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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ **RESTAURANT FIRE CAUSED BY SHORT-CIRCUIT**
 Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer says the official cause of last week's fire at the Western Sizzlin Steak House was electrical. Chief Dyer and an official from the State Fire Marshal's Office conducted an investigation and determined the fire started because of an electrical short near one of the coolers in the kitchen.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
 ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association meets tonight at 7 at Valley Farmers Co-op in Athens.

✓ The Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association is taking reservations for the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure. Trips begin on Saturday, April 5th, and run through November 30th. For info, call 263-7840.



National & International News

◆ According to a new poll from the Kaiser Family Foundation 61 percent of uninsured Americans without health insurance are not aware that the deadline to obtain coverage under the Affordable Care Act is less than a week away. Only 39 percent of uninsured individuals correctly identified the March 31 deadline in the survey. The survey also found that 50 percent of the uninsured plan to remain without coverage.

◆ Less than six months on the job, Charlotte's democratic mayor, Patrick Cannon, was arrested Wednesday and accused of accepting more than \$48,000 in bribes from undercover FBI agents posing as businessmen who wanted to do work with North Carolina's largest city. Cannon faces federal theft and bribery charges, and if convicted on all the charges, he faces 20 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines.

◆ The National Labor Relations Board says that football players at Northwestern University can create the nation's first union of college athletes. The NCAA said it was disappointed with the decision.

◆ President Obama will meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican today. This will be the 28th time that a sitting American president has met with the man who leads the Catholic Church, which has an estimated 1.2 billion members worldwide.

Christ Community Church **Annual Cabin Fever Motorcycle Ride April 5th**
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WEATHER

Thursday - Partly sunny.
Breezy. Highs in the lower 60's.
Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy.
60% rain in PM. Lows in the upper 40's to lower 50's.
Friday - 70% rain & t'storms.
Highs in mid 60's.
More Weather & Zoom Radar at:
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Athens, Tennessee

Fire Destroys Lawnmower

A lawnmower was destroyed by fire at the Green Hill Cemetery south of Etowah Tuesday afternoon. Firefighters say the mower caught on fire and the fire spread rapidly toward the wood line. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Department's brush truck responded and quickly brought the grass fire under control. The mower was destroyed, as can be seen in the photo below taken by Jay Thomson.



Obituaries

James P. Hodsden, age 74 of Calhoun, died Tuesday at his home. He retired from Lockheed-Martin Co. as a maintenance supervisor and was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6-8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

Wednesday's Market Report: U.S. stocks closed lower despite an earlier report that stated there was a gain in durable goods orders, signaling strength in the U.S. economy. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 679.70 million shares traded. Decliners outnumbered advancers by roughly a 4-to-1 margin.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 98.89 at 16,268.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 13.06 at 1852.56, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 60.69 at 4,173.58. **Commodity Markets:** The spot price of gold fell \$8.73 to \$1,302.47. The spot price of silver fell \$0.19 to \$19.79, and crude oil prices rose \$1.04 to \$100.23.

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