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## Local & State News

### ◆ PELLEY FACING ALLEGATIONS

The Athens City Council is scheduled to meet in a special called session Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. The purpose of the called meeting is to discuss and consider allegations of sexually inappropriate comments and gestures made by council member Dick Pelley. A complaint was filed by a city employee about remarks made by Pelley in the hallway at the Municipal Building on February 26th. Pelley also allegedly made sexually inappropriate comments at the City Council's Strategic Summit on February 24th. Pelley is currently undergoing training for a new state job. He says he is required to be in Sparta on Tuesday and cannot attend the called meeting. At Tuesday's called meeting, the Council will determine whether Pelley's actions violated the City Council Personal Code of Professionalism, the Athens City Workplace Harassment Policy, and/or the Athens City Sexual Harassment Policy. The Council will also determine what type of discipline or punishment, if any, Pelley should face.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on the Athens Chamber of Commerce's weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Jerry Smith, owner of Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens. You can hear Chamber Chat Tuesday's at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio AM-1390 & FM -94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

## 3 Dead in Weekend Wrecks

Three men were killed in two separate traffic accidents within a few hours of each other in McMinn County this past weekend. Two men died in a head-on collision between a car and a pickup truck on Highway 411 south of Etowah around 2:30 Sunday morning. Both vehicles burst into flames and the drivers of both vehicles died at the scene. They were the only occupants. The THP has not yet released the names of the victims. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded.  
(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



Earlier, one man died in a single-vehicle wreck on County Road 635 around 7 p.m. Saturday. The victim was identified as Alan D. Usry, 53, of Athens. The THP says Usry swerved to miss another vehicle, ran off the road, and struck a concrete culvert.



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Addie Jean Wood**, age 84, of Athens, died Friday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Linda Faye Long**, age 68, of Riceville, died last Thursday at Starr Regional of Athens. She was retired from Duracell. Grave-side services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Smyrna Baptist Church Cemetery in Benton. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Kenneth R. Abney, Jr.**, age 78, of Decatur, died Friday at Starr Regional of Athens. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. No local services are planned. Burial will be held later in Polo, Illinois. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ McMinn County Schools will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten on April 12th at Riceville, Calhoun, Rogers Creek, and E.K. Baker Schools, and on April 13th at Niota, Mt. View, and Englewood Schools from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ✓ The Arts Center will offer a performance by Tennessee Wesleyan University's Concert Choir and Chorale at noon tomorrow. The public is invited to bring a "brown bag lunch and enjoy the free concert.
- ✓ The Gem Players "Death of a Doornale" Mystery Comedy Dessert Show opens May 4th at the L&N Depot. Tickets are \$15.

## Motel Clerk Wounded

A motel clerk was shot early Sunday morning. Athens Police say around 6:15 a.m., the night clerk of the Athens Lodge on Liberty Branch Lane went outside to smoke. While he was outside, he was approached by three people, two males and a female. At one point, one of the males grabbed the clerk by the shoulder and pulled a handgun. The clerk tried to knock the gun downward. When he did, the gun discharged with the bullet striking him in the leg. The clerk was able to run inside, lock the door, and call 911. The suspect and the other two people fled the scene. The clerk was taken to the hospital for treatment of the wound. It is unclear whether it was a robbery attempt.

### KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS

Another Easter has come and gone. There were Easter Egg Hunts, Sunrise Services, and Easter meals with the family. The Cross reminds us that Jesus died for our sins. The empty tomb reminds us that He is Risen and reigns today. Pat Grayson sent us this photo of the flower-covered Cross in front of Keith Methodist Church.



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