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Monday, February 1, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ 2015 ENDS WITH LOWER JOBLESS RATE

The unemployment rate in all counties in the Athens area ended the year 2015 lower than at the start of the year. Here are the employment figures:

COUNTY	DEC 2015	NOV 2015	DEC 2014
McMinn	6.1%	6.3%	7.0%
Meigs	7.3%	7.3%	8.4%
Monroe	6.0%	6.0%	6.9%
Polk	6.8%	6.4%	7.4%
Bradley	4.9%	5.0%	5.6%

At the end of the year, 21,280 people in McMinn County were employed...4,490 people in Meigs County had jobs...18,030 people in Monroe County were working...6,850 people had jobs in Polk County...and Bradley County reported 46,170 people were employed.

◆ SPEED LIMIT RAISED ON HIGHWAY 30 WEST

In case you haven't noticed, the speed limit on Highway 30 between Athens and Decatur has been raised. The new signs were erected a few days ago, raising the speed limit from 55 to 60. At the same time, police have stepped up enforcement of the speed limit on that section of Highway 30.

◆ MEIGS COUNTY MAY GET WI-FI SERVICE

The Meigs County-Decatur Public Library has started a campaign to raise \$12,000 to install a wireless hotspot that would reach up to an 8-mile radius around the library.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Voters in Iowa go to the polls on Monday for the presidential caucuses. The candidates are begging their supporters to come out. In the last major poll before the vote, The Des Moines Register found Donald Trump led the Republican field with 28%, followed by Ted Cruz at 23% and Marco Rubio at 15%. The poll found Hillary Clinton with 45% in the Democratic field to 42% for Bernie Sanders.

◆ Reports from Nigeria say Boko Haram extremists firebombed huts and listened to the screams of children burning to death. Witnesses say the terrorists ravaged the village for four hours.

WWII VETERAN GETS OVERDUE MEDAL

A long overdue POW medal was presented to 97-year-old Private Austin McDonald, a World War II veteran who never received his medal. The medal was not signed into law until 1985, and the paperwork recently went through for McDonald to receive the medal. He was captured in North Africa and spent two years in a German prison camp. The medal was presented at a ceremony at the Athens City Middle School this past Saturday.

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WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows
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Tonight:

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WEATHER

Monday - A 40% chance of showers and a high of 63
Monday night - Cloudy, 20% chance of showers, low of 49
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy, high of 66, 20% chance of showers
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More Award Winners

Pictured below are some of the winners of various awards presented at last Thursday night's Athens Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, L-R, top: Hazel Lowry, Mother of the Year; Katrina Kilby, Teacher of the Year; Kevia Elliott, Farmer of the Year



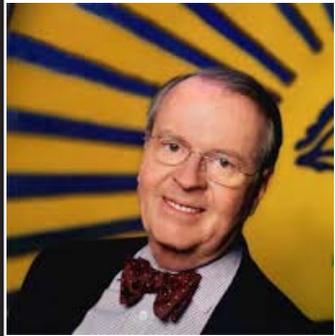
Bottom, L-R: Jason McConkey, Young Man of the Year, and Dr. Kim Breedon, Business Professional Woman of the Year



Obituaries

- **Mildred "Millie" Galyon Axley**, age 96, of Athens, died last Tuesday at NHC HealthCare of Athens. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Bordwine.
- **Rev. Paul McCleary**, age 69, of Charleston died last Thursday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.
- **April McDermott**, age 30, of Athens died last Thursday. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Gertrude C. Reynolds**, age 89, of Houston, Texas (formerly of Athens), died Friday in a Houston health care facility. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- **Carolyn Mae Brown**, age 72, of Ten Mile died Friday at her home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Virginia Holton** died Saturday in a hospital in Orange Park, Florida. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur.
- **Rhoda G. Gennoe**, age 72, of Ten Mile died Saturday in Sweetwater Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Bowers Funeral Home, Decatur.

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., 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and at 5:15 p.m. ENJOY!



TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 1

Today is the first day of February. In case you haven't noticed it, this year is Leap Year, so February has 29 days. That happens each four years.

- 1789** - The first president of the United States was elected. That, of course, was George Washington.
- 1790** - The U.S. Supreme Court held its very first meeting on this date.
- 1901** - Actor Clark Gable was born in Ohio. One of his best-known roles was Rhett Butler in "Gone With The Wind."
- 1909** - Singer George Beverly Shea was born. He was featured for decades in the Billy Graham crusades. His signature song was "How Great Thou Art."
- 1934** - Singer Bob Shane was born. He was a member of the popular folk group, The Kingston Trio.
- 1934** - Don Everly of the Everly Brothers was born. Their hit records include "Cathy's Clown," "Bird Dog," and "All I have To Do Is Dream."



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