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Today's News... This Morning

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

National & World News

◆ WHAT TO DO WHEN POLICE STOP YOU

What does it mean when you see blue lights behind you? The Athens Police Department says it means the officer is requesting the right to road clearance or the officer is signaling to you to pull over. What should you do?

- Pull over as far to the right as safely possible. The officer is selecting the traffic stop position for both you and the officer's safety.
- Please stay in your vehicle unless directed by the officer to get out.
- The officer will ask you for some information, your driver's license, proof of insurance, and the vehicle registration.
- You will be told why your were stopped.
- If you receive a citation, the officer will advise you of a court date, which allows you to appear before a judge. The officer will give you a traffic fact sheet explaining how you can dispose of your case with a minimum of trouble and expense.
- After the traffic stop is completed use caution and return to the flow of traffic.

◆ CHAMBER CHAT GUEST

The guest on the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Chat" radio show today (Tuesday) at 8:15 a.m. will be Frank Davis, director of Helping Hands Ministries. You can hear "Chamber Chat" on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 FM-94.5 & [Online](#).

◆ Congress agreed to a short-term bill to fund the government for three weeks and end the three-day federal government shut-down on Monday. The Senate voted 81-18 to reopen government and fund it for the next three weeks. Two Republicans, Senators Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Lee of Utah, joined with 16 Democrats to vote no against the bill. The House of Representatives concurred with the measure 266-150, sending it to President Donald Trump, whose signature would bring an end to the impasse.

◆ Ksenia Sobchak, a former reality TV star-turned-journalist has gathered enough signatures to get on the ballot and will be running against Russia's President Vladimir Putin in the country's election this year on March 18.

◆ A North Korean delegation was met with dozens of protesters burning a banner image of leader Kim Jong Un as they arrived in South Korea ahead of the Winter Olympics.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 56th annual banquet in March this year. A date will be announced soon. The event will begin with a "Silent Auction" at 6 p.m. The evening will also include award presentations to the Business Person of the Year, R. Frank McKinney Distinguished Service Award, and the Joe Quirk Educator of the Year. Nominations for these prestigious awards must be mailed to the Etowah Area Chamber, P.O. Box 458, Etowah, TN 37331 by February 10th.

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Obituaries

♦ **Jimmy Lee Martin**, age 73, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was retired from H.T. Hackney after 32 years of service. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

♦ **Sara Elizabeth "Daisy" Grubb**, age 82, of Athens died Sunday at Starr Regional Health and Rehab in Etowah. She was a CNA and LPN, retired from Etowah Health Care and was a former employee of Life Care of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

♦ **Zayden Correia**, age 16 months, of Etowah, died Sunday, January 14 at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

♦ **William D. Powers**, age 69, of Ten Mile, died Monday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

U.S. stocks closed higher after the Senate reached a bipartisan agreement to end a three-day government shutdown. It was also a busy day for merger announcements, as Celgene Corp acquired Juno Therapeutics Inc for \$9 billion, Sanofi acquired Bioerativ Inc for \$11.6 billion, and AIG acquired Validus for \$5.6 billion. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 143 points or 0.5% to 26,215. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 23 points or 0.8% to 2,833, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 72 points or 1.0% to 7,408.

2016 vs. 2017 Crimes in Athens

Crimes in virtually all categories declined sharply in 2017 compared to 2016. The year-end report shows these figures:

- Homicides: 0 in 2017; 3 in 2016
- Sex Offenses: 19 in 2017; 24 in 2016
- Robbery: 16 in 2017; 25 in 2016
- Assault: 191 in 2017; 252 in 2016
- Burglary: 137 in 2017; 202 in 2016
- Theft: 681 in 2017; 728 in 2016
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 79 in 2017; 70 in 2016 (This was the only property crime category to increase in 2017)
- Moving Violations: 3908 in 2017; 4639 in 2016
- Vehicle accidents: 945 in 2017; 901 in 2016
- Injuries from traffic accidents: 133 in 2017; 207 in 2016
- Traffic fatalities: 0 in 2017; 4 in 2016

The year-end report for the Athens Fire Department shows fire-fighters responded to 638 calls in 2017, up slightly from 624 in 2016.

- There were 9 residential fires in 2017; 15 in 2016
- There were 17 commercial fires in 2017; 2 in 2016
- There were four industrial fires in 2017; 0 in 2016
- There were 106 vehicle accident calls in 2017; 99 in 2016
- There were 190 false alarms in 2017; 149 in 2016
- Damages from fires: \$3,368,950 in 2017; \$715,950 in 2016

Today In History ~ January 23rd

1719 - The principality of Liechtenstein was constituted on this date. The tiny country is located in a valley in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland. It occupies only 61 square miles.

1737 - John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born. He became famous for his bold signature. Even today, when a man signs a document, he is said to have written his "John Hancock."

1968 - North Korean forces seized the U.S. spy ship Pueblo, the first American naval vessel captured at sea since 1812. The 82 crew members and one body were released after 10 months of secret negotiations.

1973 - President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

2002 - Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan war. He was later beheaded and video of the killing was shown on TV.

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