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Thursday, February 2, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ NEW CITY MANAGER IS ON BOARD

The new Athens City Manager is officially on the job. Seth Sumner's first public appearance will be tonight when he speaks to the Downtown Business Association's annual Dinner and Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Open Door Café. Sumner replaces Mitch Moore, who retired at the end of the year. Sumner grew up in Riceville, and comes to Athens from Savannah, Tn, where he was assistant city manager.



◆ MILLS TO KEYNOTE ETOWAH CHAMBER

The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce will bring the humor of Karen Mills to their 55th Annual Banquet on March 7th. Mills has toured clubs, colleges, and theaters across the country. Also, she has been the keynote speaker at survivor events, fundraisers, sports banquets, and has even given commencement addresses. Mills was diagnosed with ovarian cancer several years ago. She is now cancer free, and is noted for her ability to bring humor to difficult topics. She recently spoke at the National Alliance for Ovarian Cancer in Washington, D.C. Tickets to the Etowah Chamber Dinner are \$30 and can be reserved by calling 263-2228.



National - World News

- ◆ Noor Salman, the jailed widow of the Orlando, Florida nightclub gunman and mass murderer, will remain in custody and undergo a psychological evaluation.
- ◆ Four Delaware prison employees were held hostage at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna. The incident began around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday when five employees were taken hostage. They are being held in an area that houses approximately 100 inmates.
- ◆ A missing female bobcat has been found after escaping its enclosure at the Smithsonian's National Zoo on Monday. She was found on zoo property Wednesday after a visitor spotted her by the birdhouse and alerted the staff.
- ◆ Making an appearance at Wednesday's White House press briefing, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn delivered a stern warning to Iran for recent weapons testing and actions by state-supported militants. Flynn said that the United States is putting the country "on notice."
- ◆ On Wednesday, members of the United Kingdom's House of Commons voted to approve the first step towards leaving the European Union. The bill will still face further scrutiny from the House of Commons and the House of Lords before it becomes law.
- ◆ Israel has given the green light for plans to build more homes for Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

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Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Historical Society will have its February meeting this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The featured speaker will be Kenneth Dubke, also known as "The Birdman." He worked for the National Park Service from 1966 until his retirement in 1991. He spent most of those years at the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and at Point Park on Lookout Mountain. The meeting begins at 2 p.m., and the public is invited.
- Tickets to the Athens Parks and Recreation Department's Daddy Daughter Dance have been sold out except for the 1 p.m. dance on Saturday, February 11th. The dances are being held at the McMinn County High School. Tickets are \$12 per person.



Wednesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks drifted higher as the Federal Reserve kept rates unchanged and offered a few clues on its next move in the early days of the Trump administration. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 26.85 at 19,890.94. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.68 at 2,279.55, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 27.86 at 5,642.65. In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold fell \$1.03 to \$1,209.62. The spot price of silver fell \$0.02 to \$17.54, and crude oil prices rose \$0.74 to \$53.55 per barrel.

◆ FIRE HITS SEATON BUILDING

A fire erupted in a warehouse at Seaton Enterprises on the Old Niota Road Wednesday morning. The Athens Fire Department reported smoke coming from the building as they arrived, and quickly called for a "full page" of all available firefighters. They were able to bring the blaze under control and leave the scene after about two hours. Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer says there was some light structural damage to the building and the cause of the fire is being investigated.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Saturday, February 4th is the final day for the Alvin York exhibit "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" on display at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum.

TODAY IN HISTORY-FEBRUARY 2nd

- 1536** - The Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded.
- 1848** - Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which gave New Mexico and California to the United States.
- 1876** - The National Baseball League was formed, with teams in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville, and Hartford.
- 1882** - Irish author James Joyce was born. He wrote the novel, "Ulysses."
- 1887** - Punxsutawney, Pa., held its first Groundhog Day festival.
- 1890** - Charles Correll, the "Andy" of radio's "Amos and Andy" program, was born.
- 1923** - Poet and author James Dickey was born in Atlanta. One of his best-known novels is "Deliverance."
- 1943** - The remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major World War II victory for the Soviets.
- 1971** - Idi Amin assumed power in Uganda following a coup.
- 1990** - South African President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.
- 2009** - Hillary Rodham Clinton was sworn in as U.S. secretary of state.
- 2011** - Supporters of President Hosni Mubarak charged into Cairo's central square on horses and camels brandishing whips while others rained firebombs from rooftops in what appeared to be an orchestrated assault against protesters trying to topple Egypt's leader of 30 years.