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## Today's News...This Morning

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Friday, July 1, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

### Tennessee Unemployment Rates

New data released on June 23<sup>rd</sup> by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development showed unemployment rates increased slightly during May in each of the state's 95 counties. Even with the minimal increases, 93 of Tennessee's 95 counties maintained rates lower than 5% for the month. The data below shows McMinn and surrounding counties for the month of May:

- McMinn increased from 3.4 to 3.8
- Meigs increased from 3.6 to 4.0
- Polk increased from 3.2 to 3.6
- Rhea increased from 3.5 to 4.0
- Monroe increased from 2.8 to 3.3
- Bradley increased from 3.0 to 3.

### THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Major indexes were lower. Growth-style stocks led the way lower. Stocks closed out the worst first half of a calendar year since 1970. Bond yields were lower, as investors expect further softening of economic growth. The U.S. 10-year Treasury dropped below 3%. Commodities fell, with oil around \$105/barrel. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 253.88 to 30,775.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 33.45 to 3,785.38, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 149.16 to 11,028.74.

### Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn Senior Center will re-open today, July 1st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will resume all regular activities.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer concert will be Saturday, July 2nd and begins at 7 p.m. under the Market Park Pavilion featuring the big band sound of Sweet Georgia Sound. Bring your lawn chairs and get ready to be entertained! Sounds of Summer is a Friendly City Festivals production and is sponsored by: McMinn Tourism Board, Valley Oil, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, Athens Kiwanis Club, Warren-Jackson CPAs, DENSO, Starr Regional Medical Center, Mayfield Dairy and Wolfenden Family Pharmacies and Athens Main Street. It is free and everyone is welcome.
- ✓ Another law taking effect July 1 strengthens the penalty for anyone who harms a law enforcement or service animal in Tennessee. Known as Joker's Law and sponsored by Senator Mike Bell of Riceville, the bill increases the penalty for anyone who knowingly and unlawfully kills a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal or police horse. Offenders would now be charged with a Class B felony.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Margaret Louise King**, age 91, of Dayton, passed away Wednesday, June 29th. A graveside service will be at 5 p.m. Friday, July 1st at the Meigs County Memorial Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Robert Floyd Ragsdales, Jr.**, age 63, of Sweetwater, passed away Tuesday, June 28th. He was born in Loudon. He was the owner of V&R Garbage Service. A service celebrating his life will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 5th at Companion Funeral Home with visitation Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at a later date at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

♦ **Kenneth Bradford "Brad" Sherman**, age 69, of Athens, passed away Thursday, June 23rd. He was born in Green Springs, Ohio. He served in the United States Army on active duty from Aug 1970 to April 1972 assigned to 178th ASHC, 212th CAB VN, USARPAC as a Door Gunner. Bravely serving in Vietnam from March 29, 1971 to February 11, 1972 with decorated accommodations of National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM). He was honorably discharged serving in the reserves until 1976. He dedicated 32 years in the civil service working for the Department of Defense as an Environmental Protection Specialist serving the Marines, Sailors, and their families aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton in California. After retiring from civil service, he moved to Athens, Tennessee where he was President of the VFW Riders Club and supported his fellow veterans as an officer of VFW Post 5146. His final formation and memorial service will be at 1600 hours Saturday, July 30th at VFW Post 5146. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

## Church News & Events

- Lakeview Baptist Church invites everyone to come view the fireworks at their church. There will be free popcorn and water. Just bring a chair or blanket. Free backpacks with school supplies will be given to each child from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. or while supplies last. Children must be with an adult to receive a backpack.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- Lane's Chapel AME Zion Church at 904 CR 264, Niota is having Homecoming Sunday, July 3rd at the 11 a.m. morning service only. The Dixon Singers will provide the Praise and Worship and the speaker will be Rev. Dr. Joseph Weaver from Harriman. Everyone is invited.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

## Back to School Supply Drive!

July 1-18

Drop off new school supplies benefiting North City School.



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