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Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ CITY SUPPORTS BIKE ROUTE

The City of Athens is giving its support for a proposed U.S. Bicycle Route which would run through the city. The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a bicycle-based transportation system sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. One of the proposed Bicycle Routes extends from the border of Georgia and Tennessee and continues north and east to the Tennessee border with Kentucky. The proposed route would travel along Highway 307 onto East Madison Avenue. It would then turn right onto Mayfield Lane, then go left on Ingle-side Avenue through Downtown Athens. The route would go from downtown Athens along Glendale Avenue, Cedar Springs Road, and Eastanallee Valley Road. Mayor Chuck Burris says the proposed bicycle route, known as U.S. Bike Route 21, would identify the Eureka Trail development as a spur on the Bicycle Route System.

◆ TWU NAMED A MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Tennessee Wesleyan University has been named to Victory Media's 2017 Military Friendly Schools list. TWU is recognized for its commitment to students who are veterans. Veterans may take advantage of the Office of Career Development and the Student Success Center for help in studying, finding a job, and more.

National - World News

◆ Former President George H.W. Bush is out of the ICU at a Houston hospital and his wife has been discharged. George Bush, 92, was admitted to Houston Methodist Hospital on Jan. 14th after exhibiting shortness of breath, and Barbara Bush, 91, entered the same hospital on Wednesday with bronchitis.

◆ At least 19 people have died due to tornadoes, as a violent system of storms made its way across the South from Mississippi to the Florida Panhandle and parts of Alabama and Georgia.

◆ A Rhode Island activist who was on a mission to walk across the country barefoot was struck and killed by an SUV while walking on a Florida highway Saturday afternoon. Mark Baumer was hiking across the country to "save Earth" and to raise funding for the FANG Collective, a non-profit organization that protests the natural gas industry.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 71st Annual Dinner Meeting of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, Jan. 26th, at the Sherman Fine Arts Building on the TWU campus. It begins with a Silent Auction at 5:30 p.m. The dinner and program begin at 6:30 p.m.

✓ The American Legion Fish Fries begin again this Friday, January 27th. It will be held at the VFW Post on Congress Parkway. The hours are 5 to 7:15 p.m. and the cost is \$9.00 Proceeds help keep the flags flying at Exit 49.

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Tuesday Night - Mostly clear. Low 40.
Wednesday - Partly cloudy. 40% rain. High 59.
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Maddi Más Joins Chamber

The ribbon was cut recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, Maddi Más Restaurant, at 10 South White Street in Athens. Pictured L to R: Lisa Harrison (Diplomat), Jackie Newman (Chamber Chairman), Dana Ferguson (Diplomat), Kavitha Reddy (Chamber Board Member), Michelle Thompson (Employee), Delanie Domzalski (Owner), Becky Wattenbarger (Board Member), Joe Domzalski (Owner), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Brandalyn Lancaster (River Valley Ag Credit), Skylar Dean (Chamber Board Member), Cayci Hope (River Valley Ag Credit), Autumn Rollo (Diplomat), Mark Cochran (McMinn County Mayor's Assistant), Lisa Dotson (Main Street Director), & Cheryl Ingram (McMinn Co. Register of Deeds)



Obituaries

♦ **Albert M. Ballew**, age 84, of Athens, died last Friday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Linda Douglas Mullins**, age 73, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Mary Sue Cook Alberts**, age 81, of Yakima, Washington, died last Thursday, January 19th. She was a native of McMinn County. Interment will be in the early spring in the Chestua Campground Community Cemetery in Madisonville. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Jerry Eugene King, Sr.**, age 76, of Decatur, died Sunday. He was the business manager for the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 43 of Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bowers.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks fell as investors looked for more details regarding President Donald Trump's policies. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 27.40 at 19,799.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.11 at 2,265.20, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 2.39 at 5,552.94.

TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 24th

1848 - Gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California. News spread quickly and in 1849 thousands of "49'ers" rushed to California to establish gold claims.

1908 - The first meeting of the Boy Scouts took place in England. Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded the movement, which spread all over the world.

1939 - Comedic singer Ray Stevens was born. His hits include "Ahab the Arab," "Southern Air," "The Streak," and "Everything is Beautiful."

1941 - Singer Neil Diamond was born. His hit records include "Song Sung Blue," "Sweet Caroline," and "Yesterday's Songs."

2003 - The new federal Department of Homeland Security officially opened as Tom Ridge was sworn-in as the first secretary.

2011 - Jared Lee Loughner pleaded not guilty in Phoenix to federal charges he'd tried to kill U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and two of her aides in a Tucson shooting rampage that had claimed six lives.



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