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Today's News... This Morning

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St. Mary's Fall Festival
Sun., Sept. 17th
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Friday, September 1, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS A TICK IN THE AREA

The unemployment rate in Athens and surrounding counties dropped a fraction in July. In McMinn County, the July unemployment rate was 4.7%, down from 4.8% in June. Meigs County's jobless rate in July was 5.6%, down from 5.7% in June. Monroe County posted an unemployment rate for July of 4.6%, down from 4.7% in June. Polk County's jobless rate dropped from 5% in June to 4.9% in July, and the Bradley County unemployment rate went down from 4.3% in June to 4.1% in July.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Radio Control Association presents Fall Fest Fun Fly today through Sunday at the Flying Field at 126 County Road 876, Etowah. You must be an Academy of Model Aviation member to fly any type of model aircraft at the event. There will be a BBQ dinner Saturday evening, there will be night flying with light towers, and Dry Camping is allowed. For more information, call Richard Weir at 506-6905.
- ✓ The McMinn Central Chargers and the McMinn Regional Humane Society will be bathing dogs and cats on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Happy Hounds, 203 East Washington Ave., in Downtown Athens. The Humane Society will also have dogs and cats ready to be adopted. There will also be homemade ice cream for you to enjoy while you are waiting on your pet to be bathed. No appointment is needed.

National & World News

◆ Days after North Korea launched a missile over the Japanese island of Hokkaido, U.S. fighter jets and bombers conducted a show of force alongside Japanese and South Korean allies. U.S. Marine Corps' F-35B fighter jets from Japan joined Air Force B-1B bombers from Guam on Wednesday for the first time. They flew over the Korean Peninsula and practiced attack capabilities with South Korean aircraft.

◆ A fleet of monster trucks driven by volunteers traveled to Texas cities hardest hit by floodwaters. The monster trucks are helping first responders get to flood-ravaged neighborhoods their vehicles cannot reach, with some of them carrying firefighters and paramedics to those in need.

◆ The Trump administration plans to make a 90 percent cut to the advertising budget for Obamacare during the upcoming enrollment period. In 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services spent \$100 million on Obamacare advertising and outreach. For this year's open enrollment period, CMS plans on spending \$10 million.

◆ FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:

The McMinn County High School Cherokees play their first away game tonight, traveling to Maryville. McMinn Central's Chargers will host Sweetwater. Meigs County also plays at home, hosting Cumberland Gap. Tennessee plays Georgia Tech Monday at 8 p.m. at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta on ESPN.

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Friday - 80% rain & t'storms.
High 76.
Fri. Night - 50% rain &
cloudy. Low 58.
Saturday - 40% rain A.M.
Cloudy P.M. High 75.
Sunday - P. cloudy. High 80.
More Weather at: wxyi.com

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Church News and Events

- ~ Lakeside Baptist Church on Highway 304 in Ten Mile will have a rummage sale today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Lakeside Youth will have a car wash on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ~ St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Etowah will have a Coats for Kids Giveaway this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. There will be free coats and jackets for kids in elementary and high school. St. Paul's will also have a Community Harvest Share at 2:30 p.m. today with free fresh vegetables for everyone.
- ~ Everlasting Life Christian Center in Etowah will have its annual Women of Wisdom Ministry Conference and Dinner with Lisa Dotson Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Michaels in Athens. The cost is \$20. For tickets, call 506-9598.
- ~ Keith Memorial United Methodist Church will host its Fall Kick-Off event on Wednesday, Sept. 6th, from 5 until 7 p.m. The event will feature 2 Dudes BBQ in the Henderson Street parking lot and activities for children begin at 6 p.m.
- ~ The Tennessee State Gospel Singing Convention will be held at Clear Springs Baptist Church on Friday, Sept. 8th, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 9th, at 10 a.m. The church is located at 653 County Road 100, Athens.
- ~ Thomas Brown will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on September 15th.

Obituaries

- **James Cecil "J.C." Blankenship**, age 81, of Etowah, died Wednesday. He was the owner of Mableton Marble & Granite Company in Mableton, Georgia until his retirement. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation starting at 12 noon.
- **Eleanor Rose Roberts Dannel**, age 81, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

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