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Local & Area News

◆ **JOBLESS RATE JUMPS IN AREA**
 The unemployment rate for June went up in McMinn, Meigs and Monroe counties. In McMinn County, the unemployment rate in June was 12.3%, up from 11.6% in May. In Meigs County, the jobless rate jumped from 11.8% in May to 13.2% in June. The Monroe County unemployment rate rose from 13.3% in May to 13.8% in June.

◆ **BOATER'S BODY FOUND 2 MILES DOWNRIVER**
 Rescue squad members found the body of a missing boater in the Tennessee River about two miles south of the Highway 60 bridge early Saturday. Martin King, 59, of Sale Creek was fishing with his father, 80-year-old Ed King, near the bridge last Thursday afternoon. Martin King got hot and decided to jump into the river to cool off. He apparently got caught in the swift current and was not able to swim back to the boat. His father jumped in to try to help him, but he began struggling, too. Two fishermen from Dalton, Georgia, were close by and were able to save Ed King. Martin King, however, disappeared under the water. Searchers looked for his body until 10 p.m. Thursday, and all day Friday. They found the body the first thing Saturday morning floating in the river.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ They have a deal! President Obama and congressional leaders announced an agreement Sunday night on emergency legislation to avert a debt default. The announcement instantly boosted financial markets overseas. The agreement would slice at least \$2.2 trillion from federal spending over a decade. The Treasury's authority to borrow would be extended beyond the 2012 elections. President Obama had to give up his insistence on raising taxes on wealthy Americans. House Speaker John Boehner says "it isn't the best deal in the world," but urges Republicans to support it.

◆ Perhaps the U.S. government could learn some things from the software company, Apple. Apple's quarterly financial report shows the company now has \$76.4 billion in reserve cash, while the Treasury Department is sitting on just \$73.7 billion.

◆ Airplane crashes made news this past weekend. Four people died in a plane that crashed after colliding in mid-air with another plane near Trapper Creek, Alaska. A rescue crew found the bodies of two men in the burned wreckage of a small aircraft that disappeared while flying over the Grand Canyon. Two men were killed in Ohio while testing a replica of a Wright brothers bi-plane. And there were no fatalities in the crash of a Caribbean Airlines Boeing 737 with 163 people aboard. The plane ran off the end of a runway at the main airport in Georgetown, Guyana, and broke in two.

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Athens, Tennessee

Rising From The Ashes

Just 16 days shy of the fire that destroyed it, the brand new County Patch restaurant will open for business at 11 a.m. today. The photo shows Savannah Baker and her daughter, Kali, standing in front of a mural in the new dining room. The mural survived the fire last August 17th. Savannah is the daughter of owner Deb Gunn.

(Photo by Cheri Harrison)



Obituaries

Azel Harl Torbett, age 84, of Etowah died last Thursday at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Tennessee Wesleyan College Department of Fine Arts is hosting the second annual play writing competition in which 10 plays will be selected for production in the "TEN for TENN" Play Festival. The festival will take place in October at the TWC Townsend Hall Auditorium OnStage Theater and the Athens Arts Council's Sue E. Trotter Theater. All scripts must be written by playwrights who are from or have lived in Tennessee, or be set in Tennessee, or have some reference to Tennessee. The plays must be between five and 15 minutes long and be appropriate for all ages. Submit scripts to: Tennessee Wesleyan College, ATTN: Eric Love, 204 E. College Street, Athens, TN 37303. The deadline is August 28th.

✓ The Athens Vineyard Church will be taking applications for free groceries on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, from 4 to 6 p.m. The church will be helping at least 50 families with commodities such as canned goods, boxed goods, and baby food. Anyone who comes in on Tuesday to sign up will also get a free hot meal. The church is located next to the Courthouse Annex in the Madison Park Shopping Center.

✓ Medic's Bloodmobile will be at the Athens Big Lots from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Alumni and Friends are Cordially Invited to Join us for a Reception to Introduce the 20th President of Tennessee Wesleyan College

Dr. Harley Knowles

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-AUG. 1

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.

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.

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