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Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

#### STATE & LOCAL NEWS

#### ◆ UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS IN AREA

The unemployment figures for Tennessee's counties are out, and they show the jobless rate dropped in February in all five counties in the immediate McMinn County area.

- In McMinn County, the jobless rate in February was 5%, down from 5.4% in January.
- In Meigs County, unemployment in February was 6.1%, down from 6.6% in January.
- In Monroe County, the jobless rate in February was 5.2% in February, down from 5.4% in January.
- In Polk County, the February unemployment rate was 5.3%, down from 5.9% in January.
- In Bradley County, unemployment in February was 3.9%, down from 4.2% in January.

#### ◆ SPONSOR TO AMEND BUS SEAT BELT BILL

State Rep. JoAnne Favors of Chattanooga has made some changes to her school bus seat belt bill which she hopes will make it easier to pass. The Chattanooga Democrat has amended her bill to remove a requirement that ALL school buses be equipped with safety restraint systems by July 1st, 2023. Instead, only new buses bought by schools and private contractors would be required to have seat belts. Rep. Favors says she plans to present the amendment tomorrow when her bill is scheduled to come before the House Transportation Committee.

#### **National & World News**

- ◆ Senate Democrats have enough support to filibuster a final vote on President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, but the move puts Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in a likely position to invoke the so-called "nuclear option."
- ◆ Three people were killed Monday and several others seriously injured after a boiler exploded at Loy-Lange Box Co in St. Louis, Missouri, sending a piece of equipment flying into the air and through the roof of another building.
- ◆ A manhunt is underway in Harris County, Texas, for the gunman who shot and killed a deputy constable at a courthouse Monday morning.

#### NCAA MENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

North Carolina prevailed over Gonzaga to win it's 6th National NCAA college basketball title 71 to 65 Monday night in Phoenix. North Carolina and Gonzaga were both 1 seeds.

#### TRAFFIC ALERT FOR DOWNTOWN

Now that demolition is underway for the new Food City supermarket, traffic in the area is being affected. Hill Street will be closed from Young Street to Bank Street through May 1st. Park Street will be closed from Hill Street to White for one week beginning today. Church Street will be closed from Bank Street to Park Street for one week beginning today. Glendale Street will be closed from Hill Street to Park Street for one week beginning today.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Sunny. High 78.

Wednesday - Cloudy. 90% rain & t'storms. High 72.

Wed Night - Cloudy. 100% rain & t'storms. Low 49.

Thursday - Cloudy & Windy. 70% rain. High 54.

More Weather at: wyxi.com

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8:45 a.m. & 4:15 p.m.

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#### **Poetry with Allison Davis**



Allison Davis with the TWU Department of English and Modern Languages will read from her newly published poetry collection, *Line Study of a Motel Clerk,* at 4 p.m. today in the Library's Café. The public is invited. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing, and there will be refreshments.

#### **♦** COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The PTSD Support Group will hold its monthly meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at Athens Lutheran Church.
- ✓ The Arts Center's next monthly lunch-time arts series, *Arts on the Side*, will be held at noon today. The public is invited to bring a "brown bag" lunch and enjoy a free concert by the Tennessee Wesleyan University Choir.
- ✓ There has been a change in the guest for today's "Chamber Chat" show on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 & FM-94.5, immediately after the 8 a.m. news. Amber Gaines will not be able to take part in the show. In her place, Kay Simmons' guest will be Priscilla Brannon, who will talk about the upcoming Dance for a Cure.
- ✓ There will be an event to remember those who have been victims and/or survivors of crime. Join The H.O.P.E. Center and the 10th Judicial District Children's Advocacy Center from 6 to 7 this evening at the McMinn Co. Justice Center.

#### **Obituaries**

- Kathlyn Wade Stansell, age 88, of Athens, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. She retired from Athens Utilities Board after 50 years of service. She then volunteered for 10 years at Ingleside Elementary School, where she was known as "Aunt Kate." A Memorial Service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **JoAnn Cole Johnson,** age 77, of Etowah, died Sunday at a Knoxville hospital. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Teresa J. "Judy" Culberson Breeden, age 60, of Englewood, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. She had worked at Beaunit and later at Athens Supply Company. She later was a substitute teacher at Englewood Elementary School and then became the music teacher and the school secretary. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Franklin Edward Ferguson, age 79, of Athens, died Monday at his daughter's home. He retired as a long time employee of McKinney Excavating company. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.
- Thomas Gary Monroe, age 69, of Athens, died Monday at his home. He had been associated with the State of Tennessee as a Rest Area Maintenance worker. There will be no formal service or visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.



Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 6:30am Sign-In - 7:30am Start Eureka Trail 1400 E Madison Ave Athens, TN

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