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Monday-August 19, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ NIOTA POLICE OFFICER CASE DISMISSED

Two suspended Niota police officers accused of beating Ray Stewart following a traffic stop may get their jobs back now that the charges against them have been dismissed. Judge Amy Reedy abruptly dismissed the case last Friday after witnesses said Stewart had been taking photographs of jury members and their vehicles. Prosecutors say there was no way to get a fair verdict in the trial because jurors feared retribution. Judge Reedy dismissed the case, meaning the officers cannot be retried on the same charges. Niota Mayor Lois Preece says she hopes to get officers Jonathan Scott and Keith McCarter re-instated to their jobs on the police department. That would require Niota City Council approval. The council meets tonight.

◆ U.S. 11, U.S. 411, AND NOW U.S. 30??

Whatever governmental agency is in charge of installing highway signs needs to get out the map. A sign at the intersection of State Highway 30 and Clearmont Drive at the entrance to Seven Cedars identifies Highway 30 as a U.S. highway! (Photo by Jay Thomson)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Federal investigators say they have not found any problems with the controls or the engines in the UPS cargo jet that crashed while landing in Birmingham last week, killing the two pilots. The cockpit voice recorder shows that 13 seconds before the crash, one pilot reported to the other that the runway was in sight. Four seconds later, sounds consistent with impact are heard. The pilots were trying to land on a shorter runway that lacks the equipment for full instrument landings and has a large hill at the beginning of the runway.

◆ Reports from Egypt say Islamists are targeting Christian churches and businesses in an apparent warning to Christians not to get involved in political activism. Christians make up only 10% of the nation's population.

◆ A young man who testified he was fondled by former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is the first victim to reach an undisclosed financial settlement with the university.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: The McMinn High School Cherokees shut out Red Bank, 13-0, in the Jamboree this past Saturday night in Chattanooga.

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ONE HURT IN HIWAY 30 CRASH

The McMinn County Rescue Squad, Idlewild Rural Fire Department, the Meigs County Sheriff's Department, the THP, and AMR paramedics all responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 30 and County Road 119 near the Meigs County line this past Friday afternoon. Hunter Gossett of Decatur apparently pulled out of County Rd. 119 into the path of Michael McHone of Decatur and was T-boned. Gossett was transported to Erlanger in Chattanooga complaining of hip pain. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Ruby Nipper Cate, age 96, of the Union Chapel community near Athens died last Friday night at NHC of Athens. She had worked with McKeehan Chair Company until her retirement. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ruby Wilma Newberry, age 83, of Etowah died last Friday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Private graveside services will be held Monday in New Bethel Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

James Thomas Willoughby, age 85, of Athens died Saturday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He retired from TVA after 37 years and served in the Navy during World War II. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Commission holds its monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Blue Room of the Courthouse.
- ✓ The Athens City Council's monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Municipal Building.



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