at least 24 people have reached \$10 million. Gov. Jay Inslee has asked the federal government for a major disaster declaration. Some missing victims are believed buried under 70 feet of mud.

◆ A flood of last-minute applicants rushed to sign up for health insurance on Monday which was the last day for people to enroll in Obamacare. Visitors to the website saw messages that the site was down for maintenance. At times they were directed to a virtual waiting room, a feature designed to ease the strain on the site during periods of heavy use.

◆ There are still no clues in the search for the Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 that vanished on March 8. The new search area is west of Australia and objects recently spotted in the water have turned out to be garbage; a time-wasting distraction for air and sea crews searching for debris from the flight. The search crews are spotting items such as snarled fishing lines, a buoy, or something that might once have been the lid to an ice box.

◆ The United States is trying to sell or dispose of billions of dollars in military hardware, including sophisticated and highly specialized mine resistant vehicles as it packs up to leave Afghanistan after 13 years of war.



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Weston Wamp's Email to Us

"I had a private, respectful conversation with Scottie Mayfield. As I told Scottie, I turned on my iPhone recorder for my own protection as anyone would who is running against a dishonest Congressman who has already been sued for defamation of character. I was concerned and still am concerned that Mr. Mayfield may have been a victim of the lies, threats and misinformation that has been spread from Congressman Fleischmann, and his cronies, since I entered the race in January. "Scottie Mayfield says he thought the conversation was private and it was, until he made it public today. I intended to keep it private; you will have to ask him why he chose to make it public. "This latest episode is typical of Congressman Fleischmann's desperate tactics. The latest of which include the Congressman intimidating, harassing and threatening donors to my campaign for not supporting him. We have received reports that Congressman Fleischmann has threatened to 'blacklist' donors and not help them in his official capacity unless they support him in his re-election campaign. This, of course, is against federal law. "It's unfortunate that while I am in Scott County trying to work with people to make their lives better, Congressman Fleischmann is focused on nasty politics again. This is what people all over the district tell me they are sick and tired off from politicians."

Editor's Note: Scottie Mayfield appeared on WYXI RADIO on Monday afternoon and verified that our story on Monday was accurate and did not come from Congressman Fleischmann. Mr. Wamp visited our studios last week for an interview & photo. ➡

Obituaries

William Bruce Mills, Sr., age 81, of Englewood, died Sunday at Life Care Center in Athens. He spent most of his career as a licensed journeyman electrician with IBEW 760 working at TVA off and on for thirty years at each of their Power Houses including the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant until his retirement. He was a veteran of the Korean War Conflict serving with the U.S. Air Force and later with the Army National Guard. A Masonic service will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 134.60 at 16,457.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 14.72 at 1,872.34, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 43.24 at 4,198.99. **Commodity markets:** The spot price of gold fell \$10.77 to \$1,284.51. The spot price of silver fell \$0.03 to \$19.80, and crude oil prices fell \$0.17 to \$101.50 per barrel.



A ribbon cutting was held recently at Stewart Family Dentistry, 501 Decatur Pike, Athens. In the photo L-R: John Gentry, County Mayor, Phil Tuggle-County Trustee, Shannon Sayne-DPA, Rhonda Elkins-Chamber Board Member, Diplomats Kristina Hiefner & Joanne Arnett, Rob Preston-Chamber President & CEO, Amy Mason-Dental Assistant, Sandra Jackson-Office Staff, Joni Walker-County EDA, Brittany Stewart-Dr. Stewart's wife & Hygienist, Dr. Tony Crisp- his pastor, Dr. Brad Stewart, Karen Crisp (Pastor's wife) Diplomats Billie Crabtree, Lacey Starkey, & Karen Raby, Dr. Stewart's parents, Don and Doris Stewart, holding Dr. Stewart's nephew, Mason Stewart, Erin Holbrook, Megan Randolph, DPA