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Local & State News

ATHENS POLICE ADDS FIVE OFFICERS

The first-ever Swearing-In Ceremony for Athens Police officers was held last Friday in the Burkett Witt Courtroom Chambers in the Athens Municipal Building. Police Chief Clifton Couch has hired four new officers and one returning officer. In the photo: (L-R) Returning officer Randy Queen and new officers Sarah Grav, Kelvin Franco, Mitchell Gilmore and Tyler Parsons. (Photo courtesy of Deb Cardin and the City of Athens)



National and World News

• Several flights were grounded at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport after it suffered a major power outage Sunday. Incoming flights were diverted to other airports.

◆ The White House confirmed that Russian President Vladimir Putin called President Trump on Sunday in what Russian state media has described as a thank-you call following a CIA tip about a bomb threat in St. Petersburg, Russia.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

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Obituaries

• **Billy Wayne Smith,** age 77, of Decatur, died Friday at Spring City Nursing and Rehab Center in Spring City. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

♦ CHARLESTON SUSPECT SHOT, KILLED

At the request of 10th District Attorney General Stephen Crump, TBI Agents launched an investigation into the circumstances of an officer-involved shooting early Sunday morning in Charleston. Preliminary information indicates the incident began when officers from the Charleston Police Department and deputies from the Bradley County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on Leyland Drive where a male subject had reportedly assaulted a male victim with a weapon and fled the scene on foot. During a subsequent search of the area, deputies located the subject at the back of a church on Hiwassee Street, where they confronted him. The individual reportedly had weapons in both hands and ignored law enforcement commands, which resulted in officers attempting unsuccessfully to use a stun gun to subdue the subject. The situation further escalated and resulted in the deputy firing his service weapon at the individual, who subsequently died. Efforts to identify the deceased and notify his next-of-kin remain ongoing by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Tullock Family Pays-off Note!

The Etowah Senior Center had quite a surprise at their recent December Board meeting. Michael, Susan, Doug, Durant and Sandra Tullock presented a check to the center for \$22,000.00 to pay off the loan for the recent expansion of the senior center. In 1974, Carol and Doug Tullock, along with their sons Michael, Larry and Durant, started a family grocery business in a small A-Frame building on the north side of Etowah. That business grew to 37 stores in 5 states. The Bargain Barn & United Grocery Outlet was recently sold and the Tullocks said "It is a small way that we can give back to those who have supported us all these years." In the Photo (L-R) Durant Tullock, Ann Abbott, Doug Tullock, Josh Blair, Michael Tullock, Susan Tullock, Cheri Burchfield, Julia Fredericks, Marie Lambert, Marjorie Gray, Rachael Hickman, and Sue Walker. (Photo submitted by the Etowah Chamber of Commerce)



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