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Athens, Tennessee

## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ DENSO WINS VOLUNTEER STARS AWARD

The Athens DENSO plant is the recipient of the 2017 Governor's Volunteer Stars Business award for East Tennessee. Each year, DENSO sends over 100 employees to participate in United Way's Day of Caring. DENSO is also actively involved with Habitat for Humanity. When the wildfires hit the Great Smoky Mountains, they sold "Smoky Strong" t-shirts to raise money to benefit the victims. When a tornado struck McMinn County, they immediately jumped in and helped the United Way organize a disaster relief center. They then formed teams of employees to go out and aid with the clean-up and recovery effort. The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards include 101 volunteers from 57 counties, along with one business and one non-profit from each of Tennessee's three Grand Regions for their outstanding community involvement and service. Two individuals from McMinn County were honored. Mary Brown was recognized for coordinating the relief efforts following the November 2016 tornado. She was also recognized for bringing the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic to Athens last summer. The McMinn County Youth honoree is Haden Blair, who leads exercise classes for senior citizens each Saturday morning. He is also a member of the Youth Health Task Force in McMinn County and teaches tobacco prevention in area schools. The awards will be presented by Miss Tennessee, Caty Davis, on March 11th in Franklin.

## National & World News

- ◆ West Virginia teachers and students returned to the classroom Wednesday after the educators ended the longest strike in state history. Teachers will get a five percent pay hike. Students were out of classes throughout the nine school days the strike lasted.
- ◆ A grand jury has indicted the gunman on 34 counts related to the mass shooting at the Parkland, Florida high school last month. He was charged with 17 counts of first-degree premeditated murder as well as 17 counts of first-degree attempted murder.
- ◆ A Utah high school student, who had allegedly researched information on the Islamic State terrorist group, has been arrested on suspicion of planting a homemade backpack bomb in his school cafeteria and attempting to detonate it at lunchtime.

### FIRE DAMAGES MADISONVILLE GUN STORE

A fire Tuesday afternoon caused extensive damage to the Self Defense Solutions Gun Store on Highway 411 N. in Madisonville. The Englewood Rural and Vonore Fire Departments were requested for mutual aid.



(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Fire Dept)

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**Thursday** - Partly sunny &  
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25.  
**Friday** - Cloudy. High 52.  
**Friday Night** - 40% rain. Low  
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## Obituaries

♦ **Raymond McDermott**, age 55, of Niota, died Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Stocks were lower on the day, but finished well above the lows experienced when markets opened. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 83 points or 0.3% to 24,801. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1 point to 2,727, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 25 points or 0.3% to 7,397.

### FAMILY ESCAPES INJURY IN CRASH

A family of four narrowly escaped injury Tuesday afternoon when their 2014 Hyundai Accent overturned on a sharp curve on County Road 439. The Englewood Rural Fire Dept, THP, and McMinn County Sheriff's Dept. responded, with Officer Dillon Presswood investigating. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Fire Dept)



## Meet the Winners

The annual awards were presented Tuesday night at the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce banquet at McMinn Central High School. The chamber executive director, Durant Tullock, sent us these photos. The photo to the right shows Chamber President Amanda Johnson presenting the Business Person of the Year Award to Gene Wade of the Piggly Wiggly Stores. Below left, Nancy Dalton of Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association receives the R. Frank McKinney Distinguished Service Award from Daily Post-Athenian Publisher Jeff Schumacher. On the right, Angela Bowman of Englewood receives the Joe Quirk Educator of the Year Award from Blake McCaslin.



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### TODAY IN HISTORY – MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>

**1917** - This date marked the start of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution, as the Russian people rebelled against Czar Nicholas II and his government. The revolution caused the downfall of the Russian Empire and led to the creation of the communist Soviet Union.

**1947** - Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager was born. She wrote such songs as "Don't Cry Out Loud," "Arthur's Theme," "Heartlight," "That's What Friends Are For," and "When I Need You."

**1965** - Nearly 4,000 U.S. Marines landed in Vietnam.

**1971** - Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision at Madison Square Garden in New York in the first of three bouts between the heavyweights.

**1999** - Baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died at 84.

**2008** - President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using water-boarding and other coercive interrogation methods on suspected terrorists. Bush stated that the bill Congress sent him would take away one of the most valuable tools in the war on terror. Bush said, "So today I vetoed it."