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Thursday, September 13, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS SLIGHTLY

The unemployment rate dropped slightly in July in most counties in the Athens area. In McMinn County, the jobless rate was 4.5% in July, down from 4.7% in June. In Meigs County, the unemployment rate in July was 5.2%, down from 5.3% in June. Monroe County's jobless rate was 4.4% in both June and July. Polk County's unemployment rate was 4.7% in July, down from 4.8% in June. Bradley County's jobless rate was 4.2% in July, down from 4.4% in June.

### ◆ WRECK AT ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE

A two vehicle wreck at about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, at the intersection of South White Street and Alford Street injured at least one person who was transported to the hospital. Traffic was tied up for about 45 minutes at the busy intersection.

(Photo by Phil Prichard)



## National & World News

◆ Hurricane Florence is now a powerful Category 3 storm and is closing in on the Southeast, bringing threatening winds, a high storm surge and tons of rain. Florence may dump as much as 40 inches of rain in North Carolina alone. Florence is forecast to stall near the South Carolina/North Carolina coastline Friday night and then drift towards Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and will likely weaken to a Category 1 storm Friday or Saturday. The ABC News photo to the right shows the timeline of Hurricane Florence through Monday morning.



### ◆ STREETS TO CLOSE FOR MCHS PARADE

The annual McMinn County High School Homecoming Parade will be held this evening in Athens. The Athens Public Works Department advises that several intersections on W. Madison Ave. and Washington Ave. will be closed from 5 to 8 p.m. Those intersections on W. Madison include Henderson St., McMinn Ave., Thompson St., Woodman St., Douglas St., Kilgore St., Hill St., Church St., White St., and Jackson St. The following intersections on Washington Ave. will be closed: Jackson, White, Church, Hill, Kilgore, and Hanel Streets. Motorists should use caution and watch for traffic signs, workers, and spectators.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ This is Teen Game Night at E.G. Fisher Public Library. Starting at 5:30 p.m., teens can enjoy popcorn and snacks while playing a variety of games made possible by donations from Pair-a-Dice Games. (More Community News on page 2)

### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



**Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike**  
 All Day: Chicken Tips or Chicken Philly+Side-Bakery-Dessert-Rolls-\$6.99 ea.  
 Senior Buffet: (55+) Monday-Friday  
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**IT'S BO TIME BOJANGLES S. Congress Parkway 744-5292**

## Need Utility Assistance?

Contact your local SETHRA office  
 for more info.

McMinn County - 423-745-8095  
 Meigs County - 423-334-3305

### St. Mary's Fall Festival

**Sun., Sept. 16th**  
 1291 E. Madison Ave., Athens

**11:30am-4:00pm**  
 Silent & Chinese Auction  
 Authentic Ethnic Foods  
 Bakery Booth, Games  
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### TODAY IN HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

**1788** - Congress authorized the first national election, to be held the first Wednesday in January 1789.  
**1851** - Surgeon Walter Reed was born. The Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington was named after him.  
**1911** - The "father" of bluegrass music, Bill Monroe, was born. His hits include "Blue Moon Of Kentucky," "Uncle Pen," and "Kentucky Waltz."  
**1925** - Singer Mel Tormé was born. He wrote the popular Christmas song titled "The Christmas Song" about those chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Nat King Cole's recording made the song a Christmas classic.



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## Obituaries

♦ **James "Jimmy" Bates**, age 64, of Benton, died Tuesday. He was retired from The Tennessee Highway Patrol. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Frederick K. Luhrs**, age 81, of Athens, died August 31st, at Laurelbrook Nursing Home in Dayton. He was a graduate of New York State School of Ceramic Engineering at Alfred University in New York. He worked in the ceramics industry in the manufacturing of china in Corning, New York and Ohio and in Puerto Rico. Later he went into more technical ceramic products with Johansson and Rohm Corporation in California and Rauschert and Apogee Ceramics in Tennessee. A memorial "Dedication of Life" service will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Athens Seventh Day Adventist Church. Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ A Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection event will be held in Monroe County this Saturday. You are invited to bring items such as cleaning fluids, pesticides, batteries, etc., to the Monroe County Highway Department, 3475 New Highway 68, in Madisonville from 8 a.m. to noon. You do not have to live in Monroe County in order to participate. Items not accepted include ammunition, alkaline batteries, and paint.

✓ SETHRA will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Sept. 20th from noon to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory between Athens and Etowah.

## It's Barbeque Time in Athens

The Athens Kiwanis Club will be selling barbeque this Friday, September 14th, at Market Park Pavilion and the former Magnolia Cleaners location on Decatur Pike across from Taco Bell. You can purchase a pound of BBQ for \$12.00 and a bottle of Gus's famous sauce for \$5. The below submitted photo shows Scottie Mayfield setting up one of the signs.



## PUMPKINTOWN

15th Annual Festival featuring History, Heritage  
& the Scott Crisp Memorial Pow-Wow



OCTOBER 13, 10-5  
in downtown Athens



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October 5, 2018

St. Mary Parish  
Family Life Center

Doors Open at 6; Dinner at 7 pm

**\$40.00**

Everyone Welcome



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Food, Fun, Contests and Silent Auction  
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