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State & Local News

◆ ETOWAH COUPLE ATTENDS INAUGURAL BALL

An Etowah couple, Larry and Sharon Anderson, had a once-in-a-lifetime experience last week when they attended the inauguration of President Donald Trump in Washington. They also attended the Liberty Ball, one of several Inaugural Balls. That's when they spotted a couple of national political figures: Senator Jeff Sessions, the nominee to be the U.S. Attorney General, and Kellyanne Conway, senior advisor to President Trump. Sharon, like Senator Sessions, is from Alabama. She walked up to him and started a conversation, and then asked a friend to take a photo. (Sharon's husband, Larry, is seen in the background doing a "photo bomb") Sharon also met Kellyanne Conway and got a photo with her. The Andersons say it was thrill of a lifetime.



National - World News

◆ The Pentagon announced Wednesday that James Mattis' first overseas trip as Defense Secretary will be to Japan and South Korea, highlighting the Pacific region's importance to U.S. security interests.

◆ Bob Evans Farms Inc. is selling more than 500 restaurants across the U.S. as it splits into two businesses. The Restaurants will be sold to Golden Gate Capital, and Red Lobster chains, for \$565 million.

◆ The Dow Jones Industrial Average hit a major milestone Wednesday, closing above 20,000 points for the first time. The Dow gained 155.8 points to close at 20,068.51. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq composite joined the Dow in closing at all-time highs.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Public Works Department has finished the second round of leaf collection and will do loose leaf collection by call-in only. Please call 744-2776 and leave your name, address, and phone number to be placed on a work list to have loose leaves vacuumed up at curbside. The last day of loose leaf pickup will be Friday, February 17th. After that, leaves must be bagged in order for the city to pick them up.

✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's Heritage School this Saturday will be a presentation on "Chair Caning" with Charles Wood. The hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Heritage School is free to Museum members. The fee for non-member adults is \$5.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Overcast. Cooler. High around 45.

Thurs. Night - Mostly cloudy. A few flurries are possible.

Low near 30.

Friday - Cloudy. A few flurries are possible. High around 40.

Friday Night - Cloudy. Flurries possible. Low 27.

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Ribbon Cutting at Weichert Realty

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting this week at Weichert Realtors, 2306 Congress Parkway S., Athens. Pictured, L-R: Zach Parkison (Chamber Diplomat), Cheryl Ingram (McMinn Co. Register of Deeds), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Kavitha Reddy (Chamber Board), Jeanne-Marie King (SouthEast Bank), Autumn Rollo (Diplomat), Nick Webb (Affiliate Broker, Weichert), Mike Ball (Southern Provision), Todd Jewell (Owner/Broker), Tom Hughes (SouthEast Bank), Rachael Eddington (Administrative Assistant, Weichert), Jackie Newman (Chamber Chair), Michelle Clough (Diplomat), John Gentry (McMinn County Mayor), Cheryl Bressler (Diplomat).



Obituaries

♦ **Marion Max Culpepper**, age 81, of Delano, died Tuesday at his home. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at Bowater Paper Mill for 40 years. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Etowah, with visitation to follow from 4 to 5 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Joshua Daniel "Josh" Morgan**, age 30, of Decatur, died Monday at his home. He was a butcher at Morgan's Meat Processing in Madisonville. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Albert Marion Ballew, Jr.**, age 84, of Athens, died January 20th at his home. He was retired from Bowater after 42 years. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. Funeral services were held last Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral home.

♦ **Elizabeth Wiggins**, age 79, of Decatur, died Monday at Turkey Creek Medical Center. She was a former cafeteria worker at Fairview Elementary School and a Home Health CNA. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

♦ **Jennifer Joy Dyer**, of Knoxville and formerly of Athens, died Monday. She was the daughter of the late Dick and Elsie Dyer of Athens. A celebration of life will be held at her natural burial on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center in Washburn. Click Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 26th

1784 - In a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the eagle as the symbol of America. He wanted it to be the turkey.

1837 - Michigan became the 26th state.

1880 - Douglas MacArthur was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was one of the leading U.S. Army generals of World War Two and led the Allied forces to victory in the Southwest Pacific.

1905 - The world's largest diamond, the Cullinan diamond (also known as the Star of Africa), was found in South Africa. It weighed about 1½ pounds.

1986 - Super Bowl XX (at New Orleans): Chicago Bears 46, New England Patriots 10. Mike Ditka was the coach, Jim McMahon was the quarterback along with, RT William Perry, known as 'The Refrigerator' and RB Walter Payton. Tickets were \$75.00. Nielsen TV ratings indicated that exactly 50 percent of the U.S. population watched at least some part of the game, making it, at the time, the most watched TV program in history.

1998 - President Bill Clinton denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."