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Friday, September 30, 2016

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State & Local News

◆ AUGUST JOBLESS RATE RISES SLIGHTLY

The unemployment rate for August in McMinn County was up a few points from July, rising from 5.5% in July to 5.8% in August. Meigs County's jobless rate increased from 6.9% in July to 7.1% in August. In Monroe County, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5%. Bradley County's jobless rate was also unchanged, holding at 4.7% in both July and August.

◆ RABIES BAIT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED

The Tennessee Department of Health has started its annual fight against rabies in raccoons. Oral vaccine packets are being distributed in McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk counties through October 22nd. The packets are being dropped from airplanes and helicopters. If you find the small packets on your property, keep them away from pets. Wear gloves and pick up the packets and toss them into a wooded area.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Emergency Communications District invites you to an open house for the new 911 Communications Center. The open house will be this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The 911 Center is located at 1105 South Congress Parkway, Athens.
- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Society will meet this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The speaker will be Ann Blomquist, an expert on genealogy and editor of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Her topic will be "They Went That-a-way...Migration Paths."

NATIONAL - WORLD NEWS

◆ A 6-year-old boy is "fighting for his life" after being critically wounded in the shooting at an elementary school in Townville, South Carolina.

◆ Nearly half of the states in the U.S. have recently had their voter registration systems targeted by foreign hackers. Four of those systems have successfully been breached.

◆ At least one woman is dead, and 114 injured, some seriously, after a New Jersey Transit commuter train carrying 250 people traveling at a high speed crashed into Hoboken's historic train station at about 8:45 a.m. Thursday morning.

◆ According to a human rights group, the government of Sudan has used chemical weapons in multiple attacks against the country's own population.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ *Let's Read 20* kicks off Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. Different characters will be reading children's stories. The event is free.
- ✓ The Etowah Arts and Crafts Fall Festival will be held tomorrow and Sunday at the L&N Depot Park. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ✓ The final performances of "Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean," will be tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Black Box Theater at The Arts Center.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: The McMinn County Cherokees host White County tonight and Meigs County plays at home against Brainerd. **Tennessee travels to Athens, Georgia on Saturday to play the Georgia Bulldogs. Game time is 3:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on CBS Television.**

McMinn County
Emergency
Communications District
Cordially invites
you to an
Open House
of the new
911 Communications Center
Sunday, October 2, 2016
two o'clock -four o'clock p.m.
1105 South Congress Parkway
Athens, Tennessee

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Partly cloudy. High 72.
Friday night - Mostly clear. Low 49.
Saturday - Mostly sunny. High 78.
Sunday - Sunshine. High 81.
More weather at: www.wysi.com

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Church News & Events

- ~ Christ Community Church on North Congress Parkway in Athens will have a free movie tonight at 6:30. The movie is "God's Not Dead 2." There will be refreshments.
- ~ A tent revival will be starting at 7 p.m. tonight, Sept. 30th, across from Heil on Highway 11.
- ~ Mars Hill United Methodist Church in Englewood will hold a yard sale/bake sale tomorrow from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. to raise money for the UNITY Mission Team.
- ~ New Bethany Baptist Church on Head of the Creek Road, Sweetwater, will have an Italian Dinner and a silent auction tomorrow at 6 p.m. Proceeds go to support the food pantry.
- ~ Mark Lanier, former vocalist with the Bibletones Quartet, Perfect Heart, and Phil Cross & Poet Voices, will be singing at Goodsprings Baptist Church in Etowah tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning at 11 a.m.
- ~ Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will have a Blessing of the Animals service this Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your pets of all kinds to the special event. Pets should be on a leash, in a kennel, or in a container.
- ~ The annual Women's Day service at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Loudon will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. Evangelist Cynthia Hardaway from Agape Center AOH Church of God in Athens will be the guest speaker.
- ~ Homecoming will be at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, Oct 2, at Lakeside Baptist Church in Ten Mile. Lunch will be served.

OBITUARIES

- **Martha Ann Lance**, age 66, of Niota, died Thursday at Sweetwater Nursing Center. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **John "Bud" Howard**, age 83, of Georgetown, died Thursday at Health Center at Standifer Place in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Bowers.
- **Betty Hicks Edmonson**, age 84, of Cleveland, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. at Serenity.

TODAY IN HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 30th

- 1846** - A dentist in Charleston, Massachusetts, extracted a tooth for the first time with the aid of an anesthetic known as ether.
- 1935** - Singer Johnny Mathis was born. His many hit records include "Chances Are," "Misty," "Wonderful, Wonderful," and "It's Not For Me to Say."
- 1946** - The verdicts were handed down in the Nuremberg War Crimes trial in Germany. Twelve Nazi leaders were sentenced to death by hanging.
- 1958** - Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus defied a U.S. Supreme Court ruling against segregation by closing four high schools in Little Rock.
- 1958** - Country singer Marty Stuart was born. He is the husband of singer Connie Smith.

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Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Location: Athens Market Pavilion
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Learn How You Can Become a Part of Let's Read 20
Helping McMinn County Become a Community of Readers.