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Local & State News

◆ EMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS AGAIN

Tennessee's unemployment rate has dropped to a new historic low, 3 percent. Tennessee had the lowest unemployment in the Southeast in September. In the Athens area, McMinn County's jobless rate was 3.4% in September, down from 4.1% in August. Meigs County reported a jobless rate of 3.9% in September, down from 4.9% in August. In Monroe County, the unemployment rate in September was 3.1%, down from 3.9% in August. Polk County's jobless rate in September was 3.3%, down from 4.1% in August. Bradley County recorded an unemployment rate of 2.8% in September down from 3.5% in August. Rhea County continued to have the highest rate of unemployed workers in the state, with an employment rate of 4.9%.

◆ POWER RATES TO GO UP IN NOVEMBER

The local power rate for Athens Utilities customers will edge up in November compared to October as a result of a higher monthly fuel charge from TVA. For the average home use of 1225 kilowatt hours, the change will mean about \$2.00 more for power for the month. AUB suggests some steps you can take to keep the heat inside your home. Those steps include ensuring adequate insulation in your attic, putting an insulating blanket on your water heater, keeping doors and windows shut at all times, taking advantage of the sun's heat by opening curtains on the sunny side of the house, and cleaning heating system filters every month.

National & World News

◆ New allegations from at least two actresses came out over the weekend accusing Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein of sexual abuse. Actress Annabella Sciorra claims that Weinstein "violently raped" her, and actress Daryl Hannah says her career suffered after encounters with Weinstein.

◆ Leaders at Christ Church (Episcopal) Alexandria, Virginia, have decided to remove a plaque marking the pew where a member, President George Washington, sat and worshipped with his family. The church leaders say the plaque of a former slave owner makes some worshipers uncomfortable.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks Department will host the 2017 Halloween Costume Contest Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Market Park pavilion. Registration for the contest, which is co-sponsored by the Athens Kiwanis Club, will be from 6 to 6:45 p.m. There will be categories for children and adults.

✓ The weekly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Chat" radio program will be Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI, AM-1390, FM-94.5 and [ONLINE](#). The guest will be Kimberly Delacourt of Inspirations Dancing.



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More Obituaries

- ♦ **Patricia Elizabeth "PeeWee" Finley Miller**, age 80, of Niota, died Friday at her home. Services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Max Alton Trew**, age 87 of Riceville, died Saturday at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean Conflict. He was employed at Bower Southern Paper Corporation and helped run the family farm. He also was a member of the bluegrass band, The Loafers. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Wanda Jean McKinney**, age 85, of Athens, died Friday at her home. She was retired from Johnson Controls. At her request, there will be no formal visitation. She did request a gathering at her home to "Feed the family and friends one more time." That will be held Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

Obituaries

- ♦ **Una Fay Campbell Akins**, age 83, of Riceville, died Friday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. She had been secretary to the academic dean at TWC, a program organizer for the YMCA, and beauty consultant for Merle Norman Studio. She was the wife of Bill Akins for 64 years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7.
- ♦ **Ona Ruth Walden Melton**, age 66, of Philadelphia (and a native of Ten Mile), died last Thursday at Ft. Sanders Select Care in Knoxville. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ten Mile. Bowers Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Connie Lynn Johnson**, age 56, of Johnson City (and a native of Athens), died last Thursday. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

◆ **FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD:**
 Despite fumbling four times, the Kentucky Wildcats defeated the Tennessee Volunteers 29-26 Saturday night after a last-minute touchdown. The Vols next game will be against Southern Mississippi in Knoxville this coming Saturday.
 In High School football: Cleveland 42, McMinn High 38; Brainerd 38, McMinn Central 0; Meigs County 60, Wartburg 8; Soddy-Daisy 48, Walker Valley 28.



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