

#### **TWU Announces Art Display**

Tennessee Wesleyan University will be showcasing artwork of Dr. Harley Knowles, TWU President, at the Muriel S. Mayfield Gallery. His artwork, titled *Upta Camp: An exploration of lake life during summers in Maine*, reflects Dr. Knowles' experiences in his home state of Maine. The opening reception will be April 5 from 3-5 p.m. and the gallery will be open to the public April 4-29. The Muriel S. Mayfield Gallery is located on the first floor of Reece Hall, on the corner of N. Jackson St. and E. College St.



### **Community News You Can Use**

A Rural Pump Operator course was held recently at the McMinn County Higher Education Building and at the Jason Robertson Farm near Englewood. Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy Instructors Andy Soccodato and Scott Ellis taught the 16 Hour course to members of several McMinn County Fire Departments. The course taught firefighters how to pump and retrieve water from other sources besides conventional fire hydrants and draft from other sources such as lakes, creeks, ponds and any other water sources that may be available. The fire departments in attendance consisted of Athens Rural, Niota Rural, Englewood Rural, Etowah Rural, Riceville, Hillsview, and Claxton Rural. The Athens City Fire Department furnished one of their fire trucks that was used for the training. Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be WATW students Shannon, Amy, Angela and Shannon. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.





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## **Obituaries**

• James LaMar Dugan, Sr., age 81, passed away Monday, March 28th. He served in the U. S. Navy in Vietnam earning the rank of Lieutenant Commander and retired from the Navy Reserve in 1979. He opened his dental practice in Athens in 1968, practicing for over 50 years with his son James Lamar Dugan II who joined his practice in 2000. Graveside services will be 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6th, at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• Lucille Walker, of Duluth, Georgia, and formerly of Athens, passed away Monday at her residence. She was the wife of the late Paul J. (Jerry) Walker, Jr. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

Neyland Douglas Pickel, age 11, of Athens, passed away Monday in East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville. He was a 5th grade student at Westside Elementary School. There will be no formal visitation. Services will be announced later. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
Leigh Ann Bledsoe Hampton, age 51, of McMinn County, passed away Sunday at her residence. There will be no visitation or memorial service held. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

# **Obituaries Continued**

• Lavon 'Buddy' Moore, Jr., age 44, of Athens, passed away Monday, March 21st at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home in Athens with a walkthrough visitation beginning at noon. Interment will follow at Hammonds Cemetery in Athens.

• **Dorotha Watson**, age 82, of Athens, passed away Saturday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Committal services will be at New Zion Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Friday.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. markets closed sharply higher as optimism is building around the potential for de-escalation in the Russia/Ukraine crisis. Russian negotiators indicated talks between the two sides were "constructive." Russia may take steps to cut military operations around the capital city of Kyiv. Markets reacted favorably globally.

At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 338.30 to 35,294.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 56.08 to 4,631.60, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 264.73 to 14,619.64.

