

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Jobless Rate Up in all Counties

The unemployment rate in June increased in all 95 of Tennessee's counties. State officials say the increase is primarily due to seasonal unemployment as a result of schools being out for the summer.

Here in the Athens area, the McMinn County unemployment rate was 4.6% in June, up from 3.5% in May. In Meigs County, the jobless rate in June was 5.4%, up from 4.0% in May. Monroe County's unemployment rate in June was 4.5%, up from 3.3% in May. Polk County registered a 5% jobless rate in June, up from 3.6% in May. Bradley County's unemployment rate in June was 4.3%, up fro 3.2% in May.

Williamson and Davidson counties have the state's lowest unemployment. The June rate for both counties was 3%. Sevier County had Tennessee's second-lowest unemployment rate for June at 3.1%.

Hancock County recorded Tennessee's highest unemployment.

The highest unemployment rate in southeast Tennessee was in Rhea County, which was 6.7% in June.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Hospice of Chattanooga will be hosting a free Nature of Grief Support Group the 1st Tuesday of each month beginning August 6th at the McMinn Senior Activity Center. The free group is designed to help you cope with grief following the death of a loved one. Call 423-892-4289 for more information.

✓ The 2019 Job Fair is today, August 1st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Athens Regional Park. Everyone interested in a new job is invited to attend.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have the following programs next week: Monday at 4:30 p.m.-Pete the Cat Storytime and Crafts. Thursday at 4:30 p.m.-Storytime and Chalk Drawing Craft. Free after school meals are served from 4 to 4:30 p.m. to children 18 and under.

✓ The Sounds of Summer concert at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens this Saturday will feature Grizzly Goat and Grizzly Fowler. The free concert begins at 7. Be sure to bring your lawn chair.

✓ The PTSD Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Athens Lutheran Church.





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Obituaries

• William Edward Hammons, age 73, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was retired from Shoney's. The family is planning a memorial service for a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Keith Norman Hood, age 59, of Sweetwater, died Monday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a veteran of the Army. In honor of his wishes, there will be no public services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 334 points or 1.2% to 26,864. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 33 points or 1.1% to 2,980, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 98 points or 1.2% to 8,203.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AUGUST?

August is here. How much do you know about the month's history? August was the 6th month on the early Roman calendar and had only 30 days. It was called "Sextilis," which means 6th. The Romans renamed the month to honor the emperor Augustus. Augustus is said to have lengthened the month to 31 days by taking a day from February. Famous people born in August include Francis Scott Key, Davey Crockett, Herbert Hoover, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

When Does School Start?

In case **you're** wondering when your child's school starts, here is a listing.

Athens City Schools: Monday, August 5th, registration and an abbreviated day. Tuesday, August 6th, First Full Day of classes.

McMinn County Schools: Tuesday, August 6th, Registration Day (All students report, 10:30 dismissal). Thursday, August 8th, First Full Day of Classes.

Meigs County Schools: Wednesday, August 7th, First Full Day of Classes.

Etowah City School: Tuesday, August 6th, First Day of Classes.

Christ's Legacy Academy: Monday, August 5th, First Day of Classes (Early dismissal)

Valley Christian Academy: Tuesday, August 6th, First Day of School (Early Dismissal, 10:30 a.m.

Fairview Christian Academy: Wednesday, August 14th, First Full Day of Classes

TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 1st

1714 - Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

1779 - Francis Scott Key was born. He was a lawyer who became famous for writing the lyrics for "The Star Spangled Banner." He wrote the words while watching the British fleet's bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812.

1819 - American author Herman Melville was born. His best known work was "Moby Dick," a symbolic story about life and overcoming limitations.

1874 - The insecticide DDT was first prepared. It was banned for use in the U.S. in 1972 due to concerns over its effect on our health and the environment.

1873 - Cable cars began operating in San Francisco. The cars are pulled by steel cables below the surface of the street.

1876 - Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

1907 - The U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

1936 - The Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

1977 - Pilot Francis Gary Powers was killed when his radio traffic helicopter crashed in Los Angeles. Powers gained fame when his U-2 spy plane was shot down over Russia in 1960.

2007 - The eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.

Eleven years ago: Some 30 mountaineers began a disastrous attempt to scale K2 in Pakistan; 11 of them died in a series of accidents, including icefalls. Crowds of Chinese watched a total solar eclipse along the country's ancient Silk Road, one week before the start of the Summer Games in Beijing.