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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS IN THE AREA

The unemployment rate for February was down in all counties in the Athens area. In McMinn County, the unemployment rate in February was 3.5%, down from 4.1% in January. (The number of unemployed people in McMinn County was 800) Meigs County had a jobless rate of 4.1% in February, down from 4.7% in January. (The number of unemployed people in Meigs County stood at 210) Monroe County's unemployment rate in February was 3.3%, down from 3.8% in January. Polk County reported a jobless rate in February of 3.7%, down from 4.4% in January. In Bradley County, the February unemployment rate was 3.2% in February, down from 3.7% in January.

◆ CLEAN-UP WEEK COMING SOON

The annual Clean-Up Week in the City of Athens will be April 22th-26th. Residents should have all items they want picked up at curbside (within 3 to 5 feet from the edge of the road) before 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 22nd. Do not place any items in the road. Public Works crews will pick up items left at the curb throughout the week. There is no schedule for any specific street on a specific day. However, all city streets will be covered at least once during the event. Clean-Up Week pickups are separate from residential garbage pickups and will not necessarily be done on the same day. Pride cars will not be scheduled for individual use for the week of April 22nd-26th.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Unaka District of the Great Smoky Mountain Council will have its McMinn County Good Scout Award Dinner honoring Dr. Burkett Witt at 6:30 p.m. today (April 9th) at the Colloms Center at Tennessee Wesleyan University. Burkett Witt is a pillar of Athens and is a force for Civil Rights in the community. He was the first African-American City Council member in Athens and the first African-American mayor in the entire state of Tennessee. You are invited to come and help honor Dr. Burkett Witt with the Good Scout Award. To RSVP for the dinner, call Caleb Stimmell at (423) 920-7676.

✓ Athens City Schools and Kids Connection will be hosting a parent and community event providing information on the Opioid Epidemic Crisis in our city, county, and state at 6 p.m. today at Athens City Middle School. District Attorney Stephen Crump will be presenting information on steps to stop the growing Opioid Epidemic.

✓ The Etowah Friendly Garden Club meets at 6 p.m. today at Etowah First Baptist Church. The program will be about Monarch butterflies. For more information, call (309) 256-1907.

✓ Here's the McMinn County FCE Club meeting schedule:
Claxton Homemakers, 2nd Tuesday at Noon-336-5166
Heart & Home, 2nd Friday at Noon-506-9301
Mouse Creek, 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.-368-2962
Woodlawn, 2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.-745-8517

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike

11am-4pm: Grilled Chicken & Salad + Side-Bakery-Dessert-Rolls ~ \$9.99.

Senior Buffet: (Ages 55+) Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. ~ \$6.79.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Debra Amelia Clendenen**, age 55, of Athens, died Saturday at her residence. She was a native of London, England, and was a former secretary in the front office at Athens Junior High School. Memorial services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

♦ **Tony Lynn Thurman**, age 56, of Athens, died last Friday at his residence. He was a former employee of Athens Manufacturing Company. A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Athens Free Saints Holiness Church, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Jackie Aron Henley, Sr.**, age 79, of Decatur, died Monday at his home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Oak Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

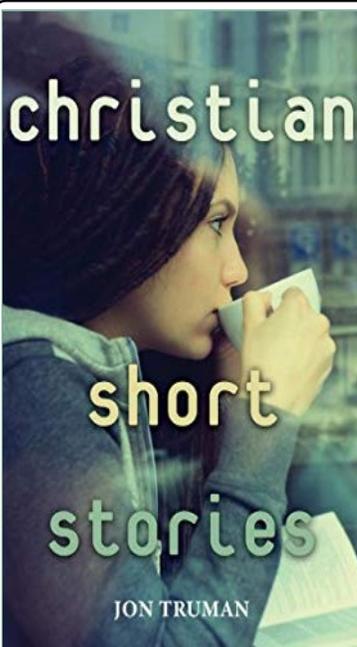
♦ **Karen Deene Keylon**, age 76, of Athens, died Sunday at Athens Place. She was an assistant store manager for Proffitt's and retired from Keylon Eye Care. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

♦ **J. Scott Casteel**, age 57, of Englewood, died Sunday at his home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 prior to the service.

♦ **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Nance**, age 86, of Spring City died Saturday at his home. He had worked for Sherwood Corp. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

Retired Meigs Teachers Get Grant

United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties recently awarded a grant to the Meigs Retired Teachers Association. The grant money is to be used to provide mini-grants to teachers in the Meigs County School System. Pictured are Stephanie Linkous (2nd from right) with members of the Meigs Retired Teachers Association. (Photo from United Way)



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