

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Local & Area News

UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN IN ALL COUNTIES

The unemployment rates for each of Tennessee's 95 counties dropped during August. Unemployment is now less than 5 percent in 89 counties. Sevier and Williamson counties had the lowest unemployment rate in August, 2.5 percent.

In the Athens area:

	August	July
McMinn County	3.8%	4.9%
Meigs County	4.3%	5.6%
Monroe County	3.6%	4.8%
Bradley County	3.7%	4.7%
Polk County	4.3%	5.5%

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR IN CLEVELAND The 100 Black Men organization in Cleveland will conduct a Walk of Life Community Health Fair this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside Bradley Square Mall. There will be free health screenings and mammograms.





COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN

✓ For the second year running, the AUB United Way Campaign has set a record. Employees of Athens Utilities Board personally contributed \$34,418.40 to this year's United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties fundraising campaign. Nearly 70% of AUB's workforce contributed. AUB General Manager Eric Newberry says there is no pressure and no one is judged on their participation in the United Way campaign.

✓ The Heritage School program at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum this Saturday will be "The History of First United Presbyterian Church," which is celebrating 130 years. The presenter will be Wayne Williams. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is free for museum members. The cost for non-members is \$5.00.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have Storytime and Cookie Decorating next Monday at 4:30 p.m. A free afterschool meal will be served from 4 to 4:30 p.m.to children 18 and under.

✓ Randstad will be at the Etowah Carnegie Library next Thursday, October 10th, from 1 to 3 p.m. for employment seekers. Bring your resume and a valid photo ID.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4-5 Support Coordinated Charities! 109 Rocky Mount Rd., Athens





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Obituaries

• Austin Steve "Deacon" Shadden, age 86,of Etowah, died Wednesday. He was a retired truck driver for Shaw Industries. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home. There will be no formal visitation.

TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 3RD

1226 - St. Francis of Assisi died. He wrote the immortal lines, "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace."

1790 - American Indian leader John Ross was born near Lookout Mountain. He was the son of a Scotsman who had gone to live among the Cherokee Indians. He became chief of the Eastern Cherokee nation and later was chosen

chief of the entire Cherokee Nation.

1941 - Singer Chubby Checker was born. His biggest hit record was "The Twist." For years, Chubby had friends in Athens and frequently stopped by. The photo shows Chubby at



the WYXI Radio studios with dj Bob Ketchersid

Rabies Vaccination Under Way

The Tennessee Department of Health is working with the United States Department of Agriculture to help prevent rabies in raccoons by distributing oral rabies vaccine along Tennessee's borders with neighboring states. Vaccine packets coated with fishmeal will be distributed by helicopter October 3rd - 13th and by airplane Oct. 9th - 20th throughout an 18-county area. The packets will be dropped from helicopters in Bradley and Hamilton counties starting today. They will be distributed by airplane in

McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, and Rhea counties October 14th -20th. The vaccine products are safe, but you should keep them away from pets and instruct children to leave the baits alone. If you find a packet, toss it into a wooded or fencerow area. You should



wear gloves if you need to pick up one of the packets. This is the 19th year Tennessee has participated in baiting with rabies vaccine to slow and possibly halt the spread of raccoon rabies. There have been two cases of raccoon rabies in Tennessee this year.



October 5th as part of the Etowah Fall Festival



423-263-7232 or 263-2228 for your entry application.

