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Thursday, January 18, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ OH THOSE ICY AND SLIPPERY ROADS!

The Athens area woke to ice and snow-covered streets and roads Wednesday, prompting another round of school closings, government office closings, court cancellations, and Wednesday night church activity cancellations. In Athens, residential garbage collections for Wednesday and Thursday were delayed by one day. Athens Utility Board recorded a low of 6 degrees Wednesday.



National - World News

◆ Tennessee authorities are searching for two teenage sisters who are missing and believed to have run away from home. The Robertson County Sheriff's Office said Kayla Ward, 17, and Brooke Ward, 14, of Springfield, were last seen at their home on Highway 76 just outside of Springfield and are believed to have run away on January 11.

◆ CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS:

- ✓ The Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale concert at North Etowah Baptist Church scheduled for Thursday night has been postponed until a later date due to road conditions.
- ✓ The following schools are closed on Thursday: Christ Legacy Academy, McMinn County, Meigs County, Valley Christian, Athens City, Etowah City, and Fairview Christian Academy.
- ✓ The Living Heritage Museum will be closed on Thursday.
- ✓ Bookmark the "[Closings and Cancellations](#)" page on our website and refresh it occasionally to see any changes.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 72nd Annual Meeting and a Mardi Gras Ball on Friday, Feb. 2nd, at Athens City Middle School. The event starts at 6 p.m. with a silent auction, live music by September Song, and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres. The program and presentation of Community Awards will be at 7 p.m. There will be dancing and live music from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Chamber office in the basement of the McMinn County Courthouse.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Sunny with a high of 38.

Thursday Night - Clear with a low of 16.

Friday - Sunny and warmer. High near 48.

More Weather at: wysi.com

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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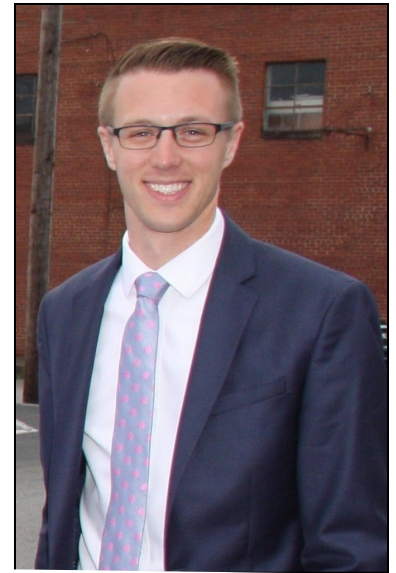
Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Calvin Buckner**, age 79, of Englewood, died Monday at his home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with a Masonic Service to follow. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Patricia "Trish" Kay Linder**, age 44, of Athens, died on January 9th at a hospice facility in Chattanooga. She worked as a C.N.A. at Life Care Center of Athens and for several years was employed by Pizza Hut. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Niota. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Raul Cabrera**, age 19, of Athens, died last Sunday. He attended McMinn Central and Sequoyah High School graduating in the class of 2016. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **John Sadler**, age 70, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Steve Shelton**, age 60, of Sweetwater and a former resident of McMinn and Meigs Counties, died Tuesday at the home of his brother in Sweetwater. He was associated with H.P. Pelzer Company. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Doug Lyons**, age 59, of Athens, died Wednesday at Physicians Regional Medical Center in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Carol Weeks Shaddon**, age 70, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Rhea Medical Center in Dayton. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

Cochran Makes It Official

Mark Cochran has made it official. He will seek the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 23rd District which includes McMinn County and part of Monroe County. This is the seat currently held by Rep. John Forgety, who is retiring at the end of his current term. Cochran says McMinn County has been home to his family for over 160 years. He is a self-described conservative and vows to be an advocate for individual and religious liberty in the state legislature. Cochran has served as Assistant to the McMinn County Mayor since 2010. He served two terms as chairman of the McMinn County Republican Party and is currently the chairman of C.A.G.E., the Community Action Group of Englewood. Cochran is the second candidate to enter the race. Athens attorney Trey Winder, III, has also tossed his hat into the ring.



WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Stocks were solidly higher on the day as the Dow Jones and NASDAQ Indexes posted gains exceeding 1%. Apple rose nearly 2% after the company announced plans to repatriate billions in cash held overseas, contributing \$350 billion to the U.S. economy over the next five years.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 323 points or 1.3% to 26,116. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 26 points or 0.9% to 2,803, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 75 points or 1.0% to 7,298.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year Treasury yield closed higher at 2.84% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished higher at 2.57%. In Commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$9.53 to \$1,328.90, and the price of crude oil rose \$0.17 to \$63.90.

TODAY IN HISTORY – JANUARY 18th

- 1778** - The Hawaiian Islands were discovered by Captain James Cook. Hawaii consists of a chain of 132 islands extending for more than 1,500 miles. Most of the people live on seven main islands.
- 1788** - The first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.
- 1782** - Lawyer and statesman Daniel Webster was born in Salisbury, N.H.
- 1871** - William I of Prussia was proclaimed German emperor in Versailles, France.
- 1892** - Oliver Hardy of the comedy team Laurel and Hardy was born Norvell Hardy in Harlem, Ga.
- 1911** - The first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely flew onto the deck of the USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco harbor
- 1919** - The World War I peace conference opened in Versailles, France.
- 1991** - Financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.
- 1958** - The Baltimore Colts won the NFL championship, defeating the New York Giants 23-17 in overtime at Yankee Stadium, in what has been dubbed the greatest football game ever played.