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### Local & Area News

#### ◆ SEE SANDHILL CRANES THIS WEEKEND

The 29th Annual Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival will take place this Saturday and Sunday. The annual event is sponsored by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and celebrates the migration of the Sandhill Crane. Thousands of the birds find their way to the Hiwassee Refuge each winter. The cranes are about four feet tall with an eight foot wingspan. The festival begins at 7 a.m. both days. Free parking is available at the Birchwood Community Center. Shuttle service will be provided to the Hiwassee Refuge and the Cherokee Removal Memorial Park.

#### ◆ AVA AND WILLIAM ARE #1 NAMES

For the 13th straight year, William is the most popular name for baby boys born in Tennessee. Ava moved into first place for baby girls. Ava is followed by Olivia, Emma, Amelia, Harper, Charlotte, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Isabella, and Ella. Among the baby boys, after William come Liam, Noah, James, Elijah, Mason, Oliver, John, Wyatt, and Jackson in that order. Wyatt, by the way, is the new arrival on the top ten list of boys' names for 2019. Ella is a new addition to the list for girls' names.

#### ◆ CHAMBER SETS TIMES FOR MEETING

The Athens Chamber of Commerce has announced the times for the 74th Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6th. There will be a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The location is The Barn at Faith Farms on County Rd 260.

### Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces the following closings for the Martin Luther King Day observance this coming Monday, January 20th. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will all be closed on Monday. Residential garbage routes for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. All other residential garbage routes will be on the regular schedule.

✓ United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is now accepting nominations for the Dick Dyer Community Service Award. The award is given each year to an individual who exemplifies Mr. Dyer's exceptional vision and caring spirit for the community. The recipient should have made significant contributions to the community through church or civic activities, and made a lasting impression through his/her work. To submit a nomination, mail it to P.O. Box 1681 by February 3rd. Previous recipients include Buddy Liner, Mary Brown, Frank Davis, and Prof Powers.

✓ The annual Dream Achievers Ceremony will be held this Sunday at 4 p.m. at TWU's Townsend Auditorium. The Dream Achievers Award program was started in 2013 by the McMinn County Branch of the NAACP to recognize and honor all African American students in the McMinn County and Athens City School systems who obtain a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher. This year's ceremony will honor 126 students in grades 7-12.

#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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## Wednesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks ended with a record high over 29,000 after phase 1 of the U.S./China trade deal was signed by President Trump. Utilities led the market. According to the Federal Reserve, economic activity expanded modestly in the final six weeks of 2019. U.S. Treasury prices increased. Interest rates dipped. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 91 points or 0.3% to 29,030. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6 points or 0.2% to 3,289, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 7 points or 0.1% to 9,259.

### ♦ WANT TO BE A BEEKEEPER?

If you are interested in becoming a beekeeper, you should make plans to attend a short course presented by the Cherokee Beekeepers Association on Saturday, January 25th. The course will be held at the McMinn County Senior Citizens Center at 205 McMinn Ave. in Athens from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Cherokee Beekeepers will award three new start-up hive kits to three eligible applicants at their February meeting. Applications for the Hive Grant will be available at the short course. (Photo by Suzi Drumright)



## Ribbon Cut for New Chamber Member

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Selena Smith of Lockmillier & Associates, at 112 E. Washington Ave. Chamber friends joining the celebration are shown front row: (L-R) Billie Crabtree and Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomats), Brenda Lowe, Radley Lockmillier (Owner), Selena Smith, LeAnne Presley (Lockmillier & Associates), Connie Woodcock, Kim York, & Haley Longwith (Diplomats). Back row: Reily Kennedy, Tina South, & Lisa Harrison (Diplomats), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), County Mayor John Gentry, County Property Assessor Keith Price, Erin Blankenship & Chris Anderson (Diplomats) (Photo from Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



### TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>

**1853** - André Michelin, the French industrialist who first mass-produced rubber automobile tires, was born.

**1910** - Baseball player Dizzy Dean was born. He wasn't given the name, Dizzy, at his birth on this day in 1910; but was named Jay Hanna Dean. Jay gained the reputation of being dizzy because of his malapropisms, used frequently in his later years. He was a star pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals during the 1930's and later became a popular radio sports-caster.

**1919** - The sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S. was prohibited with the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Prohibition Era lasted until 1933 and was marked by extreme violence and Underworld gangs which supplied the public with illegal alcoholic beverages. Prohibition was repealed in 1933 after most Americans decided it had done more harm than good.

**1939** - The shrill siren call of radio's *I Love a Mystery* was heard for the first time as the show debuted on NBC's West-Coast outlets.

**1943** - Country singer Ronnie Millap was born. His many hits include "What A Difference You've Made In My Life" and "Smoky Mountain Rain."

**1961** - Mickey Mantle signed a contract which made him the highest paid baseball player in the American League. 'The Commerce Comet' stepped up to the plate for \$75,000 for the 1961 season. Over in the National League, Willie 'Say Hey' Mays, was making more money than any baseball player. He had a contract for \$85,000.

**1964** - The musical "Hello Dolly" starring Carol Channing opened on Broadway.

**1972** - Super Bowl VI at New Orleans: Dallas Cowboys 24, Miami Dolphins 3. No Superdome yet. Super Bowl VI was played in Tulane University Stadium, in 39-degree weather, and Roger Staubach's Cowboys were all over the Dolphins. MVP: Cowboys' QB Staubach. Tickets were \$15.00.

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