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School Board Statement on "Maus"

As recently as this past weekend, ABC Radio and other national news agencies were still reporting on the decision by the McMinn County Board of Education to remove a novel about the Holocaust from the school curriculum. In an effort to put the whole thing to rest, the School Board has issued this statement:

"One of the most important roles of an elected board of education is to reflect the values of the community it serves. The McMinn County Board of Education voted to remove the graphic novel Maus from the McMinn County Schools because of its unnecessary use of profanity and nudity and its depiction of violence and suicide. Taken as a whole, the Board felt this work was simply too adult-oriented for use in our schools.

"We do not diminish the value of Maus as an impactful and meaningful piece of literature, nor do we dispute the importance of teaching our children the historical and moral lessons and realities of the Holocaust. To the contrary, we have asked our administrators to find other works that accomplish the same educational goals in a more age-appropriate fashion. The atrocities of the Holocaust were shameful beyond description, and we all have an obligation to ensure that such an event is never repeated.

"We simply do not believe that this work is an appropriate text for our students to study."

Unemployment Goes Up in Area

The unemployment rate for December was up in 87 of Tennessee's 95 counties. Each county in the Athens area saw the jobless rate increase.

McMinn Co. - 3.5% in December, up from 3.2% in November

Meigs Co. - 3.8% in December, up from 3.5% in November

Monroe Co. - 3.2% in December, up from 2.8% in November

Polk Co. - 3.2% in December, up from 2.8% in November

Rhea Co. - 4.2% in December, up from 3.8% in November

Bradley Co. - 3.0% in December, up from 2.9% in November

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ According to the State of Tennessee, Division of Property Assessment, taxpayers who have an Application Credit Voucher (ACV) for property tax relief from the State of Tennessee must process the ACV for payment by April 5th. If the ACV has not been processed by this date, the taxpayer may lose his/her credit for 2021. If you need assistance or have questions about the ACV, you can stop by the Finance Department at Athens City Hall.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday will be Angie Melhorn with Mayfield Dairies. Angie will be talking about the upcoming Milk and Cookies event with UTK basketball player John Fulkerson. The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390, FM-94.5 & **ONLINE** (See Mayfield Ad on page 2 for more Information)

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Obituaries

♦ **John L. Webb**, age 78, of Athens, died Friday, Jan. 28th. He retired from Bowater after 16 years. Before that, he worked at the TNT Plant in Chattanooga and CSX Railroad in Etowah. He served aboard the Shangri-La aircraft carrier with the U.S. Navy. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Interment at 11 a.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **Carolyn Jones**, of Ten Mile, died Thursday, January 27th. She was a cook in the Meigs County Schools for 17 years. A graveside service will be held Monday, Jan. 31st, at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Brenda Sue Wyatt Walden**, age 70, of Decatur, died Thursday, January 27th. Funeral services will be held Monday, January 31st, at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1st, in the Cottonport Baptist Church Cemetery.

♦ **Deborah Gail Duckett**, age 67, of Niota, died Thursday, Jan. 27th. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1st, at McMinn Memory Gardens at 2 p.m. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is assisting the family.

♦ **Sandra Jean Hackler**, age 52, of Sweetwater, died on January 10th. She painted for a living. A memorial service will be held on February 12th at 12 noon at Piney Grove Community Church in Etowah. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

More Obituaries

♦ **James (Jimmy) Webb**, age 85, of Englewood, died Friday at his residence. He was a partner in Webb & Sons Construction Company for over 39 years, where he served as superintendent on various projects. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1st, at Riceville Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Bobby Joe "Bob Bob" Mowery**, age 47, of Etowah, died Monday, January 24th. No services are planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

CATCH-A-CUPID FOR VALENTINES

The Etowah Parks Department is teaming up with the Merchants and Friends of Etowah to present an 11-day scavenger hunt where shoppers will hunt for items to dress Cupid for Valentine's Day. Clues to find the Etowah business where the items to dress Cupid can be found will be posted daily on the Merchants and Friends of Etowah Facebook page beginning February 1st and running through Feb. 11th. When a shopper finds the item to dress Cupid, they need to take a selfie of themselves with the item and post it on the Facebook page. Merchants and Friends of Etowah President Chanel Groomes says the goal is to get shoppers into the stores in Etowah, and make it fun. She says other events coming up include a Catch-A-Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt for St. Patrick's Day and the Street of Treats at Halloween.

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