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**Today's News...This Morning**

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**STATE SENATE**  
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Paid for by Mike Bell for Senate

Tuesday - July 6, 2010

Athens, Tennessee

## LOCAL - STATE NEWS

### ◆ SWEETWATER FIREWORKS START FIRE

A fire touched off by stray fireworks fragments destroyed an abandoned building in downtown Sweetwater Saturday night. The city's fireworks show in an adjacent vacant lot had just ended when the fire was spotted on the roof of the building. Several witnesses said they saw a fragment from one of the fireworks land on the roof shortly before the fire started. Firemen from neighboring counties and cities assisted in battling the fire, including the Athens Fire Department which sent its ladder truck.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Leadership McMinn is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 class. The program is sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and is designed to develop, train, motivate, and recognize future leadership among citizens of McMinn County. The select group of 20 individuals will spend one day each month for nine months being introduced to McMinn County history, news media, industry, government, health services, and criminal justice. Call 745-0334 for further details.

✓ The Athens Public Works Department received the Excellence in Public Works award from the Tennessee Municipal League at the TML's recent annual conference.

## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ BP's tab for cleaning the Gulf of Mexico oil spill has surpassed the \$3 billion mark. The figure includes work on cleaning and capping the gusher and payouts to individuals, businesses, and governments. Meanwhile tests on a supertanker adapted to skim large quantities of oily weather from the Gulf's surface have been inconclusive because of high seas.

◆ A patient and his wife were among the dead when an air ambulance crashed shortly after takeoff from a West Texas airport, killing all 5 people on board. The twin-engine Cessna 421 had just taken off for Midland when it developed trouble. The pilot was trying to make an emergency landing in a muddy field when the plane hit a rut, overturned, and burned. The pilot and two flight nurses also died.

◆ Toyota started recalling more than 90,000 luxury Lexus and Crown vehicles Monday in Japan over defective engines — the latest setback for the automaker which has been beset with quality problems.

◆ A man lighting fireworks blew off his arm at a party on New York's Long Island. Police say Eric Smith, 36, was using a 3-foot long metal tube to shoot mortars. He leaned over the device to ignite it and failed to get out of the way. His arm was severed at the shoulder.

### 4TH ANNUAL ATHENS CHAMBER BENEFIT DINNER

**Speaker will be actor Kirk Cameron**

Saturday, July 31, 6 p.m. at McMinn High School  
Tickets \$20 (includes dinner) \$10 (program only)  
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**Western Sizzlin Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike (745-2626)** Tuesday, (11a-4p) 5 ounce Chicken Breast with Salad, Potato, Bakery, and Dessert Bars, \$6.99. (All Day): ½ Pound Thick Burger, with Potato, Bakery & Dessert Bars, \$5.95.

**JIFFY ALL DELI LOCATIONS \$5.00 MEAL**  
7 til 11 Includes: 1 meat, 2 veg., roll, 12 oz. drink.  
Choices: Fish, 5/Hot Wings, 3/Tenders, BBQ Pork, Broccoli & Cheese Casserole, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, Cobbler, etc.

**Stonehaus Deli & Bakery, 601 Madison Ave. (745-9116)** Philly w/ fries, \$4.99; Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ fries, \$4.99; Cajun Turkey Sandwich w/ chips, \$4.79. *We now offer after hour private parties. Call & book today!* Breakfast now served at the Stonehaus, 7:30-10am.

**Riddle & Wallace Soda Shop & Lunch Box, 8 E. Washington, Athens. Call 423-453-5755 or fax 423-453-5757.** 2 Chili Slaw Dogs w/choice of chips, \$4.99. Turkey Swiss Club Sandwich with choice of chips or potato salad, \$5.99. Open 8a-4p, M-F; Sat. 8a-2p

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### 4-CAR WRECK ON HIGHWAY 30

There was a wreck involving four vehicles on Highway 30 in front of Hardbody's Gym just outside the Etowah city limits last Friday. Apparently one car stopped to make a left turn and was hit by the second car. The third car stopped and was in turn hit by the fourth car. One patient was transported by iCare. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will recognize the birthday of pioneering black educator W.E. Nash with a permanent exhibit honoring his educational and social contributions. Nash was born on July 10, 1887, in Virginia. He overcame numerous challenges to become one of East Tennessee's most influential black educators. He served as assistant principal of Athens Academy and principal of J.L. Cook High School in Athens.

### OBITUARIES

**Melissa Gay Torbett Ratledge**, age 39, of Calhoun died last Friday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Joe Ross Webb**, age 56, of Athens died Saturday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

**David Gene Lankford**, 62, of Riceville died Sunday at Athens Regional. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Lower Spring Creek Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

### AN OLD FASHIONED 4TH

The Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration took place on Saturday, July 3rd, in Etowah with food, entertainment, and a big fireworks show that night. (Photo of L&N Depot by Jay Thomson)



City Councilman Dick Pelley wants your input. If you believe Athens should have an elected mayor and would like to see a referendum on the ballot in November, join Mr. Pelley at Riddle & Wallace Soda Shop for lunch today, July 6, at 12 noon. Call 829-5052 for more information.

#### FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



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### WEATHER

Tuesday - Mostly sunny & hot. High-93.

Tuesday Night - Mostly clear. Low-66.

Wednesday - Mostly sunny & hot. High-94. No rain in the forecast until Saturday.