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Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

♦ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN ATHENS AREA

The unemployment rate in Tennessee dropped in all 95 counties in April to 5 percent or below. Here in the Athens area, the rates hit historical lows:

- McMinn County: The unemployment rate was 3.6% in April, down from 4.1% in March.
- **Meigs County:** The jobless rate was 3.4% in April, down from 4.5% in March.
- **Monroe County:** The unemployment rate was 3.0% in April. down from 3.6% in March.
- Polk County: April unemployment was 3.4%, down from 3.5% in March.
- **Bradley County:** April unemployment was 2.9%, down from 3.5% in March.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- CHI Memorial's mobile health coach will provide mammography screenings at the Meigs County Health Department this Friday, June 1st, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule a screening, call 423-495-4040.
- ✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library's Summer Reading program kicks off this Thursday, May 31st, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ingleside Field. There will be games, face painting, kiddie pools, a waterslide and more

National & World News

- Embattled Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens announced in a press conference that he is resigning on Friday. Politicians and lawmakers in the state began calling for Greitens, 44, to resign last month amid allegations of sexual misconduct.
- A South Carolina TV news station is in mourning after two journalists covering subtropical storm Alberto were killed when a tree fell on their car. WYFF-TV anchor Michael McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer were in a car on a highway in Polk County, North Carolina, when the falling tree killed them.
- A former North Korean spy chief is expected to meet with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Washington, DC on Friday.

♦ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- The Etowah Senior Center will have a Community Yard Sale this Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 435 Cooper St.
- ✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well, on Thursday will be Kati Coats, a Lee University student, who will talk about a study trip to Ecuador. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5, AM 1390 and **ONLINE**.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - 70% rain & t'storms. High near 82.

Wed. Night - 60% rain & t'storms. Low around 68.

Thursday - 70% rain t'storms. High near 85.

Friday - 60% rain. High 85. More Weather at: wyxi.com



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- Allen Jay Brown, age 77, of Athens, died Monday. He retired from the Navy and later worked for various nuclear power plants across the nation for 18 years. A celebration of life will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Joyce Ann Hooper Chrisman, age 73, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Lawrence Curtis Nielsen, Jr., age 80, of Athens, and formerly of Vicksburg, MS, died Saturday at NHC of Athens. He had owned a heating and air business in Vicksburg. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home.
- Betty Jean Freeman Cooper, age 79, of Athens, died Saturday at her daughter's home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation 6 to 8 p.m.
- Lawrence Leo Fugate, age 76, of Riceville, died Monday at his home. He retired from the McMinn Co. Landfill as a heavy equipment operator with 30 years of service. Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ziegler
- **Delbert Ernest Smith,** age 74, of Etowah, died Monday at his home. Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Virginia Dodson**, age 81, of Etowah, died Tuesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- Flora Ammons, age 88, of Spring City, died Tuesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

Remembering Our Heroes

Rain cut the Memorial Day program short at the Athens VFW on Monday. However, the names of veterans who passed away over the past year were read. The photo shows Bob Jones reading some of the names. Despite the wet weather, a good-sized crowd gathered around the big jet for the annual observance.



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