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Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ SUMNER: "YOU'VE NOT SEEN ANYTHING YET"

Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner has finished his first year on the job. Sumner appeared on the weekly Athens Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," aired on WYXI Radio Tuesday morning. Sumner said it has been a "whirlwind of a year" with lots of highs and lows. He said the highs include the opening of Food City and the hiring of a new police chief and public works director. He said the low was the fire in Downtown Athens which destroyed the Logan-Thompson law office building and heavily damaged Johnson's Home Furnishings, the Athens Chamber office, and Greeks



Bearing Gifts. He said he'll never forget the early-morning phone call from Fire Chief Jim Dyer that there was a big fire downtown. All in all, Sumner said it has been a wonderful first year and a lot of progress has been made. He added, "You've not seen anything yet!"

## National & World News

◆ A highly anticipated House Intelligence Committee interview with Stephen Bannon has been postponed until next week, as negotiations continue over the terms of his appearance.

◆ Vice President Mike Pence signaled openness to a possible face-to-face meeting with North Korean officials on the sidelines of the Winter Olympics this month. This encounter would be the highest-level American contact with the rogue regime in decades.

◆ A trial is underway for former Virginia Tech student, David Eisenhauer, who is accused of stabbing 13-year-old Nicole Lovell to death after they allegedly connected over an instant messaging app. Prosecutors said she was stabbed 14 times.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Six Tennessee businesses will now have the opportunity to grow and positively impact rural economies through grants provided by the Agriculture Enterprise Fund. Tennessee Agriculture Commissioner Jai Templeton says one of the grants is going to AgCentral Co-op in Athens for adding a soybean roaster.

✓ The annual meeting of the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will be tomorrow, Feb. 8th, at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Center.

✓ The Downtown Business Association's annual dinner is tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Open Door Restaurant. Police Chief Cliff Couch is the speaker.

✓ The Etowah City School will be closed today through Friday, due to sickness. Etowah School will reopen on Monday.

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**Wednesday** - Possible rain before 4 p.m. High near 56.  
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**Friday** - Sunny. High 59.  
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## Obituaries

- ♦ **James Dean Stokes**, age 76, of Decatur, died Monday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He was a former employee of the Meigs County Sheriff's Department and retired from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Decatur Cemetery, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Jayvin LaMon Calloway**, 9 months old, died January 31st. He is survived by his foster parents, Peter and Virginia Rock of Riceville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from noon to 1 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks rallied closing out a volatile trading session that began with stocks opening sharply lower. The message from market commentators was generally positive, pointing to continued strong economic fundamentals. The materials and technology sectors led the rally while more interest rate sensitive sectors, like utilities, real estate and telecom, underperformed the broader market. U.S. Treasuries were lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 567 points or 2.3% to 24,913. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 46 points or 1.7% to 2,695, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 148 points or 2.1% to 7,116.

## Good Faith Clinic Gets EKG Machine

The Good Faith Clinic has purchased an EKG machine thanks to a grant from the Volunteer Energy Customer Share Program. Acquisition of the EKG was celebrated at a recent event that honored the clinic's many volunteers and accomplishments of 2017. Good Faith celebrated their partnership with VEC, represented by Erbin Baumgardner, a member of the program's board of directors representing McMinn County, who is responsible for awarding the grants. The photo shows Good Faith Clinic board members, L-R: Frank Davis, Michelle Crafton (Chair), Steve McCaslin, VECSP board member Erbin Baumgardner, and Lisa Harrison. (Photo by Chris Hari)



## TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

**1812** - Novelist Charles Dickens was born in England. His best-known books include "A Christmas Carol," "Great Expectations," and "Oliver Twist."

**1885** - Author Sinclair Lewis was born in Minnesota. He wrote such novels as "Main Street" and "Babbitt." In 1930, Lewis became the first American author to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

**1947** - The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in caves a few miles from Jericho. They date from around 200 B.C. to 100 A.D. They are the oldest known manuscripts of any books of the Bible. They include all of the books of the Old Testament except Esther.

**1962** - President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

**1990** - The Soviet Union's Communist Party gave up its monopoly on power by agreeing to let other political parties compete for control of the country.

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