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# State & Local News

#### **◆ UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS IN AREA**

The unemployment rates for March in Tennessee's 95 counties have been released. Here in the Athens area, the jobless rate went down in every county. McMinn County's unemployment rate in March was 4.1%, down from 4.4% in February. Meigs County reported a jobless rate of 4.5% in March, down from 4.8 in February. In Monroe County, unemployment in March was 3.6%, down from 3.9% in February. Polk County recorded a jobless rate of 4.2% in March, down from 4.6% in February. In Bradley, the unemployment rate in March was 3.5%, down just a bit from 3.6% in February.

#### ◆ 7% RAISE RECOMMENDED FOR SUMNER

The Athens City Council has recommended giving a 7 percent pay raise to City Manager C. Seth Sumner. The vote was 4 to 1 at Monday night's Study Session, with Councilman Dick Pelley voting against the raise. The council also recommended by a vote of 4 to 1 that the city hire an Information Technology or "IT" director. The City Council will vote on both of those recommendations at its monthly meeting next Tuesday.

### **National & World News**

- Volcanic eruptions on the Big Island of Hawaii have "paused" at all 12 fissure sites, but hazardous fumes continue to be released in some neighborhoods.
- Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State, is traveling to North Korea to lay the groundwork for President Donald Trump's summit with
- After a string of deadly aviation accidents, the Air Force has directed all of their wing units to ground aircraft for one day to conduct an "Operational Safety Review." Active duty wings will have until May 21 and National Guard and Reserve units will have until June 25 to complete the review.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- The Athens Area Council for the Arts will bring back "September Song" featuring local musicians this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at The Arts Center. Lindsey and Andrew Kimball and their band, September Song, will present an evening of new and wellloved favorites. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.
- The Gem Players present **Death of a Doornale** this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the L&N Depot Portico Room. Dessert and show tickets are \$15 by reservation



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## **Obituaries**

- Laura Mae Williams Huckabey, of the South Liberty Community near Riceville, died Tuesday at her daughter's home in LaVergne. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Jerry Lee Dover, age 77, of Riceville, died Tuesday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed mostly flat for the day, with a broad mix across sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 3 points to 24,360. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1 point to 2,672, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 2 points to 7,267.

#### **HOUSE FIRE ON COUNTY RD 883**

The occupants of a house on County Road 883 near Etowah escaped without injury when a fire broke out late Monday night. The structure was fully involved in flames upon arrival of the Englewood and Etowah fire departments.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



# **Restaurant Inspection Scores**

The following restaurants and food facilities in McMinn County were inspected in April. A score of 70 and above is passing.

Subway, Englewood - 100

**Etowah Senior Center - 100** 

Half Back BBO, Englewood - 99

Etowah Café - 98

Farmhouse Family Restaurant, Etowah - 98

Tellico Junction Restaurant, Englewood - 98

Camp Living Stones Dining Hall - 98

Athens Regional Park Concessions - 98

Sugar Shack, Niota - 97

Mexi-Wing, Etowah - 96

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