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Thursday, April 14, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ TWC ANNOUNCES TUITION FREEZE

Tennessee Wesleyan has announced a tuition freeze for the 2016-2017 school year. The tuition cost will remain the same as the 2015-2016 year. Undergraduate full-time tuition for next school year will remain at \$22,000 for the year. In addition, Tennessee Wesleyan awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships this school year.

### ◆ NEWS FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE

~ The Senate sponsor of the "Bathroom Bill", Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville, tells The Morning Fax that the bill has been postponed from consideration until both the house and the senate have finished with next year's budget. Senator Bell says that it might be reconsidered sometime next week. The bill would require students to use bathrooms and locker rooms based on the gender on their birth certificates.

~ Governor Haslam says he will decide before the week is up whether to sign or veto the bill making the Bible the official state book.

~ The Senate Judiciary Committee has killed a bill that would have allowed voters to make their opinion known on whether police should arrest people in possession of one ounce of marijuana or less, or give them a warning instead.

~ House Speaker Beth Harwell is creating a task force to propose ways to improve access to health care in Tennessee. She calls her initiative the "3-Star Healthy Project." The task force will develop a health insurance proposal to make to the federal government.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Ethan Couch, the Texas teenager who was at the center of an international manhunt, was ordered to stay in jail for nearly two years after his first appearance in adult court Wednesday. Couch, who violated the terms of his probation from a deadly 2013 drunken-driving case by missing a court-mandated check-in, was sentenced to 180 days in jail for each of the four charges he faces. Couch killed four people while driving drunk as a juvenile.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ During the remainder of April, Athens Utilities Board will be conducting a telephone survey regarding Natural Gas Safety Awareness. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says by answering a few questions, customers who participate in the survey will help AUB ensure that the community's natural gas distribution system and its customers are as safe as possible with regard to gas lines in the area. The phone survey will come from a Caller ID number of (423) 745-4501, which is AUB's main telephone number.

✓ The Athens Traveler's Car Club will have its monthly "Cruise-In" this Saturday afternoon and evening around the Courthouse Square. Streets will be closed from 4 to 10 p.m.



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## WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows  
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Tonight:  
**Behind the Mike & Mary Foster, Editor's Daughter**

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Athens, Tennessee

### Meet Niota "Tom"

It's not every day you see a turkey in your front yard. This turkey showed up in a yard near Niota this week. Jay Ekiss took Tom's photo and sent it to us.



### Wednesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks finished higher at the close of trading, extending Tuesday's gains, as bank stocks surged. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 187.03 at 17,908.28. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 20.70 at 2,082.42, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 75.33 at 4,947.42.

#### ◆ ATHENS LADIES WIN MARATHON

Two ladies from Athens won their age group at the Knoxville Half-Marathon on April 3rd.

In the photo: (Left-Right) Linda Morrow and Ruthie Rogers, winners of their age group, and Melanie Gunter who completed her second marathon.



(Photo by David Gunter)

#### WEATHER

**Thursday** - Cloudy. 20% rain. Highs - upper 60's to lower 70's.

**Thursday night** - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Lows - upper 40's.

**Friday** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Highs - mid to upper 60's.

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