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Monday, October 26, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ SEPT. JOBLESS RATE MOSTLY UNCHANGED

For the most part, the unemployment rate in counties in Southeast Tennessee was unchanged from August to September. In McMinn County, unemployment went up a tick from 6.4% in August to 6.5% in September. Meigs County was unchanged at 7.4% both months. Monroe County's jobless rate went up from 6.3% in August to 6.4% in September. Bradley County's jobless rate held steady at 5.6% and Polk County was also unchanged at 6.6%.

◆ JOB CREATION HITS 20-YEAR RECORD

The McMinn County Economic Development Authority says McMinn County has reached a 20-year record in industrial investments and job creation. Kathy Price, Executive Director of the EDA, says there were more new jobs and investments by industries in 2015 than in previous years. She says there have been 555 new industrial jobs announced and \$388 million in new investments this year. McMinn County saw unemployment rates reach a high of 15.2% in June of 2009. Today, the jobless rate has dropped to 6.5%. Manufacturing makes up 34.4% of employment in McMinn County, meaning that there are more people employed in manufacturing than any other business sector in the community. Ms. Price says in order to sustain this growth trend and remain attractive for additional industrial jobs and investment, McMinn County must have a work force available and trained. She points out that today's manufacturing utilizes computer-aided technology and robotics that require employees to be able to think critically and solve problems.

NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ Four people, including a 2-year-old child and a college professor and his wife, died after a woman suspected of driving under the influence plowed into an Oklahoma State University homecoming parade crowd. More than 30 people were injured.

◆ The storms that dropped more than a foot of rain in parts of Texas are moving on and are headed our way. Forecasters are predicting a 100% chance of rain in Southeast Tennessee on Tuesday.

◆ The Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles has denied learner's permits to two twin sisters because the computer's camera couldn't tell one girl from the other. The computer apparently was not programmed to detect twins. For now, the twins are not driving.

TENNESSEE NEWS HEADLINES

- Congressman Marsha Blackburn has been named to lead a new congressional investigation into big abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood.

- A Chattanooga doctor has become the first person in the world to have a 10 gigabit-per-second Internet connection installed in his home. Dr. Jim Busch is head of Diagnostic Radiology Consultants, and has a frequent need to download and upload massive diagnostic image files both at home and at the office.



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Athens, Tennessee

The Brilliance of Nature

The Autumn leaves are quickly reaching their peak colors in East Tennessee. Traffic in Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was bumper-to-bumper this past weekend. Thousands of leaf viewers took a drive on the Cherohala Skyway that leads from Tellico Plains to Murphy, North Carolina. Gene Coleman sent this photo of some of the leaves he saw along the Skyway.



Obituaries

• **Helen Lorrain Black McCosh**, age 87, of Madisonville (and a native of Athens) died last Friday at her residence. She was a former employee of Ridge Textile. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **Della Kate Cranfield Brewer**, age 93, of Etowah (and a former resident of Athens) died last Friday at Woods Memorial Nursing Home. She was a long-time employee of Wal-Mart and Big K. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at McMahan Calvary Cemetery, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **William R. "Bill" Humbert**, age 81, of Etowah died Saturday. He was retired from Athens Bed Company. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL REPORT: The Vols showed fans they are ready to play football when they ran onto the field in Tuscaloosa Saturday afternoon. The Vols led the nation's No. 8 team 14-13 with 5:49 to play, but Alabama scored the winning touchdown late in the game. Final score: Alabama 19, UT 14. Coach Butch Jones sees a bright future for the Vols, saying "Our time will come."

In High School football, Meigs County rolled over Polk County, 62-27...Soddy-Daisy beat the McMinn Cherokees, 42-21 and Notre Dame beat the Central Chargers, 44-14.

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