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Dr. Ben Carson is an American neurosurgeon and former politician. He gained fame for his work in pediatric neurosurgery, notably separating conjoined twins in 1987. Carson served as the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is also an accomplished author, with "Gifted Hands" being his most famous book. In 2016, Carson ran for the Republican presidential nomination and later served as the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 2017 to 2021. Carson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008 for his contributions to medicine and public service.

Tickets will go on sale next month but you can reserve a table now by calling the chamber 423-745-0334 or emailing rob@athenschamber.org.

Church News & Events

- Englewood First Church of God is hosting Family Day, a community health event/back-to-school bash along with other local churches and local ministries/services. They will provide resources, services (such as: vaccines, haircuts, hygiene items, etc.), and back-to-school supplies for students (such as: scissors, glue, notebooks, paper, etc.) This event will be on July 20th from 10 am - 2pm at Englewood Park. Everyone is invited. If you would like to donate items, visit their Amazon Wishlist [HERE](#) or for more information about Family Day event, visit their Facebook Event page [HERE](#)
- Mt. Verd Baptist Church is having VBS July 22 thru 26 each evening at 6:30 pm. See their ad on page 3 for more details and contact information.
- Clay Hill Baptist Church, (594 County Road 675, Riceville) invites you to a one-day VBS on Saturday, July 20 from 11 am to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Keith Memorial UMC is currently hiring a Children's Ministry Director. Send your resume by July 22 to mreedy@keithumc.org
- East Cleveland Baptist Church (1145 Arnold St. NE, Cleveland) would like to announce that *The Trinity Trio* will be the special guest singers for their Homecoming Service this Sunday, July 21 at 10:30 am. A covered dish dinner will follow.

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Obituaries

Michael "Mike" Edward Nation, 73, of Englewood, TN, passed away on Wednesday, July 17. Mike was a member of Englewood Christian Church. A graveside service to honor Mike's life will be held 11:00 am, Friday, July 19 at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Michael "Mike" Edward Nation.

Albert John Ali, 81 of Riceville, passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 16. Albert was a member of the DAV, VVA, VFW and Riceville Church of Christ. A funeral service will be conducted, 6:00 pm, Friday, July 19 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. Interment will be 1:30 pm, Monday, July 22 in Chattanooga National Cemetery with military honors provided. The family will receive friends from 5:00-6:00 pm Friday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Albert John Ali.

Elsie Carolyn Newman Tallent, 80 of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, July 17. Carolyn was a former employee of the White Store in Athens and was later associated with Plastics Industries. She attended Oak Grove Baptist Church. A private graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 23 at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Elsie Carolyn Newman Tallent.

Gene Frye, 80 of Niota, passed away Wednesday morning, July 17, at his home. Memorial service will be held 5:00 PM Saturday July 27 th , at Sweetwater Church of the Nazarene, located at 247 Old Highway 11, Sweetwater. Visitation will be 4:00-5:00 prior to the service. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Soap Box Derby Update

Racers will be topside in the pits today doing final adjustments on their cars and receiving their Saturday racing wheels. The cars are aligned to 1 thousandths of an inch to match the driver's weight and body. Everything will be checked and the cars must pass final inspections before being locked up. Breylin Hagerty our Super Kid racer will also be on the hill racing in the National Super Kids Classic. We will have race reports throughout the day on his progress. Listen to WYXI Saturday for the Stock and Super Stock races with reports throughout the day. All American Soap Box Derby can be heard on FM 94.5 and AM 1390 with the help and support of the following sponsors: A&J Body Shop and Wrecker Service, Dooley Tractor Company, Athens Barn Center, Athens Utilities Board, Starr Convenient Care of Charleston and Domino's Pizza. *Photo courtesy of Derek Phillips, Program Coordinator for the City of Athens.*



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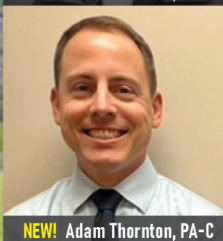
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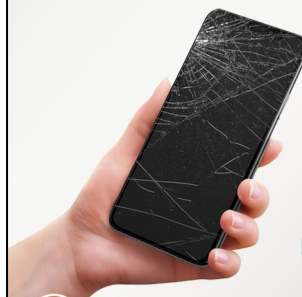


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TN Unemployment Remains at Historic Low



Tennessee maintains record-low unemployment at 3% in June, unchanged from May's all-time low, according to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). This rate is a 0.1 percentage point decrease from June 2023. Employers added 400 jobs between May and June, with notable gains in mining, logging, construction, education, and health services. Despite these gains, nonfarm employment decreased by 5,900 jobs over the year, with significant losses in administrative, support, waste services, real estate, and non-durable goods manufacturing sectors.

Nationally, the unemployment rate rose from 4% to 4.1% in June, 0.5 percentage points higher than in June 2023.

TDLWD offers resources for job seekers, including TNWorkReady, the virtual American Job Center, and Jobs4TN. The June 2024 county unemployment data will be released on July 25, 2024.

Community News You Can Use

- United Way of McMinn and Meigs County and the McMinn County Education Foundation are encouraging our community to support their "Stuff the Bus" campaign during the next few weeks. Drop off locations include: the United Way, Walmart, Old National Bank (Etowah and Athens), Keith Memorial UMC, Denso, L & N Depot, and the Athens Chamber of Commerce. All supplies will be shared among local public schools.
- The McMinn Senior Activity Center offers free arts and crafts classes for those aged 50 and up throughout the year. Their next class is an acrylic painting class on July 25 from 6 PM to 8 PM with local artist Natalie Shepherd. Space is limited; call 423-745-6830 or visit the Center to reserve your spot. All supplies are provided.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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What Day is It?

Today In History - July 19

1814 - The American firearms inventor, Samuel Colt, was born. Colt's revolver, or "six-shooter" as it was known, used an automatically-revolving set of chambers.

1848 - The women's suffrage movement in the United States was launched with the opening of the Seneca Falls Convention, which sought to gain certain rights and privileges for women, notably the right to vote.

1969 - Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

1969 - John Fairfax of Britain arrived at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after rowing across the Atlantic Ocean alone. He was the first person to accomplish that feat. His journey lasted 178 days.

1996 - The Summer Olympics opened in Atlanta.

TODAY IS:

- National Football Day
- National "Words with Friends" Day

Arrest Reports

Sydney Shafer, 21 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for State Violation of Probation (Georgia) and Fugitive from Justice. Total Bond: \$75,000.

Keith Beachy, 43 of Reliance, was arrested by the MCSO for Driving Under the Influence, Violation of Implied Consent, Possession of a Handgun while a Felon, and Possession of a Handgun while Under the Influence. Total Bond: \$16,000.

Melissa Johnston, 38 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Two counts of Failure to Appear and Possession of Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$12,000.

Tina Starr, 38 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation, No Bond Disclosed.

Janice Hill, 54 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Jimmy Pike, 31 of Greenback, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$32,000.

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