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**RE-ELECT**  
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Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## Jobless Rate Rises in December

The unemployment rate went up in every county in the Athens area in December.

- ◆ In McMinn County, unemployment in December was 3.8%, up from 3.5% in November.
- ◆ Meigs County's jobless rate took a high jump in December, going from 3.9% in November up to 5.4% in December.
- ◆ Monroe County's unemployment rate in December was 3.6%, up from 3.4% in November.
- ◆ Polk County recorded a 3.9% jobless rate in December, up from 3.4% in November.
- ◆ For Bradley County, the unemployment rate in December was 3.2%, up slightly from 3.1% in November.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Tennessee Wesleyan University Dental Hygiene Clinic continues to offer free dental hygiene services to people 18 and under in Athens and surrounding counties during February. The services include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, and sealants. Call 252-1475 to schedule an appointment.

## Highway 411 Fire Destroys Car

Last Friday night around 10, the driver of this 2015 Hyundai Sonata going north on Highway 411 toward Englewood noticed the motor smoking and stopped. He got out of the vehicle shortly before the engine burst into flames. The vehicle was a total loss. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded.  
(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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### Valentine's Day is next Friday !

We will have special hours for Wednesday the 12th & Thursday the 13th, 10-6.  
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## Obituaries

- ♦ **H. R. Herman Ray "Popsie" Patterson**, age 78, of Athens, died last Thursday at his home. He was a retired engineer from CSX Railroad after 37 years. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11th, at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Heather Michelle Weber**, age 33, of Sweetwater, died last Thursday at UT Medical Center. She had waitressed at Applebee's for many years. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Donald Ray "Donnie" Wood**, age 60, of Athens, died Saturday at Hospice Care Center in Chattanooga. There will be no formal services or visitation. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Mary Helen Britton Burger**, age 70, of Athens, died last Friday at Starr Regional of Athens. A Celebration of Life visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Mattie Sue Vincent Hutsell**, age 92, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional of Athens. She was a professional seamstress and bookkeeper. She had worked at Belk, Key Tire Company, and was a customer service representative for McMinn Farmers Mutual Insurance Company until age 87. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Helen Wheaton**, a longtime resident of McMinn County, died Saturday. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 12 noon.

## Whiting Sues City of Athens

Glenn Whiting, the Athens man who turned his downtown building into a billboard, is now suing the City of Athens. In the federal lawsuit, Whiting is suing the City, City Attorney Chris Trew, and City Manager C. Seth Sumner for First Amendment retaliation and violations of other state and federal laws. The lawsuit says Athens City officials abuse their authority through discretionary enforcement of law. It alleges that officials regularly single out individuals with whom they have personal disputes or political disagreements, and use the power of their positions to have laws enforced in a disproportionate manner against those individuals. It goes on to say that Sumner, Trew, and other Athens City officials have taken official actions, and have threatened to take further actions, against Whiting in retaliation for his recent expression of his political views at public meetings, as well as for expressing his political views via a display on the exterior wall of his building at the corner of Jackson St. and Madison Ave. The dispute stems from an incident that happened back in 2018 where a car was stolen from Whiting's property. Police Chief Cliff Couch says Whiting wasn't happy with the way it was investigated. Whiting is asking for damages, temporary and permanent relief, a declaration that the actions of the defendants were unconstitutional and illegal, and for the defendants to reimburse him for his attorney's fees. City Manager Sumner declined to comment, saying, "I have not been served with notice of a lawsuit and it would be unfair and inappropriate to comment on rumors."



## Annual Meeting

Join us in celebrating the 2019 year!

**Thursday, March 19th  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

RSVP by March 10th to Tiffany Hayes,  
tiffany@athensmcmynnca.org

Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



## Dine With Us This Valentine's Day!

Friday-Sunday, February 14-16

### Smoked Prime Rib

Our fresh-cut, ribeye loin hand-sliced to order and served with sautéed mushrooms, au jus and horseradish sauce. Served with two side items.  
**\$18.99**

### Salmon

Grilled wild-caught salmon filet seasoned with our house seasoning. Served with yellow rice and asparagus.  
**\$14.99**

Add a soup or salad \$2.99

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