

WEATHER FORECAST
Thursday - Patchy fog before 10 a.m. High 87.
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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN ATHENS AREA

The unemployment rate in August dropped in McMinn and surrounding counties. The jobless rate for McMinn County was 4.2% in August, down from 4.5% in July. In Meigs County, unemployment in August was 4.7%, down from 5.2% in July. Monroe's unemployment rate in August was 3.9%, down from 4.4% in July. Polk County reported a jobless rate in August of 4.3%, down from 4.9% in July. Bradley County's unemployment rate in August was 4.0%, down from 4.2% in July.

◆ TWU RANKS AMONG REGION'S BEST

U.S. News has ranked Tennessee Wesleyan University among the region's best higher education institutions. TWU is ranked on two key lists: Best Regional Colleges South and Best Value Schools (Regional Colleges South). On September 8th, U.S. News and World Report released their annual rankings of higher education institutions across the country. TWU was ranked number 16 on the Best Regional Colleges (South) list. U.S. News says schools that make the lists are above average academically and cost considerably less than many other schools. TWU was number 8 on the Best Value list, and was the only school in Tennessee to make the top 15. Ninety percent of TWU's students receive institutional aid which resulted in \$11,256,613 being distributed last academic year.

National & World News

◆ TBI MOST WANTED KIRBY GENE WALLACE

The manhunt intensifies for Kirby Gene Wallace, a double murder suspect who is on the run after a string of violent crimes. Kirby Gene Wallace is believed to be in an area north of Nashville. According to Stewart County Sheriff Frankie Gray, Wallace is suspected of killing a 63-year-old woman after she and her husband came home from church. The couple was bound and their house was set on fire. The husband survived. Wallace is also suspected of shooting and killing a man and stealing his truck on Monday in Montgomery County. Wallace is wanted on charges including first-degree murder, felony murder, attempted murder, aggravated arson and especially aggravated kidnapping, said. Anyone with information about his location is asked to call 911.



Kirby Gene Wallace
 (source TBI)

◆ More than a year into his investigation, special counsel Robert Mueller is downsizing his team. Since August, four members of Mueller's handpicked prosecutors, investigating Russian meddling during the 2016 presidential campaign, have returned to their previous positions. However, this does not mean that Mueller is close to being done.

◆ A suspect has been taken into custody by the FBI in connection with what was believed to be ricin letter threats that were mailed to the Pentagon and other locations Tuesday. The substance found in the envelopes has since been determined to be castor seeds and not ricin.

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Obituaries

♦ **Lewis Clifton (Sonny) Carroll**, age 88, of Athens, died Monday at his home. He retired from Niota Textile and was a former employee of Athens Hosiery Mill. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Freedom Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Sara "Joan" Wilson**, age 81, of Riceville, died Wednesday at Morning Pointe of Athens. She was associated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 40 years and was an active cattle farmer as long as her health permitted. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

♦ **Doris Ann Mullins Estep** of Ten Mile died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was employed by Taylor Sportswear and had worked at several hosiery mills. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Stephen Mark Robinette**, age 63, died September 27th. He grew up in Athens and was a member of the McMinn High School class of 1973. He worked at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto, California. Recently, he resided in Soddy-Daisy. A memorial will be held at Covenant Church in Soddy-Daisy at 7 p.m. Thursday. Turner Funeral Home of Chattanooga is in charge.

Community News You Can Use

- Tickets for the 27th Annual Mother Son Dance sponsored by the Athens Parks and Recreation Department are now available for purchase. The dance will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the cafeteria of McMinn County High School. Tickets are \$10 per person and there are only 500 available. To purchase tickets, contact the Athens Parks Department at 744-2704.
- The 45th Arts & Crafts Show and Etowah Fall Festival will be this weekend at the L&N Depot. The hours are 10 to 5 on Saturday and noon to 5 on Sunday. There will be live entertainment, vendors, an apple pie contest, and a pet parade contest.
- The annual quilt show continues this month at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum.
- Next week, October 8th-12th, is Fall Break in the Athens City, Etowah City, McMinn County, and Meigs County schools as well as Christ's Legacy Academy and Valley Christian Academy.
- E.G. Fisher Public Library has several Fall Break Fun events next week, including a "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" Party Monday at 2 p.m., a Wetlands Storybook Walk & Terrarium Build on Tuesday at 2 p.m., and Storytime with the Athens Police Department at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.



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