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Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

♦ THP MAJOR FACES CHARGES

A high-ranking state trooper has been charged with public intoxication, aggravated assault, resisting arrest, and reckless endangerment. Major Stacy Williams and his wife, Tammy, were arrested when Grundy County deputies responded to a call of shots fired at a home in Altamont. Deputies had to use a taser to arrest Williams. Williams has been with the THP since 1994 and was named Major over the THP Special Investigations Bureau in 2014. He has been placed on discretionary leave with pay and has been relieved of his duties pending an investigation.

◆ RESOLUTION CALLS CALIFORNIA TRAVEL BAN "ABSURD"

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has joined with two state representatives in introducing a resolution in the General Assembly that points out the "absurdity" of California's ban on state-funded and state-sponsored travel to Tennessee. The California ban is based on policy differences after Tennessee passed a law that protects the rights of counselors to refer a client to another therapist when the goals, outcomes, or behaviors for which they are seeking counseling violate the counselor's beliefs. Bell says such travel bans can lead to economic warfare and are counterproductive. State Rep. Tilman Goins says it appears California's ban on travel to Tennessee would prohibit California's state colleges and universities from participating in the March Madness basketball tournament in Memphis this year.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will have a board workshop on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Educational Excellence at #3 S. Hill Street. The board will have a called meeting at 7:45 p.m. at the close of the workshop to vote on the proposed technology plan.
- ✓ The Women at the Well Polar Bear Walk 2017 will take place this coming Saturday, Feb. 18th, at 2 p.m. For more information, call 745-0010.
- ✓ The Heritage School program at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum this coming Saturday is titled *Black Women in Solidarity*. The program will feature Ann Boyd, president of the local NAACP. The program starts at 11 a.m. For more information, call 745-0329.
- ✓ Richard Newman of the Optimist Club of Athens was recently inducted into the Optimist's Gateway District Hall of Fame for his outstanding leadership and service. The plaque was presented by Tony Bell, past governor of the Gateway District. Newman is shown on the left, with Bell on the right.



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Home Sales for January

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 36 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in January. The median sales price was \$132,500. Prices ranged from a low of \$6,000 to a high of \$400,000. Here are some of the sales:

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County Road 499, Etowah -	\$400,000
County Road 110, Athens -	\$355,000
County Road 730, Riceville -	\$335,000
County Road 709, Athens -	\$300,000
John J. Duncan Parkway, Athens -	\$290,000
County Road 135, Athens -	\$290,000
County Road 601, Athens -	\$245,000
County Road 444, Athens -	\$240,000
County Road 576, Englewood -	\$192,900
County Road 860, Etowah -	\$168,900
County Road 660, Etowah -	\$165,000
County Road 858, Etowah -	\$165,000
Highway 39, Athens -	\$165,000
County Road 722, Athens -	\$144,500
Carmen Drive, Athens -	\$142,368
County Road 153, Athens -	\$138,800
County Road 265, Niota -	\$136,000
Georgia Ave., Calhoun -	\$135,000
Pennsylvania Ave., Etowah -	\$130,000
County Road 740, Riceville -	\$130,000

Obituaries

- Barbara Lorraine Burris, age 53, of Etowah, died Monday at her home. She was a member of the Eastern Sky Singers for 27 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday night at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Seth Johnson**, age 22, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

TWU STUDENTS DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Members of Professor Dick Pelley's Introduction to Psychology class at TWU are required to do at least two Random Acts of Kindness this semester. The photo shows one of the classes.





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