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Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ COUNCIL GETS POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

The Athens City Council received the reports on police and fire department activity for the month of April at Tuesday evening's monthly Council meeting. Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported 62 thefts in April, 20 assaults, seven vehicle thefts, four burglaries, two robberies, and two sex offenses. Officers issued citations for 334 moving violations. There were 80 traffic accidents in April, with 19 injuries. Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 60 calls in April, one was to an industrial fire, 11 were to vehicle accidents, four were grass fires, and there were 17 false alarms. Losses from fires totaled \$76,150. Of the losses, \$25,000 came in a fire at HP Pelzer on April 18th.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet tomorrow, May 18th, at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. Lena Beth Reynolds will be the guest speaker. Breakfast will be Dutch treat. The public is invited.
- ✓ The Delano Lions Club will present a Bluegrass Festival and Crafts Show this Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. at 109 Carolina Avenue, Delano. Bands include Turning Point, the Housely Brothers, Bluegrass Travelers, Don & Carolyn, and Back to Back.

2 DUDES BBQ

- **TODAY- ETOWAH - 10:45-1:00**
- **TOMORROW - LOUDON - 10:45-1:00**
- **FRIDAY - SWEETWATER 10:45-1:30**

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National & World News

◆ Amid widespread reports that President Trump gave away highly classified information provided by Israeli intelligence, Trump has declared he had an "absolute right" to share information of a terrorist plot with Russia. The President declined to characterize the information shared as classified and his national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, declined to say as well. Israel quickly declared it had "full confidence" in its intelligence-sharing agreement with the US. The intelligence Trump shared involved an Islamic State plot to use bombs hidden in laptop computers to bring down airplanes. White House officials confirmed that it was concerned about a threat to aviation and argued it was appropriate to share such information with Russia, which has also been the victim of terrorism.

◆ The founder of a New York City music school for children, Oliver Sohngen, was arrested Tuesday morning on federal charges of alleged sex trafficking of minors. Sohngen allegedly had sex with teen girls and tried to arrange sexual contact with girls as young as 8 years old.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Register of Deeds office will be closed today and tomorrow, May 17th and 18th, for staff training.

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Training New Firefighters

Twenty-eight volunteer firefighters in McMinn County are currently undergoing training. The instructor is Brandon Ainsworth, Chief of the Riceville Volunteer Department and a Captain on the Athens Fire Department. The classes teach entry level recruits the basics of firefighting, including fire behavior, search and rescue, ground ladders, fire hoses and extinguishers, vehicle extraction, and much more. The "64 Basic" classes are being held at the Riceville Fire Department and the Athens Fire Department. The photo shows the recruits undergoing training.



(Photo by: Brandon Ainsworth)

Tuesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks closed mixed as investors shrug off reports that Ford will cut about 10 percent of its salaried workforce in North America and Asia. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 2.19 at 20,979.75. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1.65 at 2,400.67, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 20.20 at 6,169.87. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$6.26 to \$1,236.94. The spot price of silver rose \$0.23 to \$16.84, and crude oil prices fell \$0.23 to \$48.62.

SENATOR BELL RECEIVES SAFARI CLUB HONOR

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has received the Safari Club International's 2016 Legislator of the Year award. Bell was recognized for advancing legislation to promote hunting, Second Amendment rights, and wildlife conservation. The award was presented last week at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The photo shows SCI Board Member Bill Swan, Bell, and his wife, Lisa.



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