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Local & Area News

◆ FIRE HITS HIGHWAY 68 FLEA MARKET

A fire last Thursday destroyed a part of the Highway 68 Flea Market, which is about 6 miles west of Interstate 75, exit 60, near the Beulah Chapel Church. The fire burned an outbuilding. The blaze was large enough that smoke could be seen from the interstate. The flea market was mostly abandoned since the death of the previous owner. The North McMinn Fire and Rescue and Niota Rural Fire Departments responded to the fire. Photo provided by Morning Fax reader, Charles "Bill" Dawson.



National & World News

◆ President Trump, speaking at a campaign rally in Florida on Saturday evening, said he wants to establish "safe zones" in Syria and other places instead of taking people into the U.S., and that the Gulf states would pay for those safe zones, stating that "they have nothing but money."

◆ At least 5 people died after a powerful storm pummeled Southern California on Friday night. Numerous roadways were flooded in Los Angeles and San Diego.

◆ Norma McCorvey, a woman at the center of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, has died at the age of 69. McCorvey became "Jane Roe", the plaintiff in the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision. She was in her 20's and trying to get out of an unwanted pregnancy. In a complete reversal years later, she joined the pro-life movement and converted to Roman Catholicism.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks drifted higher as investors kept an eye on France's presidential election. In mergers and acquisitions news, Unilever, whose large U.S. brands include Ben & Jerry's, Lipton, and Dove, rejected a proposed \$143 billion dollar takeover by Kraft Heinz. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 4.28 at 20,624.05. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3.94 at 2,351.16, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 23.68 at 5,838.58.



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Have you Seen "Annie" ?

In last [Monday's MORNING FAX](#), we published a story and a photo about an RV that caught fire at Athens exit 49 of I-75. The owner, Patty Hawkins of Amory, Mississippi, says that her dog "Annie" got of the RV and ran away. She was last seen running down the median of the Interstate. She was wearing a collar with tags from the Amory Animal Hospital in Amory, MS. Patty says that "Annie" is very timid and might run into traffic out of fear if you approach her. It is possible that she is hiding in a sheltered area such as a culvert, brush, or an open shed or garage. She was once a stray and knows how to survive. One caller told us that he



thinks he spotted "Annie" near the Riceville exit. If you see her please call Patty Hawkins at 662-257-6686.

Obituaries

- ♦ **Johnny Blair Lankford**, age 81, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Niota, died Friday at his home. He was a dairy farmer for many years and had served in the Tennessee National Guard. There will be no formal service. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral home.
- ♦ **Dorothy "Dot" Mae Rogers Dunkle**, age 87, of Etowah, died Friday at Etowah Health Care Center. A Funeral Service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Etowah First Baptist Church with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **SSG. Bennie F. Anderson, U.S. Army (Ret.)**, age 75, of Sweetwater, died Thursday at U.T. Medical Center. He was retired from the U.S. Army. A Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Flatt Baptist Church with interment to follow at Hickory Flatt Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HOME INVASION ROBBERY IN MEIGS CO.

The Meigs County Sheriff's Office reports that a home invasion robbery occurred in the Ten Mile-Red Cloud area last Thursday. The culprits entered the victim's home after pretending to have car trouble. They threw a liquid into the victim's face and then beat and duct-taped the person to a chair. Several items were taken from the home. Two males and two females were involved. Call the Meigs County S.O. at 423-334-5268 if you have any information.



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TODAY IN HISTORY—FEBRUARY 20th

- 1725** - The first known Indian scalping by white men happened on this day in the colony of New Hampshire.
- 1792** - President George Washington signed the Postal Service Act. Letters delivered up to 30 miles cost six cents to mail. For letters up to 150 miles, postage was 12 1/2 cents.
- 1872** - Luther Crowell received a patent for a machine for manufacturing paper bags. The patent allowed for the bags to have two longitudinal inward folds.
- 1940** - Singer Barbara Ellis was born. She was a member of the Fleetwoods, a popular singing group in the early 1960's. Their biggest hits records were "Mr. Blue" and "Come Softly To Me."