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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ ATHENS POLICE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Interim Athens Police Chief Rob Davis has issued his 2016 Annual Report on police activities. The report shows:

- There were 7,566 traffic stops in 2016. Officers issued 5,725 citations and 2,817 warning citations. There were also 1,091 parking tickets issued. Speeding accounted for nearly 30% of the tickets. Running stop signs and failing to wear seat belts each accounted for 15% of the citations. Registration and insurance violations each accounted for 12%, while running red lights made up only 2% of the tickets. The citations brought in \$440,338.00 in revenue. The breakdown of traffic stops by race shows 90% were whites, 6.8% were African Americans, and 2.9% were Hispanics.
- The report shows that 47% of drug seizures in Athens last year were for prescription drugs, 33% were for marijuana, and 20% were for other drugs, such as Meth, Ecstasy, Bath Salts, etc.
- Athens police made 1,316 arrests last year. Arrests from traffic stops totaled 550 (41.8%). Drug arrests totaled 292 (22.1%). Arrests for alcohol violations totaled 120 (9.1%). Nearly 47% of those arrested in 2016 were Athens residents, while 27.8% lived in McMinn County. Violators living outside of McMinn County accounted for 25.3% of the arrests.
- The report says Athens police officers made 573 citizen contacts in the neighborhoods last year. The Citizen Contact program encourages officers to get out of their cars to meet citizens.

National & World News

◆ As tensions flare between the United States and North Korea, the number of American citizens detained by the authoritarian government is also rising. Kim Hak Song became the fourth American citizen to be jailed by the repressive regime, on charges such as espionage and "crimes against the state."

- ◆ The United Nations reports that the simmering conflict in South Sudan, has forced more than one million children to seek refuge in neighboring countries, creating one of the most significant refugee crises in the world.
- ◆ Luxury retailer Coach has bagged a deal with its smaller rival, Kate Spade for \$2.4 billion in cash. Kate Spade will continue as an independent brand with its own stores.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ MUFC soccer tryouts for the 2017-2018 Soccer Season begin next Monday, May 15th, and continue through June 6th. All tryouts will be held at the soccer complex on McMinn Ave. in Athens. On Monday, May 15th, tryouts will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 2009-2010. On Thursday, May 18th, tryouts are for ages 2007-2008. Call Pam Blevins at 507-9006 for more details.

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Top Bluegrass Act Coming Friday

One of the biggest acts in Bluegrass music will be in Athens this Friday night. Dailey and Vincent will perform at the Athens City Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$19, and are available at Michael's Casual Dining in Athens and Etowah. Darrin Vincent and Jamie Dailey have just been inducted into the Grand Ole Opry. Their new CD, "Patriots and Poets," has just been released. Their music is family friendly, and includes a mixture of Bluegrass and Gospel music. Steve Martin (who plays banjo) is featured on one of the songs on their new CD. Volunteers are needed to help with the show and will get free tickets for themselves and their family. For details call Gerald Roy at: 615-554-7916.



Obituaries

♦ **Jack Slayton**, age 68, of Niota, died Monday at Sweetwater Hospital after suffering a heart attack at his home. Slayton was a longtime Sports Editor for the Daily Post-Athenian. He semi-retired in 2015, but continued to cover McMinn Central High and Tennessee Wesleyan University sports. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Bill Buckner**, age 65, of Englewood, died Sunday at his home. He was employed at Tellico Culvert for 38 years. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mars Hill Cemetery, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at the cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Donald McAllister, Sr.**, age 77, of Delano, died Sunday at his home. He was a veteran of the Navy. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beta Cemetery, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," today will be Sandy Starr from Athens City Middle School discussing the school's Rachel's Challenge program. Hear "Chamber Chat" at 8:15 a.m. each Tuesday on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5, AM 1390 & wyxi.com.

CORRECTION: To volunteer to help in the United Way's Day of Caring, text CARING2017 to 50503.

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