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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ JOBLESS RATE DIPS IN DECEMBER

The unemployment rate in the area dropped slightly in December. In McMinn County, unemployment was 8.2% in December, down from 8.3% in November. The jobless rate in Meigs County was 8.8% in December, down from 8.9% in November. In Monroe County, unemployment was 9.4% in December, down from 9.7% in November.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn Living Heritage Museum's Heritage School tomorrow will feature Shawn Lindsey, Athens Public Works Director, discussing wildlife habitat creation, rain gardens, and native plants. The hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ✓ The E.J. Fisher Public Library will celebrate Black History Month next Monday at 12 noon with author Rev. Wayne Williams and Frances Witt-McMahan, Executive Director of CASA, speaking about advocating for children in the county's legal system.
- ✓ The Medic Regional Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be at BB&T Bank, 1604 Decatur Pike, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. There is a critical need for all blood types.

MORE ON STRIKER SHOOTING

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says the shooting death of Stanley Striker, owner of the former Striker's Winery, appears to be a suicide and murder attempt. Sheriff Guy says Striker died from a gunshot fired from a small caliber handgun Wednesday afternoon at the winery property on County Road 172. His 16-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter were both shot. They managed to get away and seek help from a neighbor. Both are hospitalized at Erlanger in stable condition. Sheriff Guy says Striker and the children had been in a custody hearing and Striker may have been distraught over custody issues. Striker's wife, Patty, was shot to death at the winery 14 years ago. Striker was questioned about her murder, but he was able to show he was at work at Bowater at the time.

◆ Veteran NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting the blood cells in the bone marrow. Doctors are optimistic about his treatment. (Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid was diagnosed with the same cancer two years ago. Ironically, both of them worked at WSB Radio/TV in Atlanta at the same time in 1966.)

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Church News and Events

- The Church of God Sanctified on Houston Street in Madisonville will have a free Valentine Dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. If you can come, please RSVP to 423-442-5901.
- The McMinn County Branch of the NAACP will present a Heritage Program tomorrow at 5 p.m. at Voice of Deliverance Church of God In Christ, 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens. The guest will be a gospel singing group from Chattanooga.
- The Wellspring Mennonite Church will host the 50-voice **Sharon Singers** for an evening of inspirational acappella music this Sunday at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Wellspring Mennonite Church is located at 265 County Road 608, off Highway 30 east of Athens.
- The annual Burkes Gospel Jubilee Day will be this Sunday afternoon at Greater Deliverance Ministries off Clearwater Road at Congress Parkway. There will be singers from Greater Deliverance, First Church in Sweetwater, Agape Center AOH Church, Overcoming Faith Christian Center, the Pleasant Grove Male Chorus, and an area youth choir. The program begins at 3 p.m.

Obituaries

Lesley Pearce Hammontree, 65, of Clearwater, Florida, died Febuary 5th. Services had been scheduled for today (Friday), but due to the weather, will be postponed until sometime next week. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

SNOW SCENES

The photo showing Mars Hill Presbyterian Church and Trinity Methodist Church was taken by Frank Snyder. The photo of the snow-covered road was submitted by Bruce and Chris Hari.



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