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Local and State News

◆ MORE CANDIDATES FOR MAY 6 PRIMARY

In last Friday's Morning Fax, we published a list of candidates who had qualified to run in contested primaries in McMinn County on May 6th. At that time, we did not have the names of several candidates who qualified in neighboring counties. Here is that list:
District Attorney General - Steve Crump and Stephen Hatchett, Republicans

Circuit Court Judge - Larry Puckett, J. Michael Sharp, Andrew Freiberg, Chad Thompson and William J. "Bill" Brown, all Republicans

Criminal Court Judge - Republicans Sandra Donaghy and Van Irion, and the Incumbent Democrat Amy Reedy

CORRECTION: In our list of Republican candidates for McMinn Highway Commission last Friday, we included Danny Keith Pryor. He did not submit a qualifying petition by the deadline.

◆ CLARIFICATION:

In our story published in last Thursday's MORNING FAX, we stated that Jim Nelson had retired from Edward Jones. In fact, Mr. Nelson will continue to be active in his office during the near future, until the transition to Skylar Dean is completed.



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STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ U.S. and Mexican authorities have taken an elusive criminal leader off the streets. Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was captured over the weekend in Mexico. He's believed to be responsible for about 1/4 of the illegal drugs smuggled into the U.S.

◆ Ukraine's president, Viktor Yanukovich, fled the capital after weeks of bloody protests and the country's Parliament-run government gave his powers to their speaker. A political prisoner, former Prime Minister Yulia Timshenko, was soon let out of jail.

◆ The Winter Olympics in Sochi have come to an end. Tens of thousands of Russian troops and police clamped the region in an iron grip and the games were conducted without a single hitch, security wise. The Russians were the top medal winners at 33, while the U.S. was second in the medal count at 28.

◆ A defective water heater is being blamed for leaking carbon monoxide into a seafood restaurant located inside a Long Island shopping mall. One employee of the restaurant died of poisoning and over two dozen customers had to be taken to nearby hospitals.

◆ The EPA is at it again. Their latest proposal is aimed at wood burning heaters. Manufacturers say the regulations will make the production of the stoves so expensive, that it will force them out of business.

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United Way Recaps Campaign

The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties held their annual campaign awards luncheon last Thursday at the McMinn Senior Center. The 2014 campaign had a goal of \$650,000. The amount raised was over \$654,000. This was the third year in a row that the United Way has exceeded its goal. The co-chairs of this year's campaign are Lee Montgomery and Blake McCaslin. The Joseph T. Frye Award was given to Oscar Carey. The James H. Willson

Award was presented to Rob Mayfield, the 2013 United Way President, and the Dick Dyer Community Service Award was given to Frank Davis. Brenda Lowe was the recipient of a new spa donated by Dynasty Spas of Athens. Dynasty has donated a new spa to the United Way for almost 20 years in a row. In the photo is Blake McCaslin and Amy Goodin. Blake will be the co-chair of the 2015 United Way Campaign, along with Norma Barham. Amy is the new 2014 President of the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties.



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Obituaries

Wiley Curtis Watts, age 53, of Philadelphia, died last Thursday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was an employee of Knoxville Pool Place. Services were held at the family home on Sunday with Loudon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Donald Ray "Duck" Buckner, age 77, of Etowah, died last Friday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a member of Local 43 Plumbers and Steamfitters of Chattahoochee. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home. A committal service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McMinn memory Gardens.

Ed Dodson, age 82, of Morristown and formerly of Athens, died February 7, 2014 at his home. Dodson was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a well known East Tennessee radio personality and worked at WCRK in Morristown for over 55 years. Dodson began his radio career here in Athens. He is survived locally by a step-brother, Charles "Buddy" Liner and his wife, Dixie, of Athens. Westside Chapel Funeral Home of Morristown was in charge of arrangements.

A structure fire was reported around 5 a.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of County Road 609. The fire destroyed the home of Amber Thompson. One person at the home, James Yates, suffered burns to his hands and was transported by AMR to Starr Regional-Etowah for treatment. The mobile home was fully involved upon arrival of the first fire truck and a propane gas tank at the rear of the home had to be cooled down by firefighters until the fire could be brought under control. Fire apparatus from Etowah, Englewood, and Claxton Rural Fire Departments responded to the incident. Information provided by Jay Thomson.

TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 24

1803 - The Supreme Court in Marbury v. Madison ruled itself the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

1842 - John Phillip Holland, inventor of the submarine, was born.

1868 - The House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempt to fire Secretary of War Edwin Stanton. The Senate later acquitted Johnson.

1903 - The United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

1920 - A group of Germans organized the National Socialist Party, the forerunner of the Nazi Party that later would be led by Adolf Hitler.

1942 - The Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

Born On This Day: Actor Steven Hill, composer Michel Legrand, former Georgia Governor and U.S. Senator Zell Miller, actor James Farentino, singer Rupert Holmes, broadcast journalist Paula Zahn, and country singer Sammy Kershaw.

A two vehicle crash occurred Saturday afternoon on Highway 411 in Etowah at the entrance to the Bi-Lo Store. Kimberley Collins was southbound on 411 and was attempting to turn into the store's parking lot in her 2005 Jeep Liberty when she was hit in the rear quarter panel by a 1997 Honda Civic driven by Christina Gower who was traveling northbound on Highway 411. Both drivers refused medical transport, Collins was cited for failure to yield the right of way. Etowah Police investigated the wreck, while AMR paramedics and the Etowah Fire Department responded to the scene. Photo by Jay Thomson.

