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### \$1.1 Million of Meth Seized in Kingsport



Two individuals were apprehended close to Kingsport following the discovery of \$1.1 million worth of methamphetamine in a vehicle, as per the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office announced on Thursday that Mark Anthony Trent, 37 from Mount Carmel, and Sandra Kay Hamilton, 51 from Kingsport, are facing multiple charges. Law enforcement reported that deputies observed a speeding vehicle on Interstate 26 near mile marker 8 and initiated a traffic stop on Wednesday at approximately 2 a.m. Subsequently, deputies requested assistance from the Kingsport Police Department's K-9 unit, whose canine alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle. Following a search, 42.13 pounds of crystal methamphetamine were discovered inside the vehicle. Additionally, deputies uncovered drug paraphernalia, a scale, a loaded handgun, ammunition, and over \$5,600 in cash. Photo Credit: Sullivan County Sheriff's Department

### Community News You Can Use

- The American Legion Post 68 Freedom Run 5K/1K is tomorrow, April 27th at 9 am at Eureka Trail in Athens. Proceeds support the projects of American Legion Post #68 in Athens, TN: Reconnect Suicide Prevention Program, Children's Patriotism Education, Assistance To Veterans in Need, Sponsor July 4th Community Celebration, and other Veteran's Programs. Register [HERE!](#)
- Spring Around the Square is a Free Family Event at 365 Abel Ave., in Decatur tomorrow, Saturday, April 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. Food Trucks, Face Painting, Handmade Items, Art, Jewelry, and more.
- The 7th Annual Model Train Show and Swap Meet is tomorrow, April 27th, from 10 am - 4pm and Sunday, April 28th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Niota Train Depot.
- The Third Annual Veteran's Expo is taking place on Thursday, May 2 from 9 am - 4 pm at Athens Regional Park. Attending agencies include NRCS, TWRA, Beekeepers, the McMinn Living Heritage Museum, E.G. Fisher Public Library, YMCA, and many others.. Everyone is invited.

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## Obituaries

**Dwight Richard Crisp**, 65 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, April 24. He was employed with Tri-County Center in Athens and was a member of Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene. A visitation for Dwight will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 30, at Ziegler Funeral Home in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Dwight Richard Crisp.

**Connie Sue Gable**, age 71, of Etowah, passed away at Etowah Health Care Center on Sunday, April 21. A visitation will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Connie Sue Gable.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

If you take a newsworthy photograph, e-mail it to: [wyxiradio@gmail.com](mailto:wyxiradio@gmail.com)

## Two Dead in Fire near Bradley Co.

Last Sunday morning, April 21, two women tragically lost their lives in a house fire in a neighboring area of Bradley County. The fire broke out on North Brook Drive in the northeastern part of Bradley County. Firefighters were alerted to the incident around 11:23 a.m. following reports of a structure fire, suspected to have originated from a cooking mishap in the kitchen. While firefighters battled the flames, additional teams conducted a thorough search of the house, discovering two women in a bedroom: a 93-year-old woman and her 68-year-old daughter. Both victims were rushed to the hospital, where they succumbed to their injuries, presumed to be from smoke inhalation. The identities of the deceased have not yet been disclosed.



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## Church News and Events

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- There is an ongoing revival happening at New Zion Baptist Church at 393 County Road 616 in Athens. Tonight, Friday, April 26th, is the last night with the final service starting at 7 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- There is a revival at East Etowah First Church of God, 180 County Road 909, Etowah. It started on Thursday, April 24th and will continue daily until Sunday, April 28th. Service begins at 7 pm tonight and tomorrow nights, and will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday.
- Niota United Methodist Church will host a free all-day summer camp from July 22 - 26 for kids ages 5 - 14. Camp includes breakfast and lunch! Camp is free but space is limited. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.campinthecommunity.org/host/niota](http://www.campinthecommunity.org/host/niota)

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## Elks Teens Awarded at Youth Government Day

The Athens Elks Lodge #1927 awarded scholarships through the Athens Elks' Teen of the Year program. The annual Elks Teens of the Year awards honor Chargers and Cherokees for their outstanding accomplishments as leaders both in the classroom and the community. Teen awardees will receive a scholarship prize in recognition of their achievement. Scholarships were awarded during a luncheon at the Athens Elks Lodge #1927 following a morning of activities, during which the students met with local government leaders.

The Elk Teen of the Year awardees were Kampbell Darnell (Central HS) and Brandon Blevins (McMinn HS). Two runners-up were also named: Clinton Bailey (Central HS) and Natalie Leonesio (McMinn HS).

In previous years, the two winners were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. This year, thanks to successful fundraising efforts of the members of Athens Elks Lodge #1927 and the support of local businesses and individuals, each winner was awarded an additional \$1,500 and each runner-up was awarded \$500. Members of the Athens Elks Lodge #1927 raised these funds through their annual Carnival d'Elks event, a Mardi Gras celebration party hosted at the lodge. Top sponsors of the 2024 Carnival d'Elks were Jim O'Bringer/J-Pro, Jessie Contreras/LA Tattoo, and several other local businesses.

Members of the Athens Elks Lodge #1927 are grateful to the community for their support of the Youth Government Day and other scholarship programs. For more information about supporting this work or the Athens Elks Lodge #1927, please contact the lodge at [bpoe1927@comcast.net](mailto:bpoe1927@comcast.net).

Pictured below are student participants, local officials, and members of Athens Elks Lodge #1927 at Youth Government Day, April 24, 2024.

Photo Credit: Kristin Schrader.

