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## New School Taking Shape

Construction on the new Fairview Christian Academy is well under-way and is rapidly drawing to a completion. The administrator, Greg Ranck, tells the Morning Fax that the school should be ready for occupancy this spring. The original campus consisted of 4 buildings which were destroyed in a tornado that struck McMinn County on November 30, 2016. The new facility will have enough space to replace all four of those buildings and place them under one roof.

(Photo by Morning Fax staff)



### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on the next Athens Area Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," (which will be on Tuesday, January 8th) will be Donna Coleman with Helping Hands Senior Care. You can hear Chamber Chat each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio AM-1390 or FM-94.5 and [ONLINE](#).

## World & National News

◆ A 12-year-old boy was saved by a rescue dog after being buried for 40 minutes under an avalanche in the French Alps. He was dragged about 300 feet down the mountain. The boy, who was not identified, was not injured.

◆ An American, Colin O'Brady, has become the first person to complete a solo journey across Antarctica, unaided and unsupported. His two-month long walk was met with frigid temperatures and winds of 30 mph.

◆ Alexandra Black, 22, from New Palestine, Indiana, was attacked and killed by a lion after it escaped a locked space at a North Carolina animal center on Sunday. She had recently graduated from Indiana State University and had worked at the Charlotte Conservator Center for about two weeks.

◆ Just when you think cruise lines can't get any more extreme, they are now building one with a roller coaster on board. The Bolt offers almost 800 feet of twists, turns and drops with riders reaching speeds of nearly 40 miles per hour. It's mounted at the top of the new Carnival Mardi Gras Cruise Ship at 187 feet above sea level. The new luxury ship will begin service in 2020.

**FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks were mixed but were up 2.8% for the week, rebounding from the recent sell-off, which nearly saw the S&P 500 enter into bear-market territory. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 76 points or 0.3% to 23,062. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3 points or 0.1% to 2,486, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 5 points or 0.1% to 6,585.

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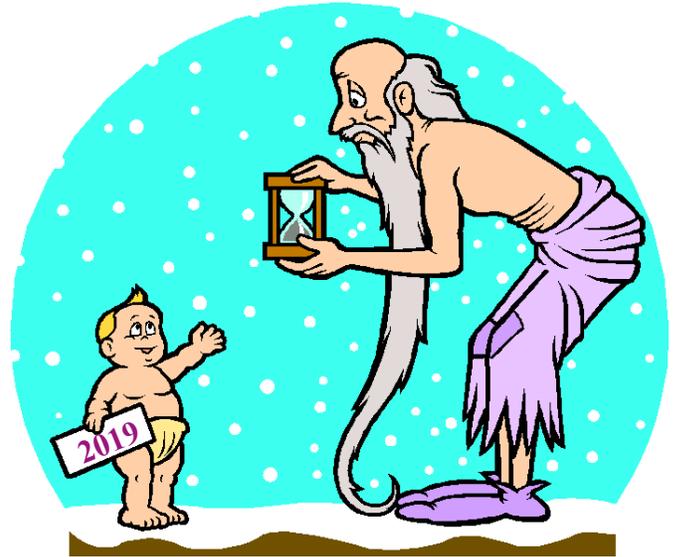
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*Happy New Year !*

No Morning Fax on Tuesday. See you on Wednesday.



**Obituaries**

- ♦ **Ruby Letner Trusley**, age 79, of Decatur, died Saturday at Grace Healthcare in Decatur. She had worked for the Meigs Sheriff's Department and Shaw Industries. Services will be Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 3 p.m.
- ♦ **Barbara Eaton Duckett**, age 86, of Corryton, TN, and formerly of Niota, died Thursday at Tennova North Healthcare in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Timothy Wells**, age 53, of Niota, died December 26th at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a U.S. Army veteran. A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens with visitation to begin 1 hour prior to the service.
- ♦ **Velma Louzelle Melton Curtis**, age 96, of Athens, died Friday in NHC of Athens. She was former employee of Athens Stove Works and Goody's. A funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with internment in the McMinn Memory Gardens.

**◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced the dates for the 34th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. The dates are Friday, February 8th and Saturday, February 9th. Online ticket sales start Tuesday, Jan. 1st @ 12:01 a.m. at: [cityofathenstn.com/parks](http://cityofathenstn.com/parks)



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