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Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ SECOND MURDER DEFENDANT GETS LIFE

The second defendant in a murder that took place on July 4th, 2014, has been sentenced to spend the rest of her life in prison. Amanda Lee Britnell pleaded guilty to charges of 1st degree murder in McMinn County Criminal Court. The case involves the murder of 20-year-old Tyler Womack, who was shot when he went across the road on County Road 172 to check on a neighbor's property. Police say he was shot when he surprised Britnell and two other people in the process of burglarizing the residence. Thomas Odum was tried first. He was sentenced to life without parole. The third defendant, Martha Ann Thompson, has yet to be tried.

◆ MEIGS COUNTY ROUNDUP NETS 24

A roundup of wanted people in Meigs County has resulted in the arrest of 24 people. They were wanted for a variety of crimes. Thirteen were arrested for drug crimes. There were also arrests for kidnapping and rape.

◆ CITY GETS GRANT FOR SPLASH PAD

The City of Athens has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The grant will be used to construct a Splash Pad in the Athens Regional Park.

◆ AMY GRANT TO BE CHAMBER SPEAKER

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces that singer Amy Grant will be the speaker for the 11th annual Chamber Benefit Dinner. The dinner will be held June 17th, 2017. Tickets will go on sale in October.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama underscored his support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Tuesday, claiming that he had a "better argument" than Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, who both oppose the trade deal.

◆ COUNTY CLERK SUSPENDS MARRIAGE LICENSES


McMinn County Clerk Evonne Hayes announces that due to continuing moisture problems in her office, the equipment used to print marriage licenses is inoperable. As a result, her office is having to suspend issuing marriage licenses until further notice.

◆ CHEAPEST GAS IS IN EAST TENNESSEE

Motorists in Southeast Tennessee are enjoying the cheapest gasoline prices in the nation. Prices in Cleveland and Chattanooga are around \$1.74 per gallon. You can find gas in Athens for as low as \$1.71 per gallon.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:


✓ You are invited to meet the 2017 Charger football players, coaches, cheerleaders, and band this Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Englewood First Church of God. There will be a silent auction and a hot dog cookout for \$5 per plate.



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Walking and Praying

Trinity United Methodist Church and St. Mark AME Zion Church led a Community Prayer Walk through downtown Athens this past Sunday afternoon. During the walk, participants prayed for reconciliation in our community, nation, and world. The photo below shows some of those who took part.

(Photo by Rev. Roxianne Sherles)



Obituaries

• **Michael S. Franks**, age 56, of Bell Buckle, (and formerly from Etowah) died Monday at his home. He was previously employed as a machinist at Nissan. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at New Bethel Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished in negative territory as oil dropped below 40 dollars per barrel and investors digest economic data. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 90.74 at 18,313.77. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 13.81 at 2,157.03, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 46.46 at 5,137.73.

◆ JOE GUY TO HEAD SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy has been elected the new president of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. He is shown in the photo with his wife, Stephanie.

(Photo special to The Morning Fax)



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