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Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ WORK TO RECEIVE FOOD STAMPS?

A Tennessee lawmaker wants residents receiving food stamps to be required to perform some work in order to receive the benefits. Republican Representative Micah Van Huss, from Washington County, has filed a bill that would require recipients of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits to work 20 hours a week, perform 24 hours of community service each month, participate in employment classes or actively seek employment for 20 hours each week, or be enrolled as a full-time student in college or technical school. There would be exceptions for single parents with custody of a child under the age of 12 and people who are not able-bodied.

◆ REVIEW OF 2016 BUILDING PERMITS

The City of Athens issued 322 building permits in 2016 for work totaling \$23,200,545. Thirteen permits were issued for new residences. Two permits were issued for new commercial buildings. Twelve permits were issued for demolition of buildings. One permit was issued for a new swimming pool. The remainder of permits were for a variety of things including electrical work, plumbing work, remodeling, repairs, additions, and new garages or storage sheds. Twenty-three permits were issued for signs or billboards. In addition, one permit was issued for a mobile home.

National - World News

◆ Iran, Russia and Turkey agreed to launch a three-way mechanism to ensure compliance with the Syrian ceasefire. Talks on the conflict concluded Tuesday in Astana, Kazakhstan.

◆ Officials in Utah are investigating the cause of a heart-stopping accident in which a passenger train smashed into a semi truck, severing the vehicle and leaving packages scattered across the roadway. There were no injuries.

◆ A 911 dispatcher for Johnston County, North Carolina, recently helped save a woman who was locked in the trunk of a moving car. The woman called 911 and stated that her boyfriend had locked her in the trunk of his car. The woman's location was made possible by the help of a cell phone provider. Police responded and stopped the car in the city of Fayetteville, N.C.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The softball tournament to benefit tornado victims scheduled for last Saturday had to be postponed due to the bad weather. The new date is Saturday, March 11th. The tournament will feature men's and coed teams, and will be played at Athens Regional Park. Teams are needed. For information, call organizer Chris Miller at 865-696-6073.

✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold their beginner's short course this Saturday, Jan. 28th, at the McMinn County Senior Center in Athens. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The course is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Wednesday - Partly cloudy.
20% rain. High 63.

Wed Night - Cloudy. 90%
rain. Low 42.

Thursday - Cloudy. High 44.

Friday - Cloudy. High 42.

More Weather at: wysi.com

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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Athens, Tennessee

More Community News

- ♦ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that Prof Powers Park will be closed until further notice due to a downed power line pole. Crews will be working diligently on repairing the damage so the park can be reopened as quickly as possible. Please do not enter areas that have been closed by gates or barricades.
- ♦ The Athens Community Theatre will present its winter 2017 musical production of **Willy Wonka** on February 16-26 in the Sue E. Trotter Theater at The Arts Center. The play tells the story of candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding five golden tickets in five of his candy bars. Whoever finds the tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. The cast includes David Siklosi as Willy Wonka, G. David Brown as the Candy Man, Jedi Gabel as Phineous Trout, Julie Offutt as Mrs. Bucket, and Art Kimball as Grandpa Joe. Performances will be at 7 p.m. each night except Sunday, when there will be a 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Obituaries

- ♦ **Linda Douglas Mullins**, age 73, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was a native of Sevierville and had been associated with Dr. Wolfenden as a dental assistant. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Reverend David Rutherford**, age 71, of Etowah, died Monday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He worked at Athens Table Company, United Grocery Outlet, and IGA. He was the longtime pastor of the Athens Church of the Nazarene. A celebration of Life and Homegoing will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Athens Church of the Nazarene. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Serenity Funeral Home and from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church.

◆ TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

U.S. stocks increased on mixed economic figures and as investors await more on the policies of President Donald Trump. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 112.86 at 19,912.71. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 14.87 at 2,280.07, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 48.02 at 5,600.96. **Commodity Markets:** The spot price of gold fell \$8.66 to \$1,209.44. The spot price of silver fell \$0.13 to \$17.11, and crude oil prices rose \$0.34 to \$53.09.

TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 25th

- 1759** - Scottish poet Robert Burns was born. He wrote the song "Auld Lang Syne."
- 1858** - The wedding march was played for the first time. The wedding march comes from the Richard Wagner opera, "Lohengrin."
- 1915** - Transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated in a hookup between New York and San Francisco.
- 1924** - The first Winter Olympic Games began on this day.
- 1934** - "Public Enemy Number One"--John Dillinger--was captured at Tucson, Arizona. Dillinger was a bank robber and killer.
- 1938** - Singer Etta James was born. Her biggest hit was "At Last."
- 1961** - President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and TV.
- 1971** - Charles Manson and three of his female followers were found guilty of the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six other people in Los Angeles.

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