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Athens, Tennessee

# STATE & LOCAL NEWS

#### **♦ JOBLESS RATE DOWN SLIGHTLY IN MAY**

The unemployment rate in May was down slightly in McMinn County, while holding steady or going up a bit in surrounding counties. The jobless rate in McMinn County was 3.5% in May, down from 3.6% in April. In Meigs County, the unemployment rate in May was 3.8%, up from 3.6% in April. The Monroe County jobless rate in May was 3.0%, unchanged from April. Polk County's jobless rate was 3.4% in both April and May. In Bradley County, the unemployment rate in May was 3.1%, up from 2.9% in April.

#### ATHENS TAX RATE IS GOING DOWN

The Athens City Council has approved the city's property tax rate for the fiscal year that began July 1st. The Council approved the tax rate ordinance 5-0 on first reading at a called meeting Monday

afternoon. The rate was reduced about 10¢ to offset increasing property values from recent reappraisals, making the income to the city "revenue neutral" for existing property. The 14 day waiting period for the second reading was waived and will be held at the



council's regular meeting next Tuesday. Following the called meeting, the Council held its monthly Study Session. One item on the agenda was a proposed resolution to adopt an official flag for the City of Athens. The proposed flag is shown above.

#### **National & World News**

- ◆ President Donald Trump announced Monday night that U.S. Circuit Court Judge Brett Kavanaugh will be his second U.S. Supreme Court justice nominee. Kavanaugh, 53, is a Yale Law School graduate who has served on the D.C. Circuit Court for 12 years and was once a former clerk for the retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy.
- ◆ A 2-year-old boy has died after he was found in a scorching hot car outside his Sacramento home this past weekend. It is unknown how long the child was in the vehicle or exactly how the child came to be in the vehicle. No arrests have been made.
- ◆ Dawn Sturgess, the woman who was exposed to the nerve agent Novichok in southern England has died. Sturgess, along with her boyfriend Charlie Rowley, were allegedly exposed to the military-grade nerve agent through a contaminated item that was linked to a March attack that poisoned ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, in Salisbury.

#### **◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will offer a free computer class this coming Saturday, July 14th, at 11 a.m. The class is an Introduction to Microsoft Word and also an Introduction to Facebook. Space is limited and you must register to reserve your spot. Call 263-9475 to register.
- ✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens will present a Wetlands Storybook Walk tomorrow, July 11th, at 10 a.m. Your youngsters can explore the wetlands as they follow the story of *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon

#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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is having a Medic Blood Drive July 10th Noon - 6pm. Free appetizer coupon from Texas Roadhouse - DONATE LIFE! For more information you can call 423-405-3075 or email Jessica Skelton at JessicaS@DominionAthens.com 2090 W. Madison Ave., Athens, TN 37303

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## **Obituaries**

- John David "J.D." Nelson, age 93, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional Health and Rehab in Etowah. He retired from TVA Watts Bar. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
- **Reba Joyce Davis Reagan,** age 73, of Riceville, died Sunday at her home. She was associated with Coppengers Photo Finishers until her retirement. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Carolyn "Tooter" Galyon Collins, age 75, of Athens, died last Friday at UT Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Ottis Gene Moore, age 85, of Ten Mile, died Saturday at his home. He had operated Moore's Service Station and Moore's Produce before retiring. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery with military honors.

# **Injury Wreck on Highway 307**

The driver of this 2004 Chrysler lost control on Highway 307 Sunday evening around 9. The driver was injured and was trans-

ported by AMR to Regional Starr Medical Center in Athens The Niota Englewood Rural Fire Departments, th e County McMinn Sheriff's Department, and the Tennessee High-Patrol all way responded. THP Officer Kyle Millsaps investigated the accident.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept)





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