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Wednesday, December 28, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN AREA

The unemployment rate in November dropped in McMinn County and surrounding counties. McMinn County's unemployment rate for November was 5.4%, down from 5.7% in October. In Meigs County, the jobless rate dropped from 6.5% in October to 6.3% in November. Unemployment in Monroe County was 5.2% in November, down from 5.4% in October. In Bradley County, the November jobless rate was 4.0%, down from 4.5% in October. The jobless rate in Polk County dropped from 5.8% in October to 5.1% in November.

◆ VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR STORM

Volunteers are still needed in areas of McMinn County affected by last month's tornado. Debris pickup and tree removal teams are in great need. If you are interested in volunteering, just drop by the Tornado Relief Center at the former American Bedding building at 276 Dennis Street in Athens between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or contact Tornado Relief Coordinator Mary Brown at 506-1404.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Why stay up for midnight when you can celebrate Noon Year's Eve? Children and families are invited to ring in 2017 at E.G. Fisher Public Library's Noon Year's Eve Party this Friday, December 30th, at 11 a.m. Children will participate in a New Year's story time and make a new year's rattle toy to take home. The grand finale will be a balloon drop at 12 noon to celebrate 2017, complete with noise makers and bubble wrap for children to stomp.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Six inmates from the Coker County Jail Annex in Newport escaped Christmas Day at around 1:30 a.m. Five of them have since been apprehended, but one who is considered dangerous is still on the run. The inmates escaped by removing a leaky toilet.

◆ Police in Washington, D.C., are asking for the public's help as they investigate the death of a yoga instructor and actress. Her body was found overnight in her car after she went missing Christmas Day. A suspect is in custody, but police are urging the public to help authorities piece together the suspect's whereabouts on Monday.

◆ A mother said she walked 30 miles through the snow on Christmas Eve to get help for her family stranded in their car near the Grand Canyon. Karen and Eric Klein and their 10-year-old son Isaac set out on a family trip to the Grand Canyon, using a GPS as their guide. They wound up driving down a walking path and having their car get stuck in the mud.

◆ SANTA DISTRIBUTES TOYS IN ENGLEWOOD

The Englewood Fire Department and Police Department made the annual Santa Run giving out toys on Christmas Eve in the City of Englewood. Santa and the members of both departments enjoyed meeting and greeting the children and their families.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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WEATHER

Wednesday - Sunny. High around 55.

Wed. night - Cloudy. 90% rain. Low 46.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. High 45.

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Advance Financial Cuts Ribbon

A ribbon cutting was held recently for a new Athens business and Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Advance Financial, located at 1317 Decatur Pike. In the photo: (L-R) Lisa Dotson (Main Street), Connie Woodcock (Diplomat), Jackie Newman (Chamber Chairperson), Miguell Paris (Operations Manager for Greater Chattanooga), Dick Pelley (Athens Vice Mayor), Shantrelle Johnson (Vice President of Corporate Citizenship), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Nelson Gudieo (Director of Retail Operations), Julia Reedy (McMinn County Education Foundation), Chris Yarber (Branch Manager), Lisa Harrison (Diplomat)



Obituaries

• **Austin Jerel Dotson**, age 28, of Athens, died last Friday. He was employed at Thomas & Betts and was a minister. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Thursday at Woodward Avenue Church of God, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday at the church and from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

• **Robert C. Bickel, Jr.**, age 46, of Etowah, died Sunday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Justine "Tina" Fox Hysell Underwood**, age 78, of Niota, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Ricky Lee Best**, age 67, of Cleveland, died Monday at Bradley Healthcare and Rehab. He was a native of McMinn County and was retired from M&M Mars. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

• **John Franklin Brown**, age 81, of Athens, died Thursday at his residence. There will be no services or visitation. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

TODAY IN HISTORY – DECEMBER 28

1832 - John Calhoun became the first U.S. Vice President to resign. Calhoun was at odds with President Andrew Jackson.

1846 - Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

1856 - President Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia. He led America during World War One.

1869 - Chewing gum was patented. It is made from a sticky substance found in various trees native to Mexico and Central and South America.

1905 - The forerunner of the NCAA, the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States, was founded in New York City.

1945 - Congress officially recognized the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States. The words "under God" were added in 1954.

1958 - The Baltimore Colts won the NFL championship, defeating the New York Giants 23-17 in overtime at Yankee Stadium, in what has been dubbed the greatest football game ever played.

An Evening of Healing, Hope, and Helping

December 29, 7-9 pm
Athens City Middle School

200 Keith Lane, Athens

Event is Free

Sounds of Summer is hosting an evening of healing, hope and helping, to raise money for the victims of the recent tornado in McMinn County. The evening will feature the music of Kinslee Melhorn and September Song. Guests will include McMinn County Mayor John Gentry and the City of Athens Mayor Chuck Burris. The United Way will be collecting money which will be used specifically for the victims and their needs.



Kinslee Melhorn



September Song