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State & Local News

- ◆ **RESOLUTE-BOWATER CUTTING 150 JOBS**
 McMinn County's economy has taken another hit. Bowater announces it is shutting down its last newsprint machine at its plant in Calhoun. The shutdown will take place next week. It means 150 jobs will be eliminated. A spokesman for Bowater (now known as Resolute Forest Products) says the shutdown is necessary due to less demand by newspapers for newsprint. The announcement comes on the heels of an announcement by Dean Foods that about 40 jobs will be cut at the Mayfield plant in Athens.
- ◆ **NEW McMINN ECONOMIC DIRECTOR HIRED**
 McMinn County has hired a new executive vice president of the McMinn County Economic Development Authority. She is Kathy Knight, who has served as assistant director of Loudon County's EDA for 13 years. She replaces Jack Hammontree, who has recently retired.
- ◆ **IF YOU'RE COUNTING...NOW THERE ARE FOUR**
 There have been four armed robberies in McMinn County in less than a week. The fourth took place Tuesday night at the KenJo Market at 2609 Decatur Pike. In all four holdups, the robber wore a mask and was armed with a handgun.

World & National News

- ◆ Jorgé Bergoglio, age 76 from Argentina, is the new Pope and the first ever from the Americas. The Argentine Cardinal will take the name Pope Francis. He is an austere Jesuit intellectual who modernized Argentina's conservative Catholic church.
- ◆ Former Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, who was accused by a liberal group, Progress Kentucky, of sending American Jobs to China during her service as Labor Secretary under President George W. Bush, has publicly addressed the group's attacks on her Asian-American ethnicity. She appeared in a new ad released on Wednesday by the re-election campaign of her husband, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.
- ◆ Julio Acevedo, the man who left the scene of a fatal hit-and-run accident in Brooklyn on March 3rd, that killed a rabbinical student, his pregnant wife and their baby was indicted by prosecutors and was held without bail. Acevedo will likely face more charges.
- ◆ Authorities in Herkimer, N.Y. are looking for Kurt Meyers, who opened fire at a car wash and a barbershop Wednesday morning, killing four people and wounding at least two others. The gunman is identified as a man in his 60s, with a white beard and driving a red Jeep Cherokee.

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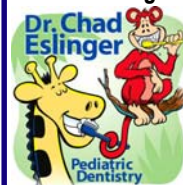
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Old Barn Erupts in Flames

Athens Firemen responded to a fire at the old McElhane Nursery on North Congress Parkway, when an old barn on the property caught fire shortly after noon-time on Wednesday.

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer said it was too early to determine what caused the fire. The building was mostly destroyed. There were no injuries reported.



Obituaries

Vivian L. Jones Ward, age 94, of Athens died Tuesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She had worked as Advertising Manager for the Sevier County News-Record, was librarian at the Sevierville Public Library, and was associated with Welcome Wagon of Athens. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.


Pearl Joe Borden Ballew, age 94, of Athens died Tuesday at her home. She worked for the Jiffy Markets until her retirement at age 92. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Linda Gail Fairbanks Walker, age 54, of Decatur died Tuesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was a former employee of Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with receiving of friends from 12-2 p.m. on Friday at Ziegler.

Arnold Bates, age 75, of Reliance died Wednesday at his residence after a short battle with cancer. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with receiving of friends from 5-7 p.m. at Bordwine.

Woods Discontinues Mammograms

In an effort to more efficiently meet the needs of women in the community, Woods Memorial Hospital will consolidate mammography services with the Athens Regional Breast Center effective April 1st. At that time, Woods will discontinue mammograms. Chris Zeringue, Chief Operating Officer at Woods, says the Athens Regional Breast Center offers digital mammography, which is faster and more comfortable for the patient.

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