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Today's News...This Morning

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Friday, July 18, 2014

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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ ARRESTS MADE IN WOMACK MURDER

The TBI and McMinn County deputies have arrested three suspects in the July 4th murder of Tyler Womack, 20, at a residence on County Road 172. The suspects are Thomas P. Odum, 48, Martha A. Thompson, 42, and Amanda L. Britnell, 34. They have admitted to participating in the murder of Womack and the burglary of the home where the murder occurred. **(Photos below on right)**

◆ EARLY VOTING BEGINS TODAY

Early voting for the August 7th county general election and the state primary begins today. Early voting will continue through August 2nd. In McMinn County, you can vote early at the McMinn County Election Commission office in the Courthouse Annex. The hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

◆ RICEVILLE WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

Misty Keppela, 35, of Riceville was killed in a two-vehicle traffic crash on North Lee Highway just north of Cleveland on Wednesday. State troopers say she was a passenger in a Mustang that turned in front of a pickup truck. Troopers say the driver, Donald Massey, may have been drinking.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama promised Ukraine assistance to help find out what brought down the Malaysian Airlines passenger jet that crashed near the Ukraine/Russia border. Vice President Joe Biden declared that the airliner was "shot down – not an accident, blown out of the sky." Reports indicate that there may have been American citizens aboard the plane.

◆ Israel has launched a large-scale ground offensive in the Gaza Strip escalating a 10-day military operation to try to destroy Hamas' weapons arsenal, rocket firing abilities and tunnels under the Palestinian territory's border with Israel.

◆ Hillary Clinton and Chris Christie, possible presidential hopefuls, face challenges in Iowa. One poll shows that one in three Iowa Republicans do not like Christie.



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Britnell

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Church News and Events

- Ivan Parker will be in concert this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens.
- Hilltop Baptist Church in Riceville will hold a youth meeting titled "Putting on the Armor of God" tomorrow from 5 to 9 p.m. A meal will be served at 5.
- VBS at Brittsville Baptist Church at 2650 Brittsville Road, Georgetown, will be July 21-25 from 7 to 9 p.m., with classes for all ages.
- Marshall Hill Baptist Church will have a Backyard Bible Camp VBS tomorrow from 2:30 to 8 p.m. And on Sunday, Heavens Highway will be leading the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 621 County Road 255, Niota.
- Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene on Highway 68 will have Homecoming this Sunday. Special singing by "Just Us Bluegrass."
- The North Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater will celebrate their pastor's anniversary this Sunday at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Rev. Timothy Bryant of Murfreesboro. Dinner will be served in the dining hall following the service.

Obituaries

• **Elizabeth Stone**, age 100, of Etowah, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center, Athens. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Green Hill Cemetery with visitation from 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. prior to the service at Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ **BLUECROSS ASKING FOR RATE HIKE**

BlueCross-BlueShield of Tennessee, the state's largest health insurance provider, is asking to raise rates by an average of 19% for its exchange plans in 2015. Cigna is asking for a 7.5% hike and Humana wants to raise rates by 14.4%. In documents filed with the state, all three companies reported that people who bought health insurance on the federal exchange have tended to be sicker than the companies originally projected.

CORRECTION: In Thursday's Morning Fax, we reported that a 2-year-old boy suffered head injuries in a home invasion on Tellico Ave. in Athens. Actually, it was an adult male who was injured, not the young boy.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The Athens Travelers Car Club will hold its monthly cruise-in this Saturday in the downtown parking lot. Jackson Street will be closed from Green Street to Madison Avenue from 3 to 10 p.m.

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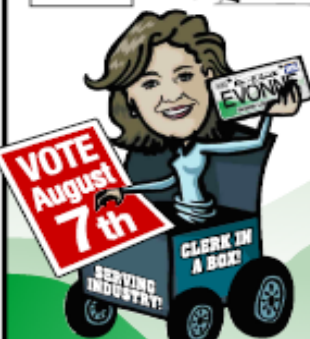
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