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Thursday, May 17, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ TBI RELEASES SCHOOL CRIME STUDY

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has released a new study detailing the volume and nature of crime on K-12 campuses across the state. The report compiles three years of crime data submitted to the TBI by the state's law enforcement agencies. Among the findings of "School Crime 2015-2017":

- From 2015 to 2017, a total of 27,038 offenses were reported at Tennessee schools.
- The number of offenses occurring in schools increased 13.5%, from 8,484 in 2015 to 9,642 in 2017.
- Simple assault was the most frequently reported offense, accounting for 37.4% of the offenses.
- The month of September had the highest frequency of reported school crimes.
- White males accounted for 57.3% of offenders. Females accounted for 52.8% of the victims.
- The most common weapon type was "personal weapons (hands, fist, feet, etc)," at 80.1%.

The TBI director, Mark Gwyn, says the study will hopefully assist law enforcement, school administrations, and government officials in planning their efforts in the fight against crime and continue to create awareness that crime exists as a threat to our communities.

## National & World News

◆ A Dixon, Illinois school resource officer stopped an armed teenager at a high school Wednesday morning. When confronted, the suspect ran and fired several rounds at the officer. The officer pursued the gunman and took him into custody with what's believed to be non-life-threatening injuries. Dixon police chief Steven Howell said the officer's "heroic actions" possibly saved "countless" lives.

◆ **WRECK ON WEST MADISON & S. HILL ST**  
A motor vehicle wreck around 2 p.m. Wednesday blocked traffic on West Madison Avenue and S. Hill Street next to Hacker Sign Company. At least one person was believed to be injured.  
(Photo submitted by Mike Womack)



### CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PAY INCREASES

The Athens City Council approved a compensation package for city employees that will give at least a 2% pay increase to all employees. The council also voted to give a 5% performance compensation adjustment to City Manager C. Seth Sumner effective July 1st. The Council also voted to give \$2,000 per year to the American Legion to help with the cost of keeping the large American flag flying alongside Interstate 75. The Council also approved the new budget on the first reading.

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## WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday** - 60% rain & t'storms. High 79.  
**Thursday Night** - 60% rain & t'storms before 7 p.m. Low 62.  
**Friday** - 70% rain & t'storms. High 81.  
More Weather at: [wxyi.com](http://wxyi.com)

## WHEN RADIO WAS

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Mary Lynn Price Wood**, age 64, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. At her request, there will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Thelma Ruth "Peggy" Arterburn**, age 78, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She was a member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce serving as C.E.O. for 40 years until her retirement in 2014. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

### TODAY IN HISTORY – MAY 17th

- 1792** - The New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree on what is now Wall Street.
- 1954** - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.
- 1973** - The Senate Watergate Committee opened hearings into the break-in at Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate Building in Washington.
- 1987** - Thirty-seven American sailors were killed when an Iraqi missile struck the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf. Iraq said its warplane fired the missile by mistake.
- 1998** - New York Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

## Tanker Goes Into the River

Traffic on U.S. Highway 64 near Highway 30 in Polk County was tied up for nearly 24 hours after a gasoline tanker truck ran into the Ocoee River Tuesday afternoon. The tanker was carrying 4,000 gallons of gasoline, some of which leaked into the river. The truck driver escaped with only minor injuries. Crews worked most of the day on Wednesday to remove the truck from the river. Highway 64 was closed between County Road 314 and Ducktown. The tanker was finally removed and the road re-opened Wednesday afternoon.

(Photo courtesy of [newschannel9.com](http://newschannel9.com))



- ♦ **RACHEL'S CHALLENGE:** The photo below shows 1700 Athens City School students participating in a Rachel's Challenge Celebration on Wednesday. Rachel's Challenge focuses on making schools a safer place by replacing bullying and violence with kindness and respect. For more information about Rachel's Challenge visit their [website](#). (Photo by Dick Pelley)



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