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State & Local News

◆ FLEISCHMANN SWORN IN TO 115th CONGRESS

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann was sworn in this past Tuesday as a member of the 115th Congress. Fleischmann represents the 3rd District of Tennessee, which includes McMinn County. The photo shows House Speaker Paul Ryan swearing him in.



◆ CHAMBER SETS DINNER MEETING DATE

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 71st Annual Dinner Meeting and Community Awards on Thursday, January 26th, in the Sherman Fine Arts Building at Tennessee Wesleyan University. There will be a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. and the Dinner and Program begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. They are available at the Chamber Office, 13 North Jackson Street.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum presents "Heritage School - Woodworking" this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Basket maker George McCollum will demonstrate the basket making process from "trees to baskets."

National-World News

◆ NASA has selected a science mission to explore supermassive black holes, neutron stars and pulsars in an effort to better understand some of the more mysterious phenomenon of our universe. Supermassive black holes, which are the largest of all the black holes, are found at the center of nearly every known galaxy.

◆ Police in Manchester, U.K., have found a car that was lost for six months after its driver forgot which parking garage he had parked it. The driver was visiting the city last June and parked the vehicle at a multistory garage. When he tried to return to his car, he forgot the location of the garage where the car was parked.

◆ Omarosa Manigault, a former Apprentice contestant, is set to follow Donald Trump to the White House, where she will take on the role of public liaison. This won't be her first time in the White House. She previously served in the office of Vice President Al Gore during Bill Clinton's administration.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will conduct its annual Agency Workshop on January 31st at 9 a.m. in the United Way office at 313 Maple Street in Athens. Any 501(c)3 non-profit agency interested in applying for funds from the 2107 Campaign and becoming a United Way Partner Agency must attend. The applications for funding will be available at the workshop. For more information about the fund allocation process and eligibility, contact Stephanie Linkous at 745-9606.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Cloudy. 20% rain. High 44.
Thur. Night - Cloudy. 30% snow flurries. Low 26.
Friday - Overcast. 20% snow flurries. High 29.
Saturday - Cloudy. High 31.
More Weather at: wysi.com

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Mayfield Academy Joins Chamber

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Mayfield Academy, a private school holding classes at Christ Community Church. In the Photo: (L to R) Tristan Hall (student), Diana Beverly (Director), Pastor Les Rust, Stacy Alexander, Diane Harvey, and Cathy Carusillo (Board Members), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Burkett Witt (Board Member), Pastor Carlos Peterson (Christ Community Church), Stephanie Hall (Board Member), Jackie Newman (Chamber Chairman), Billie Crabtree (Chamber Diplomat), Walter Hall (student), Scott Cass (Chamber Board Member), Audrey Mayfield (Board Member), William Mayfield, Amelia Mayfield, Maddox Mayfield, and Bradley Mayfield (students), and Lisa Harrison (Diplomat).

(Photo by Kay Simmons)



Obituaries

- **Larry Edwin Nunley**, age 66, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. At his request, the family will hold a private service at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.
- **Cristi Dawn Wells**, age 46, of Etowah, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Carolyn Virginia Majestic Crawford**, age 73, of Athens, died last Friday at her residence. A Memorial Service will be held this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Athens First Baptist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **James Lewis McGowan**, age 76, of Decatur, died December 30th. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Lane Funeral Home of Chattanooga is in charge of arrangements.
- **Teresa Gayle Cumbus**, age 50, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Billye Lou Tullock King**, age 92, of Decatur died last Saturday. She played the piano and taught Sunday School at North Etowah Baptist Church for over 40 years. In the mid 1950's she sang on the Cas Walker radio talk show with her brother, English "Jake" Tullock. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bowers.
- **William Elbert (J.D.) Walker**, age 87, of Calhoun died Wednesday at his home. He worked for General Motors in Michigan, High Point Chevrolet, and Bill Beck Pontiac. He moved to Calhoun in 1973 and started Walker Auto Sales. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 4-7 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 5th

- 1779** - American naval hero Stephen Decatur was born. He is remembered for saying: "Our country...may she always be right; but our country, right or wrong."
- 1779** - Zebulon Pike, soldier and explorer, was born in New Jersey. He discovered what is now known as Pike's Peak in Colorado.
- 1781** - A British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.
- 1855** - King Camp Gillette was born. He invented the safety razor.
- 1914** - Actress and singer Jane Wyman was born. She won the Academy Award in 1948 for "Johnny Belinda." She was married to Ronald Reagan from 1940-48.
- 1919** - The National Socialist (Nazi) Party was formed in Germany.
- 1949** - In his State of the Union address, President Harry S Truman labeled his domestic program the "Fair Deal."
- 1981** - Police in England arrested Peter Sutcliffe, a truck driver later convicted of the "Yorkshire Ripper" murders of 13 women.

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