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Athens, Tennessee

Wednesday-March 2, 2011

## STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ NO TAX INCREASES FOR McMINN COUNTY

McMinn County Mayor John Gentry says he does not foresee any property tax increase or any wheel tax happening in the near future. The Mayor says county revenues are down significantly, but says the county has enough capital funds that can be reallocated for operating expenses to make it possible to avoid tax increases. Gentry says McMinn County lost over \$1 million due to lower return on interest income in the last year and a half. He says property tax revenue is down, including a \$700,000 hit from Bowater while the company was going through bankruptcy proceedings. And Gentry says sales tax revenue is back to the 2005 level. However, Mayor Gentry says he's beginning to see some improvement in sales tax revenue and says the new ambulance contract with AMR will result in a \$250,000 savings for the county.

### ◆ ATHENS ISSUES PROPERTY REMINDERS

The Athens Community Development Department has issued a list of common property maintenance violations.

1. Allowing a pool of stagnant water to stand on your property
2. Allowing lots to become overgrown or littered with trash
3. Parking or storing a vehicle for more than 72 hours if it is wrecked, junked, inoperative, or abandoned
4. Keeping a structure on your property that is unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation
5. Permitting your property to remain in a filthy condition so as to create noxious smells, the breeding of flies or rodents, or an annoyance to residents living nearby

## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has told Congress that a prolonged rise in oil prices would pose a danger to the economy. However, he said a more likely outcome is a temporary and modest increase in consumer prices, not runaway inflation.

◆ Stocks dropped on Tuesday as investors worried that rising oil prices would choke off the economic recovery. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 12,058.02; down 168.32 points.

◆ Residents of the rebel-held city closest to Libya's capital passed out candy and cold drinks to fighters on Tuesday and celebrated with a victory march. The rebels managed to repel an overnight attack by forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi.

◆ U.S. researchers say half of the men in the general population may be infected with human papillomavirus or HPV. The virus causes cervical and other cancers in both women and men. The researchers say it may be time to start vaccinating boys and young men against HPV.

◆ A new study that examined air and water quality in metropolitan areas finds the most toxic cities in America are: Philadelphia, Bakersfield and Fresno, California.

◆ Actress Jane Russell, a popular World War II pin-up, and star of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," has died in Los Angeles at 89.

◆ Singers Reba McEntire and Jean Shepard are the newest inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

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### A "Summitt" Meeting



Kaylen Ainsworth of Riceville may be one of the youngest Lady Vols fans ever. Kaylen is the daughter of Brandon and Brittany Ainsworth. She had her picture taken with Coach Pat Summitt after the Lady Vols defeated LSU on Feb. 27th to win the regular season SEC championship. (Photo by Brandon Ainsworth)

### Obituaries

**Adaline Gilliam Guy**, age 77, of Athens (and formerly from Kingsport) died Monday at her residence. She worked at Cherokee Hardware until her retirement. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral & Cremation Service. Burial will be in Kingsport.

**Reba Mae Kyle Henderson**, age 80, of Athens died Monday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was the owner of Grace Peak Florist for the past 43 years. A private graveside service will be held. There will be no formal visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### SPRING IS ON THE WAY !!

Look around. The Spring flowers are emerging. Bridget Willhite sent us this photo she took at Gee Creek.



### BURN PERMITS REQUIRED THROUGH MAY 15

With Spring drawing near, Tennesseans are beginning to take advantage of the mild weather to do some yard work around the home or farm. The Tennessee Division of Forestry reminds citizens that if you are considering doing outdoor burning, a burn permit is required unless otherwise covered by local city ordinances. The permits can be obtained by calling your local Division of Forestry office. The number for McMinn County is 263-7181.



**Hear Mike Huckabee !!**  
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### WEATHER

**Wednesday** - Mostly sunny. High-mid 60's.  
**Wed. night** - Mostly clear. Low-mid 30's.  
**Thursday** - Sunny. High-in the upper 60's.  
 More weather at:  
[www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

### WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows  
 6:05-7 pm Nightly  
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