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State & Local News

- ◆ **FIRE DESTROYS CABINET SHOP**
 A huge fire Wednesday morning destroyed McDonald's Custom Cabinets at 3689 U.S. 11 in Riceville. The fire was fueled by varnish and lacquer. Fifty-one firefighters and 25 fire trucks from 13 fire departments fought the fire for nearly four hours. The Athens Fire Department's ladder truck pumped a total of 200,000 gallons of water on the fire. Traffic on Highway 11 was blocked for several hours. (See Photos on Page Two)
- ◆ **TEACHER'S AIDE GETS PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION**
 Tonia Martin, who was charged with two counts of statutory rape involving a 16-year-old boy, has been given pre-trial diversion. At the time of the incidents, she was a teacher's aide at Rogers Creek Elementary School. She was acquainted with the 16-year-old boy because he had been dating her daughter. The alleged rapes took place this past December and January. Martin was arrested on February 17th and charged with statutory rape and solicitation of a minor. Under an agreement with the District Attorney's office, Martin's record will be wiped clean after two years provided she has no contact with the boy, stays off school property, and does not attend school functions.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Stocks fell sharply Wednesday morning, wiping out most of Tuesday's gains, due to fear of tumult in the French banking sector. Prices rose a bit as the day went along, with the Dow Jones industrial average ending the day at 10,719.94 down 519.83 points.
- ◆ Two brothers and their sister, who were being sought for crimes in Florida and Georgia, have been captured in Colorado. The manhunt for the siblings began Aug. 2nd when they fired shots at a Florida officer who tried to pull them over for speeding. Hours later, they allegedly robbed a bank in Valdosta, Georgia.
- ◆ An F-16 airstrike has killed the Taliban insurgents responsible for shooting down a U.S. helicopter and killing 38 U.S. and Afghan forces over the weekend in Afghanistan.
- ◆ The weak economy is causing many Americans to cancel their cable or satellite TV subscriptions. The chief cause appears to be continued high unemployment and a housing market that has many people living with their parents, reducing the need for a separate cable bill.
- ◆ A major new study shows two slices of bacon, a hot dog, or a serving of deli meat daily increases a person's risk of getting type 2 diabetes by 51%.

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McDonald's Cabinets Fire Photos



(Photos by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Carl Joe King, age 70, of Riceville died Tuesday at SkyRidge Medical Center. He retired from the Laborers Local #846 in Chattanooga after 33 years of service. He was secretary and treasurer for the past 25 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Sanford Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

Della Mae Vaughn, age 86, of Etowah died Wednesday at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cambria Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.



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