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Friday, January 20, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ FIRE HITS BENTON'S WRECKER SERVICE

A fire early Thursday morning destroyed Benton's Wrecker Service on County Road 135 in Riceville. Five fire districts responded. Firefighters say the fire was mostly contained to the building and maintenance shop. There were several explosions. One truck was destroyed and another suffered heat damage. There were no injuries.

(Photo courtesy of the Riceville Volunteer Fire Department)



## National - World News

◆ President Obama granted commutations Thursday to 330 people, most of whom were serving long sentences for drug crimes. Obama granted commutation to a total of 1,715 people during his time in office, including 568 people who were sentenced to life in prison.

◆ Today is Inauguration Day, and there is a chance of rain throughout much of the day. Inaugural celebrations begin at 9:00 a.m., the swearing in ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m., the parade will begin in the afternoon, and the inaugural balls start at 7 p.m.

◆ WYXI FM 94.5 & AM 1390 will be joining the EIB radio network at 11:55 a.m. today and will broadcast the Inauguration of Donald Trump and Mike Pence. It will also be streamed online at [wysi.com](http://wysi.com) or on most digital devices with the WYXI app. Rush Limbaugh will be giving his unique perspective on the historic event.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is now accepting nominations for the Dick Dyer Community Service Award. The Dick Dyer Award is given each year to an individual who exemplifies Mr. Dyer's exceptional vision and caring spirit for the community. He was the first United Way Director. The award will be presented at the United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on February 16th. To submit a nomination, mail it to P.O. Box 1681, Athens, TN 37371. The deadline is January 30th.

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## Church News & Events

- You are invited to a Community Prayer Gathering for our nation from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the Gem Theater in Etowah. The prayer meeting will take place while the inauguration ceremonies for our new president are underway. The inauguration activities will be projected onto the big screen. You are free to come and go as your schedule permits. The prayer meeting was organized by a group of ministers in Etowah.

- Dr. Shane Lewis, senior pastor of Somerville Baptist Church in Somerville, Alabama, will be speaking at the Fairview Baptist Church Family Conference beginning Sunday night, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. Pastor Lewis will also be speaking Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The conference will be held at Fairview Baptist's temporary location, 276 Dennis Street. The public is invited to attend, and a nursery will be provided.

- Doug Richesin, Michael Rodgers & Beth Burkey will be in concert next Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 7 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. A love offering will be taken.



## Obituaries

• **Sheila Kay Campbell Wilcox**, age 57, of Riceville, died Wednesday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

• **Lester James Walsh**, age 92, of Athens, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. He had worked at Cherokee Hardware and was a former employee of Beaunit and ExCello. He served in the Army during World War II. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Athens, with visitation from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Marcia Anne "Whitehead" Studdard**, age 70, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She had an extensive career in journalism, sales, and service. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Dennis Cemetery in the Idlewild community. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Patsy Hall**, age 70, of Etowah, died Wednesday at Erlanger Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks dropped as the Dow Jones Industrial Average extended its losses for a fifth session as investors remained cautious a day before Donald Trump's presidential inauguration. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 72.32 at 19,732.40. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 8.20 at 2,263.69, and The NASDAQ Composite Index was down 15.57 at 5,540.08.



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