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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ POLICE/FIRE REPORTS FOR MARCH

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. The meeting was fairly brief and lasted less than hour. As usual, the council heard reports on police and fire department activity for the previous month.

- Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported there were 46 thefts in March, 20 assaults, 11 burglaries, seven motor vehicle thefts, and four robberies. Police issued 399 citations for moving violations. There were 74 traffic accidents in March, with 10 injuries. Davis reported there are four vacancies on the Athens Police force.

- Fire Chief Jin Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 53 calls in March. Ten calls were to vehicle accidents, one was to a business fire, and thirteen were false alarms. Damages for the month totaled \$66,000.

◆ AUB ISSUES WATER QUALITY REPORT

Athens Utilities Board has issued its annual [Water Quality Report](#). The report shows that AUB's water quality exceeds all state and federal water quality standards. The drinking water comes from three sources: the Ingleside spring, wells that tap an underground aquifer that parallels Oostanaula Creek, and from the Hiwassee Utility Commission. To ensure superior water, AUB performs year-round tests at wells and springs, at the AUB water treatment plant, at points throughout the distribution system, and at selected homes and businesses.

National - World News

◆ The Interior Department announced on Wednesday that visits to National Parks brought in more than \$34.9 billion to the U.S. economy in 2016, which is an increase of nearly \$3 billion from the previous year.

◆ U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said that the Trump administration is reviewing the Obama-era nuclear weapons agreement with Iran to determine whether they will stop the deal's suspension of U.S. sanctions.

◆ A U.S. official says that Syria has moved all of the aircraft from the airbase that was struck by U.S. missiles two weeks ago to an airbase in Latakia that is used by Russia for missions within Syria.

◆ President Donald Trump welcomed the New England Patriots to the White House Wednesday afternoon, praising coach Bill Belichick and the team's owner Bob Kraft and many of the players who were present.

◆ Bill O'Reilly responded Wednesday afternoon to news that he will not be returning to his top-rated Fox News Channel show *The O'Reilly Factor*, by saying "it is tremendously disheartening that we part ways due to completely unfounded claims."

◆ Las Vegas now has vending machines that dispense clean needles for IV drug users.

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Ribbon Cut at Red Roof Inn

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Red Roof Inn in Etowah. Joining the celebration and pictured below, left to right, were: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomat), A.J. Patel (General Manager), Rita Wilcox (Guest Services Representative), Moises Contreras (Chamber Chairman), Art Patel (Owner), Dick Pelley (Athens City Council), Ireen Patel (Owner), Sylvia Hobbs (Guest Services Rep.), Billie Crabtree (Diplomat)
(Photo by Kay Simmons)



Obituaries

♦ **Jimmie Ross Shell**, age 83, of Athens, died Wednesday at Bradley Healthcare & Rehab in Cleveland. He was a newspaper carrier for the Knoxville News-Sentinel and Chattanooga Times Free-Press. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Charles "Chuck" Oris Segars**, age 85, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He served in the Navy and retired from TVA after 30 years as a Technical Report writer. A private burial will be held later. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished the day mixed with consumer-discretionary and health-care shares leading the session's advance while shares of IBM were largely responsible for a decline in the Dow Industrials. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 118.79 at 20,404.49. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.02 at 2,338.17, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 13.56 at 5,863.03.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce monthly "Business Before Hours" event will be held Thursday morning from 8 to 9 at the AT&T Retail Store on Decatur Pike.
- ✓ The Tennessee Wesleyan University Concert Choir and the Farragut High School Advanced Mixed Choir will present "Requiem" tonight at 7 at First Baptist Church of Athens. Admission is free.

FAURÉ REQUIEM

ORIGINAL ORCHESTRATION

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00PM
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Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7:00PM
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