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Monday-July 30, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ UNEMPLOYMENT RATES GO UP AGAIN

The unemployment rates in our area increased in June. In fact, the jobless rate in McMinn County returned to double digits. McMinn County's June rate was 10%, up from 9.3% in May. In Meigs County, unemployment in June was 11.6%, up from 10.9% in May. In Monroe County, the jobless rate in June was 11.3%, up from 10.4% in May.

◆ SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS ATHENS

Tre Hargett, Tennessee's Secretary of State, was in Athens last Friday morning at a "Meet and Greet" hosted by State Representative John Forgety. Secretary Hargett's office issued a press release last Thursday that indicates Tennesseans have voted early in record numbers this year. Preliminary figures show a 23% increase in early voting compared to the 2008 elections. Over 255,000 ballots were cast through Saturday, the last day to vote early. Election day is Thursday, August 2nd.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Democrats are running political ads in Missouri and Washington state encouraging voters to support certain Republicans in their party's primary; trying to help pick the candidate the Democrats believe that they can more easily defeat in November. A Political Action Committee associated with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is said to be behind the effort.

◆ Dick Cheney has some advice for Mitt Romney on choosing a running mate; don't pick another Sarah Palin. In his first interview since receiving a heart transplant in March, Cheney says that John McCain's decision to pick Palin as his running mate was a mistake because of her lack of experience.

◆ Philippine authorities have arrested a founding member of the Al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group blamed for some of the worst terror attacks in that region of Asia.

◆ An upgraded Russian unmanned spacecraft successfully docked with the International Space Station on Sunday after its second attempt to test a new docking system.

◆ Standing on Israeli soil, Mitt Romney on Sunday declared Jerusalem to be the capital of the Jewish state and said the United States has "a solemn duty and a moral imperative" to block Iran from achieving nuclear weapons capability.



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Monday, July 30, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Sell-Out Crowd Meets the Vols

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce annual benefit dinner was a huge success this year. Former Tennessee head football Coach Phillip Fulmer, and players Peerless Price (Left) and Al Wilson (Right) were the special guests.

Lots of incredible stories and anecdotes were told about the 1998 National Championship year of Tennessee's



Volunteers. All three guests held an "open mic" and took questions from the audience. Athenian Buddy Kinard, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Fulmer, told a story of how he got the VIP treatment at LSU's Tiger Stadium



one time, because they thought he was the famed coach. A surprise visitor to Saturday's event was Roy Kramer the former Southeastern Conference Commissioner from 1990 through 2002 and his wife (on opposite side of the table). Mrs. Kramer is a native of Athens and told the MORNING FAX that she was born here in 1929.

Obituaries

Cathy Lynn Sneed Moore, age 48, of Athens, died Friday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ziegler.

Frances Louise Howard Fillers, age 82, of Niota, died Saturday at her home. She was a former employee of Ridge Textile and was a Respiratory Therapist at Athens Regional Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

◆ Olympic Swimmer Claire Donahue of Lenior City finished in 7th place in the 100 meter butterfly competition in London on Sunday. Team member Dana Vollmer won the gold medal and set a new world record for the event. Donahue will swim again on Friday in the preliminary race of the 400 individual medley. When Donahue is not swimming she works at a facility that provides support to adults with developmental disabilities. She has also been a greeter at Huck Finn's Catfish Restaurant in Pigeon Forge, where her dad is the manager.



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WEATHER

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