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Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ NOVEMBER POLICE & FIRE DEPT. REPORTS

The Athens City Council received the monthly reports on police and fire department activity for the month of November at Tuesday night's Council meeting.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler's report said there were 62 thefts in November, 28 assaults, 18 burglaries, three robberies, two motor vehicle thefts, and one sex offense. Police officers issued 346 citations for moving violations. There were 82 traffic accidents with 22 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 41 calls in November. The calls included two residential fires, three vehicle fires, eight vehicle accidents, and 10 false alarms. Losses from the fires totaled \$62,500.

**UPDATE:** One of the victims in Sunday night's shooting at an apartment house on Forrest Avenue, Keith Harris, is reported to be hospitalized at UT Medical Center on life support. Police say he had been shot in the head. (In Tuesday's Morning Fax, we incorrectly identified him as Keith Tyler.) A woman was also shot in the hand. She has now been released from the hospital. Police are still looking for two male suspects.

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## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The jury is deadlocked in the trial of police officer William Porter, charged in the death of black detainee Freddie Gray. Porter is charged with involuntary manslaughter and other charges in Gray's death. Gray sustained a broken neck in the back of a police van in April of this year.

◆ More than 1,000 public schools in Los Angeles were closed on Tuesday over a threatened attack with bombs and assault rifles. Thousands of students were sent home and city leaders were criticized for overreacting to what federal officials later said was likely a hoax.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Schools, McMinn County, Meigs County, Etowah City School, Fairview Christian Academy, and Christ's Legacy Academy will all dismiss early on Friday for the Christmas holidays.

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces that this month's "Business Before Hours" will be this Thursday, December 17th, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Regions Bank, 921 Congress Parkway South, Athens.

✓ Southeast Tennessee Legal Services will be at the Etowah Carnegie Library tomorrow, Dec. 17th, from noon to 2 p.m. This is for low income parents of minor children in McMinn County, divorce/custody/child support, and other family law matters. To make an appointment, call 423-756-0128.

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**Wednesday** - Mostly sunny.  
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**Wed. night** - Near 100% rain. Lows  
around 50.  
**Thursday** - 90% rain in AM. Partly  
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## Angel Tree Gifts From DENSO

DENSO employees have pitched in to provide gifts for the Angel Tree project. There were 78 angels on the tree and DENSO associates could pick an angel and purchase a gift. The gifts have been turned over to the McMinn County Foster Association to be given to foster children in the area. In the photo, left to right, are DENSO associates Emilee Davis, Jennifer Capps, Ken Nagasaka, Neko Takayanagi, and Austin Capps. (Photo by Erin Holbrook)



## Obituaries

- **Ben Maynard Rogers**, age 81, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. He was a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard and was an upholsterer for 40 years at Padgett and Pioneer Furniture Company. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.
- **Ann Woodard Campbell**, age 81, of Athens, died Monday. She was a substitute teacher in the McMinn County School system. She was a member of Athens First Baptist Church for 57 years, serving in the Sunday School, VBS, and Worship and Music ministry. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Athens First Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Anna Marie Rogers Kuykendall**, age 92, of Athens, died Tuesday. During World War II she was a civilian employee of the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge. She was an optical technician for Dr. W.D. Sullins, Sr. and the Montgomery Eye Clinic. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church with visitation from 12 to 2 prior to the service at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **William H. (Bill) Reinkens, U.S. Army CWO3 (Retired)** age 73, of Athens, died Tuesday at Brookdale Assisted Living. He served in the U.S. Army for 22 years, serving during the Vietnam War and the TET Offensive in 1968. He was one of the first Physician Assistants while serving in the U.S. Army. He was later associated with the Correction Systems of Texas for 20 years. A Memorial Service will be at 4 p.m. on Friday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 3 to 4 p.m. prior to the service at Smith.

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