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Today's News...This Morning

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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

♦ HOLIDAY TRAFFIC FATALITIES DROP

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says seven people died in traffic crashes in the state over the Memorial Day holiday. That's a drop from 16 fatalities in 2009 and 12 in 2008. One of the fatal crashes happened in Bradley County. A 64-year-old man from Elkins, West Virginia, died Monday afternoon on I-75 near mile marker 31. Troopers say his northbound car left the road and went into the median, traveled down an embankment, struck two trees, and overturned. His passenger was injured. The THP says half of this year's holiday fatalities were not wearing seat belts.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 \checkmark Morning Star Ministries, a day program for developmentally delayed adults in Athens, will have a benefit golf tournament June 14th at Springbrook Golf Club in Niota. The fee for players is \$65 per person or \$260 per team. Call 263-3485 or 368-1214 for more information.

 $\sqrt{}$ The Medic Regional Blood Center's bloodmobile will be at the Athens Wal-Mart tomorrow, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

 $\sqrt{}$ The Arts Center in Athens is offering a 6-week summer course called The Actors Workshop. Call 745-8781 for more information.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ As the crude crept closer to Florida, BP's latest effort to contain the nation's worst oil spill hit a snag Wednesday when a diamondedged saw became stuck in a thick pipe on a blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf. Engineers were able to free it and are hoping to place a cap on top of the spewing oil, after finishing the pipe cut. Meanwhile, oil has washed up on Mississippi barrier islands.

• The Obama administration is proposing new rules under which airline passengers would receive as much as \$1,300 for being bumped from a flight and would have 24 hours to cancel reservations without penalty.

• British police say a taxi driver went on a shooting spree across rural northwestern England, killing 12 people and wounding 25 others before turning the gun on himself. It happened about 350 miles northwest of London.

◆ A young Dutchman previously arrested in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba is now the prime suspect in a weekend murder of a Peruvian woman. An international arrest warrant has been issued for Joran van der Sloot in connection with the killing of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in a Lima hotel. Police say van der Sloot fled the country the next day by land to Chile.





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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut For New Diner

The ribbon was cut this week at the Hideaway Diner at 145 Water Lane, NW, of U.S. 11 in Charleston. In the photo, L-R: Kim Gunter (Chamber diplomat), Tabatha George (employee), Rob Preston (Chamber CEO), Kim Jenkins (employee), Jarod Scofield (employee), Wallace Stutts (Chamber Board member), Roxanna Kelso (co-owner), Russ Kelso (co-owner), Kim Gatlin and Angie Jones (employees), Cheryl Bressler (Chamber Board member), & Wanda Musick (Chamber diplomat).



Obituaries

Willie Joe Thomason, age 81, of Sweetwater (and a longtime resident of McMinn County) died Tuesday at UT Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Rockview Baptist Church, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

"Flush" A Politician At MooFest!

The McMinn Regional Humane Society will have a booth at MooFest with adoptable puppies,

dogs, kittens and cats. You'll also have the opportunity to "flush" your favorite (or not-so-favorite) politician at the booth. The Humane Society has borrowed AUB's "flushing station" (see photo). For \$1, you can buy three tries at "flushing" folks such as Rep. Mike Bell, Mayor Hal Buttram, Vice Mayor Bo Perkinson, City Councilman Dick Pelley, County Mayor John Gentry, and the candidates for sheriff, Joe Guy and David Guy. If you prefer a nonpolitician, Scottie Mayfield will be available. The hours are 11 a.m.



to 5 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds go to the Humane Society.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Partly cloudy. 40% rain. High-88.

Thurs.Night-Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Low-mid 60's.

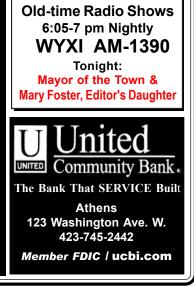
Friday-Mostly cloudy. 40% chance of rain and thunder-storms. High-upper 80's.



DODGE RODEO TIME

Friday, June 4th at 8:00 p.m. & Saturday, June 5th at 8:00 p.m. To Benefit the Chilhowee Shrine Club Bull Riding, Clowns, Mutton Bustin' at ATHENS REGIONAL PARK UNDER THE COVERED ARENA GREATEST SHOW ON DIRT TOUR 2010 Mechanical Bull, Stick Horse Races, FUN! Sponsored by L & M Motors Dodge Sanctioned by Southern Rough Stock Association

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