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Monday, November 26, 2018

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Local & Area News

◆ **JOBLESS RATE HOLDS STEADY**
 The unemployment rate in the Athens area held fairly steady from September to October. The jobless rate in McMinn County was unchanged at 4.2% both months. The Meigs County unemployment rate in October was 4.6%, up a tick from 4.5% in September. In Monroe County, unemployment in October was 3.8% percent, down a tick from 3.9% in September. Polk County's jobless rate in October was 4.2%, up slightly from 4.1% in September. Bradley County's unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.8% for both October and September.

◆ **ROAD WORK AT TELLICO & RAILROAD**
 The Athens Public Works Department announces that improvements to the intersection at Tellico Avenue and Railroad Avenue will get underway at 7 a.m. Monday. The work is expected to continue until June 30th. Motorists are advised to watch for traffic pattern changes, traffic signage, and workers.

◆ **REPAVING TO BEGIN ON HIGHWAY 305**
 Traffic on Highway 305 between Congress Parkway and I-75 will be down to one lane as contractors pave a section of the highway where they had been unsuccessfully trying a technique known as FDR (Full Depth Reclamation) to repair the rough pavement. The section will be paved for the winter. It should be completed in December. At this point, plans are to make more permanent repairs to the section of highway next spring.

More Local News

◆ **FORMER ENGLEWOOD MAYOR ARRESTED**
 The former mayor of Englewood has been arrested for allegedly threatening to "shoot" a city employee. James Cox, 76, was taken into custody by the McMinn County Sheriff's office after a criminal summons was issued. Cox recently resigned as Englewood's mayor. The alleged incident took place in September while he was still mayor. Cox was released on bond. He is scheduled to appear in McMinn General Sessions Court this Thursday.

◆ **"NO CONFIDENCE" VOTE ON PELLEY**
 The Athens City Council has passed by 4 to 1 a "vote of no confidence" in fellow council member Dick Pelley. The motion was made by outgoing council member Yvonne Raper. The no confidence vote is actually nothing more than a "slap on the wrist." Raper made the motion because she said Pelley had failed to comply with all the sanctions the council passed against him in April for violating city harassment policies. Pelley says the allegations against him are bogus, and he blamed them primarily on the inexperience of City Manager C. Seth Sumner. On a positive note, the two men say they are willing to sit down and try to work out their differences.

◆ **FOOTBALL:** A great football season has ended for the Meigs County Tigers. They lost to Trousdale County Friday night in the Class 2A semi-finals. The score was Trousdale 32, Meigs County 29. The Vols lost to Vandy, 38-13, on Saturday.

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RC Club Donates to Rescue Squad

The McMinn County Radio Control Association has presented a donation of \$500 to the McMinn County Rescue Squad's "Rescue Christmas Fund." Pictured sitting at the table are Charles Musgrove, Club President, presenting the check to Rod Walker with the McMinn Rescue Squad. Shown standing, left to right: Rescue Squad members Randy Key, C.J. Key, and Quintin Key. Radio Control members Tom Miller, Vice President; Bob Miller, PR; Pierce Ashburn, Sean Ashburn, David Mason, Gary Ashburn and Sid Everett. (Photo courtesy of Bob Miller)



Obituaries

- ♦ **Elmer Frank Swafford**, age 89, of Decatur, died Thursday at Grace Healthcare. He was retired from the Meigs County School Board, where he worked as a school bus driver for several years. Services were held Sunday afternoon at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Betty S. Holder**, age 68, of Decatur, died Wednesday at her home. Graveside services were held Sunday. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge.
- ♦ **Paul Buckner**, age 42, of Etowah, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ♦ **Charles Lonnie Cline**, age 60, of McMinn County, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a semi-truck driver for 44 years. Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

- ✓ Athens Federal will host a free VA Homebuyer Seminar at 6 pm tomorrow at Dominion Senior Living Center. For details, see ad below, left or call Kelly Blessingame at 649-1406.
- ✓ The guest on the next weekly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Taylor Barselou, project manager with East West Digital Marketing Company. You can hear Chamber Chat each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio AM-1390 or FM-94.5 and [ONLINE](#).

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