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Tuesday-February 25, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

## Local and State News

### ◆ METH LAB SEIZURES DROP IN ATHENS

The Athens Police Department announces a reduction in the number of meth lab seizures in the city. Nine meth labs were seized in 2013. That is in sharp contrast to the high of 58 labs seized in 2010. Police Chief Chuck Ziegler says meth makes up only a small percentage of the illegal drugs seized by Athens police. Ziegler says prescription drug abuse is the leading drug violation in the city with seizures making up 50% of all drugs confiscated. Marijuana is second at 40%.

Chief Ziegler submitted his report for the month of January to the Athens City Council last week. He reported there were 37 thefts in Athens, 15 assaults, 14 burglaries, 3 robberies, 3 motor vehicle thefts, and 2 sex offenses. Police wrote citations for 605 moving violations. There were 83 traffic accidents in Athens in January, with 10 injuries.

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 50 calls in January. Five were vehicle accidents, two were residential fires, and 17 were false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$16,500.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The next Athens Chamber of Commerce "Cash Mob" will be this Thursday at 12 noon at the Mayfield Dairy Visitor Center.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will meet this Thursday at the Valley Farmers Co-op in Athens at 7 p.m. The topic will be how to get started: "The Hive from Bottom to Top."

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Chuck Hagel, Defense Secretary, proposed closing military bases and making other military-wide savings as part of a broad reshaping of priorities after more than a decade of war. Hagel said the military must adjust to the reality of smaller budgets. Under the Hagel plan, the active-duty Army would shrink from its current 522,000 soldiers to between 440,000 and 450,000. That would make it the smallest Army since just before the U.S. entered World War II.

◆ The organizers of a spelling bee ran out of words for Sophia Hoffman, a fifth-grader at Highland Park Elementary School in the Kansas City suburb of Lee's Summit, and Kush Sharma, a seventh-grader at Frontier School of Innovation in Kansas City. The pair went 66 rounds in more than four hours before the organizers ran out of words. Hoffman and Sharma will face-off again on March 8 after new words have been selected. They are competing for a ticket to Washington, D.C. in May for the Scripps National Spelling-Bee.

◆ Harold Ramis, who starred in "Ghostbusters," and "Stripes" and directed "Groundhog Day," "National Lampoon's Vacation," and "Caddyshack", died on Monday at the age of 69. Ramis died from complications of autoimmune inflammatory vasculitis, which is a rare disease that involves swelling of the blood vessels.

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**Tuesday** - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. High - lower 50's.  
**Tuesday night** - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain in PM. Lows in the lower 30's.  
**Wednesday** - Partly sunny. 20% snow in AM. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.  
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Athens, Tennessee

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## Fun in the Sun!

The Spring-like weather this past weekend brought out the students at Tennessee Wesleyan College for a round of volleyball. (Photo by Dick Pelley)



### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn Youth Soccer Academy will start March 3rd for ages 4 to 7. Participants will have 30 minutes of instruction and a 30-minute game every Monday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Jacqueline Howard at 423-453-5691.
- ✓ Crye-Leike Realtors at 580 S. Congress Parkway invite you to join them for dessert and coffee tomorrow, Feb. 26th, from 1 to 3 p.m. to help raise funds for the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women."

## Obituaries

**Howard Blake "Friday" Grisham**, age 95, of Etowah died Sunday at his residence. A graveside service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Goodsprings Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Carl Price**, age 87, of Reliance died Monday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

### FORMER ATHENIAN EARNS LANCE CORPORAL

PFC Dakota Heatherly was recently promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is currently at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola completing training to become an aviation electronics technician and is the top Marine in his class. He is a 2011 graduate of McMinn High School and the son of Brian and Trayce Heatherly of Murfreesboro, formerly of Athens.



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### Today in History - February 25th

- 1836** - Inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.
- 1870** - Hiram Revels, a Mississippi Republican, was sworn in as the first black member of the U.S. Senate.
- 1901** - United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.
- 1964** - Cassius Clay (who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali) became the world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.
- 1913** - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.
- 1991** - U.S. Army Specialist James David Tatum of Riceville was killed when an Iraqi Scud Missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 28 Americans during the Persian Gulf War. Tatum was a 1987 graduate of MCHS and had worked for Wright Brothers Construction Company.
- 1999** - A jury in Jasper, Texas, sentenced white supremacist John William King to death for the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., an African-American man.

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