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Monday-March 24, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ **WESTERN SIZZLIN - DOWN, BUT NOT OUT**
 It'll be three months before you can again enjoy a "Flamekist" steak at the Western Sizzlin in Athens. A fire early last Friday morning caused extensive damage to the popular restaurant on Decatur Pike. Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer says the fire started in the kitchen in the area of a couple of freezers, then spread to the banquet room. It was spotted by a passer-by around 1 a.m.. The walls were scorched, the roof over the kitchen was badly damaged and will have to be replaced, and there was smoke damage throughout the restaurant. From the outside, though, there's hardly any indication of a fire. Owner Bob Rice says he expects the restaurant to be re-opened in about three months.



WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

- ◆ The search for the missing Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 focused on a wooden pallet Sunday. The pallet was spotted by a search plane in the southern Indian Ocean on Saturday. Wooden pallets are often used in cargo containers carried on planes. The pallet was surrounded by several other objects, including what appeared to be strapping belts of different colors. Planes and a ship returned to the area on Sunday in hopes of determining whether the objects came from the jet that has been missing for more than two weeks. Meantime, French satellites have picked up what may be more debris from the missing plane in the same general area.
- ◆ Iran is building a crude wooden mock-up of an American aircraft carrier at a ship yard on its Gulf coast, and US officials say the goal of the project remains a mystery. Some US officials have speculated that the Iranians may blow up the fake carrier in front of television cameras as a propaganda move.
- ◆ Louisiana is cracking down on welfare abuse. Louisiana has enacted new rules under which welfare recipients will be prohibited from spending the federal assistance at lingerie shops, tattoo parlors, nail salons and jewelry stores. The welfare money is supposed to be used for food, clothing, and housing.

Pandora Bracelet Event

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 Thurs., March 20th - Mon., March 24th



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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County SETHRA office will be distributing USDA commodities in McMinn County this Thursday, March 27th, at the National Guard Armory. All clients should bring their commodity sheets. If you do not have a commodity sheet, you will not be able to sign up until after April 7th.
- ✓ The Third Annual Vietnam Veterans' Day will be held this Friday, March 28th, at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post on Congress Parkway. The event is sponsored by the McMinn County Veterans Affairs Office.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department announces that the Rails to Trails introductory walk and work day have been rescheduled for Saturday, April 26th. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says the original intent was to have a walk day and then a work day. However, he says he is in the process of working out the details with a corporate sponsor that will be participating in the April 26th event. More details will be announced soon.
- ✓ The annual hooked rug show at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum continues through this Thursday, March 27th.
- ✓ Genticorum, a trio from Quebec, Canada, will perform in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center in Athens this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Genticorum is a fixture on the international world, traditional, folk, and Celtic music circuit. The trio is known for its energy and stage presence, and has given more than 800 concerts in 15 countries. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Call 745-8781 for more information.

Obituaries

Roy Lee Patterson, age 76, of Dallas, Texas, died this past Thursday. He was a native of Athens and was a charter member of Fairview Baptist Church. He was the brother of Darrell Patterson. A memorial service will be held in Athens at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

P.C. Hambaugh, Jr., age 90, of Athens died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was retired from Bowater. Services were held Sunday night at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville.

ATHENS IN THE SPRING TIME

The beauty of Spring is all around us here in the Athens area. Our thanks to Beverly Harrison for sending us this photo of the Bradford Pear trees on Green St. near TWC.



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TODAY IN HISTORY – MARCH 24th

1820 - The American hymnwriter Fanny Crosby was born. She became blind when she was only six weeks old. While attending a school for the blind, she began writing poetry. She later wrote hymns, publishing over 6,000. Many of those are still in our hymnbooks, such as "Blessed Assurance," "To God Be The Glory," "Rescue The Perishing," and "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior."

1874 - Magician and escape artist Harry Houdini was born in Hungary. He became a master of "escape," with acts in which he extricated himself from ropes, shackles, and locked containers. His most sensational feat consisted of escaping from an airtight tank that was filled with water.

1958 - Elvis Presley reported to local draft board 86 in Memphis, TN. He became US 53310761. Oddly, since Elvis was now 'government property' serving his time in the Army, Uncle Sam stood to lose an estimated \$500,000 in taxes each year that Private Presley was in the Army.

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