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Friday, January 12, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ SUIT FILED AGAINST OPIOID PRODUCERS

Five additional Tennessee district attorneys general have jointly filed a lawsuit against prescription opioid producer Purdue Pharma L.P. and its related companies. The suit was filed in Cumberland County Circuit Court. The suit is also targeted against several pain clinics and their directors, including Mark Murphy, medical director of two pain clinics. Murphy was the nation's top prescriber of oxycodone and OxyContin to Medicare Part D patients in 2015. Tennessee ranks second in the nation for per-capita opioid prescriptions. Unintentional overdose deaths account for more early deaths in Tennessee than automobile accidents, suicides, or homicides. The vast majority of those overdose deaths involve opioids. The lawsuit seeks damages against the defendants for their role in flooding Tennessee with illegal opioids.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The City of Etowah Public Works/Sanitation Department and the Recycling Center will be closed Monday, January 15th, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Observance of the holiday will result in each residential sanitation route being one day later all next week.

✓ The Heritage School at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum on Saturday will feature Johnny McGrew with a demonstration of building a child's shaker chair. The class is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

National & World News

◆ Police in North Carolina are searching for Jonathan Bennett, 23, who allegedly killed the mother of his infant daughter. He was last seen driving an older white Ford Expedition with New York license plate HUP3071. The baby has been found safe and unharmed.

◆ South Korean President Moon Jae credited President Donald Trump for playing a "big" role in facilitating Tuesday's groundbreaking talks between South and North Korea during a press conference on Wednesday.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents *Sisters II*, featuring local sister acts tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at The Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. In the photo below are Lindsey Kimball, Jen Nunley, Emily, Sarah, Claire, and Miriam Offutt, Lauren Shepherd, Whitney Coe, Emily Arrington, Liz Schreck, and Abriel, Angel, and Ashley Hardaway.




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Friday - Showers. Possible t'storms. High near 57.
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Obituaries

♦ **Robert K. (Bob) Perry**, age 66, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He worked for many years in the U.S. Patent Office and was the owner of Perry and Associates, a patent research firm. He was Director of Financial Aid at Tennessee Wesleyan College (University) for 11 years prior to retirement. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted on Tuesday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **James Walter Sherman**, age 94, of Athens, died last Saturday. He was the oldest member of Freedman Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At the age of 11, he began to work with his mother at Tennessee Wesleyan College in the Maintenance Department, where he worked for more than 70 years when his health finally caused him to stop working. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Freedman Chapel Church, with visitation from noon to 1 p.m. at the church. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **James William Monfort**, age 83, of Delano, died Monday. He served in the U.S. Air force from 1955 to 1965. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Church News & Events

- North Etowah Baptist Church is now offering a warming shelter if temperatures drop below 32 degrees overnight. The church is located at 231 Pennsylvania Avenue (Enter at 2nd Street). Check in is from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Check out is 8 a.m. Warming shelter volunteers have no access to financial resources. For information, call 263-5531.

- The Niota First Baptist Church Youth Ministry holds "Life on Wednesday" each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for ages 7-17. Dinner is provided.

- The Athens Police Department will be presenting a Church Safety Seminar tomorrow (Saturday) at 9 a.m. at the Athens Movie Palace, 1436 Decatur Pike. Church leadership and clergy are especially invited to attend this free seminar. For information, call the Athens Police Department at 744-2730.

- The Cancer Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday, January 16th, at Athens Church of Christ. Bill Biddle of Biddle & Trew Law Office will be sharing information about wills, living wills, and power of attorneys (POAs) at the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call Travis Irwin at 920-3060.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 12th

1628 - Charles Perrault, author of "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty," was born in Paris. He also wrote "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Tom Thumb." His writings were published in a book titled "Tales of Mother Goose."

1905 - Tex Ritter, singer and cowboy movie star, was born. He sang the Academy Award winning song from the 1952 film, "High Noon."

1951 - The nation's most popular radio talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, was born. You can hear him each weekday afternoon from 12:05 to 3 p.m. on WYXI FM 94.5, AM 1390, and [ONLINE](#).

1966 - The TV show "Batman" debuted on ABC.

1991 - A divided Congress gave President George H.W. Bush the authority to use force to expel Iraq from Kuwait. (The Senate vote was 52-47; the House followed suit 250-183.)

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks

rebounded from Wednesday's losses and closed higher reaching new record highs. In corporate news, Delta Airlines reported higher earnings than expected, pushing the stock price 3.9% higher. In economic news, U.S. producer prices fell for the first time in more than a year. In the bond market, Treasuries mostly rose as yields slipped.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 206 points or 0.8% to 25,575. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 19 points or 0.7% to 2,768, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 58 points or 0.8% to 7,212.

In Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold rose \$5.18 to \$1,322.11, and the price of crude oil was unchanged at \$63.57.

In Bond Markets: The 30-year Treasury yield closed lower at 2.87% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished lower at 2.54%.