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Monday, December 29, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### LOCAL & AREA NEWS

#### ◆ TWO LOCAL PUBLIC SERVANTS DIE

Former Athens City Council member Charlie Myers (right) died Christmas Eve at the age of 82 in a Knoxville hospital. He and his wife moved to Athens after he retired from the insurance business. He served on the Athens City Council from 1999 through 2006, including one term as Vice Mayor. He was also active with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and was one of the teachers of the Home Service Sunday School class at Keith United Methodist Church which is broadcast live each Sunday morning on WYXI Radio.



Death also claimed Stan Moses, who was the director of the McMinn County Landfill for over 20 years. McMinn County Mayor John Gentry issued a statement saying he is deeply saddened by the passing of Moses. He described Moses as an invaluable member of his staff and says his selflessness, leadership, professionalism, and friendship will be dearly missed.

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### WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ A massive search and rescue operation was launched on Sunday for an AirAsia Indonesia Airbus A320 jet that lost contact with air traffic control over the Java Sea during a flight to Singapore shortly after the pilots requested a change of flight plan because of weather. This was the third incident this year involving Malaysian based airlines.

◆ The longest war in American history came to an end Sunday. In a ceremony at their headquarters in Kabul, the United States and NATO brought the combat phase of their mission in Afghanistan to a close.

#### ◆ UNEMPLOYMENT UP SLIGHTLY IN AREA

The unemployment rate went up just a bit in November in most of the counties in the Athens area. McMinn County was the exception. In McMinn County, the unemployment rate in November was 6.9%, down from 7% in October. In Meigs County, the November jobless rate was 7.8%, up from 7.7% in October. In Monroe County, November unemployment was 7.4%, up from 7.2% in October. Polk County's unemployment was 7% in November, up from 6.8% in October. The jobless rate in Bradley County held steady-5.8% in both October and November.


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### WEATHER

**Monday** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. High-48 to 50.

**Mon. night** - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Low-upper 30's.

**Tuesday** - Mostly sunny. High-48 to 50.

More Weather & Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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Athens, Tennessee

## New Eagle Scout Recipient

Colin Bennett of Farragut, Troop 555, was awarded his Eagle Scout badge by the Great Smoky Mountain Council on November 20th. Colin is the grandson of Sue and Jack Ferrell of Farragut, formerly from Athens. Colin's final Eagle project was a Flag Disposal Bin that he built under the supervision of Eagle Scout Supervisor James Shrub. The Flag Disposal Bin was erected at the back entrance to the Farragut Town Hall. In the photo: (L-R) Colin's father, Mike Ferrell; grandfather, Jack Ferrell; Eagle Supervisor, James Shrub; and Eagle recipient, Colin Bennett.



## Obituaries

• **James Stanley Moses**, age 64, of Athens, died December 24th at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He had been an associate of the Athens Police Department and had worked in private construction. He later worked for McMinn County for 30 years, serving as the director of Solid Waste and later the supervisor of the McMinn County Landfill. He served in the Army in the Vietnam War. Funeral services were held last Saturday evening at Bordwine Funeral Home with burial on Sunday in the McMinn Memory Gardens with military honors.

• **Charles N. (Charlie) Myers**, age 82, of Athens died December 24th at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a former member of the Athens City Council serving from 1999 through 2006 and was a retired insurance manager with Traveler's Insurance. He was a member of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, where he served as a teacher for the Home Service Sunday School Class which airs WYXI radio each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. He served on various boards and was a well known volunteer with organizations such as: Habitat for Humanity, Keep McMinn Beautiful, Tennessee Overhill Association, Athens Chamber of Commerce, Athens Kiwanis Club, Leadership McMinn, McMinn Senior Citizens, Youth Affairs, Living Heritage Museum, McMinn Emergency Management and United Way. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church with visitation from 11:30 a.m. - to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Mildred Rubylee "Dinkle" Flowers Clayton**, age 83, of Athens, died on December 23rd at her residence. She worked at Tennessee Wesleyan College for 26 years. Funeral services were held this past Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

• **Ona Darlene Simpson**, age 66, of Etowah died on Dec. 20. Funeral services were held this past Friday. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home was in charge.

• **Mildred Irene Rogers**, age 78, of Athens, died December 23rd at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services were held this past Friday evening at Bordwine Funeral Home with burial on Saturday at Double Springs Cemetery.

• **Betty Lou Cauthen Pratt**, age 87, of Etowah, died December 22nd at The Bridge Health Care facility at Monteagle. She retired from Sam's Club as a salesperson. A private graveside service will be conducted at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Gladys Strickland Wilson**, age 87, of Riceville, died on December 24th at her residence. She was retired from Athens Stove Works after 40 years of service. A funeral service was held Saturday evening at Smith Funeral Home with burial on Sunday at the Clear Springs Cemetery.

• **JoAnn Bivens**, age 80, of Delano, died December 20th at UT Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Bordwine Funeral Home with burial in the Goodsprings Cemetery.

• **John Preston "Jack" Fillers**, age 88, of Niota, died December 25th at his residence. He was a former employee of Hammer & Johnson, Plastic Industries, Athens Stove Works, Badger Sales, Niota Textiles, and was also a construction worker and a life long farmer. Funeral services were held Saturday evening at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with burial Sunday in the McMinn Memory Gardens.

• **Joan Barnett Trew**, age 76, of Etowah, died December 26th at her home. She was a grade school teacher at Mountain View Elementary School for over 30 years and was the mother of H. Chris Trew, the attorney for the City of Athens. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bordwine with burial in the Green Hill Cemetery.

**I-75 NORTHBOUND CLOSED ON SUNDAY**  
A wreck around noon on Sunday, just south of the Niota exit, caused traffic to be diverted to U.S. 11 for several hours. The driver lost control of his vehicle, left the roadway, and hit the concrete bridge overpass for County Road 264. He was taken to U.T. Medical Center while a small child was taken to Starr Regional. Their injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

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