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## Today's News... This Morning

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Friday, January 8, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

## Jobless Rate Drops in November

The unemployment rate dropped in each of Tennessee's 95 counties in November. Williamson County had the lowest rate, 3.3%. Lake County's 8.1% rate was the highest. Here in Southeast Tennessee:

- McMinn County: 5.0% in November...6.9% in October**
- Meigs County: 5.6% in November... 8.3% in October**
- Monroe County: 4.8% in November...6.7% in October**
- Polk County: 4.9% in November...7.0% in October**
- Rhea County: 6.1% in November...8.4% in October**
- Bradley County: 4.7% in November...6.6% in October**

**NEW DATE SET FOR CHAMBER MEETING**  
 The Athens Chamber of Commerce's annual awards meeting has been moved to April 22nd. The event will be at The Barn at Faith Farms starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Feb. 1st.

## Trey Ivins is Teacher of the Year

Mr. Trey Ivins, Athens City Middle School Instructional Coach, has been selected as the Athens City Schools 5th-8th Grade Teacher of the Year for 2020-21. He also is the District-Level Teacher of the Year. The photo below shows, left to right: Andrew Kimball (Supervisor of Federal Programs), Robert Greene (Director of Schools), Justin Wallace (Assistant Principal), Trey Ivins (ACMS Teacher of the Year), Mike Simmons (Principal), Melody Armstrong (Supervisor of Instruction) & Molly McLean (Supervisor of Special Ed and Pre K)



**NOTICE:** The Athens City Schools Board of Education will meet on Monday, January 11th, at 4:45 p.m. in the School Administration Building. The 4:45 p.m. start time will give the director, Robert Greene, time to attend the Athens City Council Study Session.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday P.M.

Tennessee: 634,237 cases, up 9,000. 7,492 deaths, up 111.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,684	4,124	493	67 up 1
Meigs	1,034	906	112	16
Monroe	4,188	3,620	509	59 up 1
Polk	1,279	1,100	162	17
Bradley	9,828	8,655	1,092	81
Rhea	3,476	2,978	446	52

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**Friday:** Possible snow in AM with little or no accumulation. High 40.  
**Fri Night:** Mostly cloudy. Low 21.  
**Saturday:** Chilly. Periods of clouds & Sunshine. High 40.  
**Sat Night:** Mainly clear and cold. Low 23.  
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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Jimmy Paul Graham, Sr.**, age 62, of Athens, died Wednesday at his residence. There will be no formal visitation or funeral service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Robin Danette Monroe Millsaps**, age 59, of Athens, died Wednesday at her home. She had worked with Amedysis. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Old Fashion Baptist Church, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **John Andrew "Andy" Nation**, age 61, died Wednesday at his home. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Nola Janetta Cook Bushman**, age 75, of Athens, formerly of Mt. Ayr, IN, died Tuesday at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She retired from Jasper County Hospital in Rensselaer, IN where she was a surgery room tech. Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Janice Rose Roberts Kuykendall**, age 88, of Athens died Wednesday. She retired after 33 years as a Job Placement Interviewer with the Tennessee Department of Employment Security. A memorial and graveside service will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Franklin Delano "Loney" Miller**, age 88, of McMinn County, died Wednesday at his home. He served in the military for 29 years. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at Companion, with visitation at 2 p.m.

## Church News & Events

- Valley Christian Academy will be holding an Open House event for families interested in learning more about the school on January 11th. Families may come for a school tour and meet Principal Jeff Anderson, along with teachers and administration and VCA board members. Valley Christian Academy is located at Eastanallee Baptist Church near Riceville. The hours for the open house are 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call 462-3008.

- MLK Day of Unity will be held on Marlin Luther King, Jr., Day, January 18th, at Everlasting Life Christian Center, 1710 Highway 441 S., Etowah. The main speaker will be Rev. Jack Bryan. Everyone is welcome.

- Transformation Project, a 12-month non-residential discipleship and recovery program, is underway at Athens First Baptist Church. The program is for anyone with a life-controlling problem. It can also serve as an alternative sentencing program. For more details, call Sarah Kite, director, at 745-5441.

**NOTE:** If you have church news or church events you would like us to include in this Friday column, email them to us at:

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## TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

**2011** - U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others also injured. The gunman was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.

**1815** - The last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.

**1912** - The African National Congress was founded in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

**1918** - President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

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