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Monday, January 25, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ McMINN FARES WELL WITH SNOW STORM

Very little damage was done to our area over the weekend, despite the extremely cold weather and plenty of ice and snow. Several wrecks were reported, but few injuries. Athens Utilities Board reported that there were "zero" power outages to their customers during the storm. But, imagine that you have lived in a part of the world where it never snows. That's the experience of Collins Opoku-Baah who is from Ghana, West Africa, which is a short distance north of the equator. Collins is a first year medical student at Vanderbilt University Medical School in Nashville and saw his very first snow storm over the weekend. Collins is sponsored by Richard and Elaine Newman of Athens, who sent us the above photo.



### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will have their 46th annual Beekeeping Short course this Saturday at Ag Central. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The course starts at 9 a.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education Workshop and called meeting originally scheduled for last Thursday has been rescheduled for this Thursday, January 28th at 5 p.m.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The giant weekend blizzard that blanketed the East Coast from New York City to Washington, D.C., left at least 17 dead and paralyzed much of the region as it brought record-breaking snow to several major cities. The blizzard dumped 26.8 inches of snow on New York City, its second greatest snowfall on record. Travel bans also shut down New York and Baltimore, which saw its greatest snowfall on record as 29.2 inches fell. The snowstorm also left power outages, flight cancellations, and car crashes up and down the eastern seaboard.

◆ A 27-year-old man is in jail and charged with murder after he allegedly shot and killed a Good Samaritan who tried to help him free his car that got stuck in snow near Charlotte, North Carolina. The victim was identified as Jefferson Heavner, age 26.

◆ On Sunday, a flight from Houston to Istanbul was diverted to Ireland due to a bomb threat. Turkish Airlines flight TK34 landed at Shannon Airport at 11 a.m. local time. The aircraft was met by police and a bomb disposal unit. No bomb was found.

◆ Four people are dead and two critically injured after a school shooting in Canada. The La Loche Community School, in northern Saskatchewan, was put on lockdown and police took the shooter into custody.

◆ A NASA astronaut shared a glimpse of how they pass the time aboard the International Space Station. Scott Kelly, who rang in his 300th consecutive day on the International Space Station recently, commemorated the milestone by posting a video to YouTube of a fascinating way to play ping pong that's possible only in zero gravity: with a ball of water using hydrophobic paddles.

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special for the month of January when a new member signs up.

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**Keith Price, Candidate for Re-election for McMinn County Property Assessor will speak at the McMinn T.E.A. Party meeting at Shoney's on Mon., Jan. 25th, at 6 pm.**

## RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



### Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike

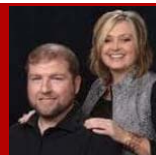
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## WEATHER

**Monday** - Mostly sunny. High-upper 40's to low 50's.  
**Monday night** - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain. Low-38.  
**Tuesday** - Cloudy. 60% rain. High-upper 40s to low 50s.  
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### Here's a "Strange"

The late radio broadcaster, Paul Harvey, used to start some of his unusual news reports with "Here's a Strange". Well, Kathy Millsaps of Meigs County, called on the WYXI RADIO Trading Post program this past Saturday and reported a "strange". Kathy said that one of her Game Hens started laying recently and the hen proceeded to start nesting too, which you don't normally see in January. Kathy said she was surprised to get up Saturday morning and find four new baby chicks had just hatched. Thanks for the photo, Kathy!



### Tennessee State Headlines

- ✓ One of Tennessee's most colorful politician's had died. John Jay Hooker, Jr. passed away Sunday at the age of 85 from metastatic melanoma. He was the Democratic party's nominee for governor in 1970 and 1998.
- ✓ The body of a missing Farragut preschool teacher was found Saturday next to her vehicle, which had crashed on the Sugar Limb Road in Loudon County. Melanie Coley was the victim of a single car crash. She was apparently ejected from her car according to the THP.

### Obituaries

- **Dwight Martin**, age 59, of Etowah, died last Thursday at his residence. Memorial Services were held Sunday night at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **James L. Thomas**, age 85, of Athens, died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. He was retired from Alcoa Aluminum Company after 37 years of service. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Steve Howell**, age 70, of Athens, died last Friday at Hospice of Chattanooga. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the U.S. Navy. He was retired from Johns Manville as a Master Electrician. Memorial Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Ella Wanda Womac Lunsford**, age 86, of Cohutta, Georgia, died last Friday at Erlanger Medical Center. She was a native of Cleveland and had lived many years in Athens. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler.
- **Aldia Jane Stokes McNabb**, age 66, of Athens, died last Friday in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs.
- **Felton "Spence" Norwood**, age 80, of Etowah, died last Friday. A graveside service will at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Benton. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.

You've seen Charles Osgood on the CBS-TV show 'Sunday Morning'. Now you can "See Him" on WYXI RADIO. The Osgood File airs Monday thru Friday at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:35 a.m. and at 5:15 p.m. ENJOY!



### TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 25

- 1759** - Scottish poet Robert Burns was born. He wrote the song "Auld Lang Syne."
- 1858** - The wedding march was played for the first time. The wedding march comes from the Richard Wagner opera, "Lohengrin."
- 1915** - Transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated in a hookup between New York and San Francisco.
- 1924** - The first Winter Olympic Games began on this day.
- 1934** - "Public Enemy Number One"--John Dillinger--was captured at Tucson, Arizona. Dillinger was a bank robber and killer.
- 1938** - Singer Etta James was born. Her biggest hit was "At Last."
- 1961** - President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and TV.
- 1971** - Charles Manson and three of his female followers were found guilty of the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six other people in Los Angeles.

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