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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ CHARGES AGAINST SISTERS REDUCED

Charges against two sisters from Cleveland, both former college basketball players, were reduced when they appeared for their arraignment in McMinn Sessions Court Thursday. Former UT Lady Vol player Brittany Jackson and her sister, former TWC basketball player Lindsey Jackson, were arrested at a TWC dorm Tuesday night and charged with aggravated assault. They allegedly went to the dorm and got into a fight with a 20-year-old woman who was with Lindsey Jackson's former boyfriend. She reportedly suffered a concussion. The former boyfriend is the father of Lindsey Jackson's child. Police responded when he called 911. The judge lowered the charge to misdemeanor assault and set a preliminary hearing for June 24.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The public is invited to a reception in honor of Athens School Director Dr. Craig Rigell this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Athens Junior High School library. Dr. Rigell is retiring on June 30th after serving as Director of Schools for ten years.

✓ The Soup Wagon in Athens is in need of canned foods and water. If you would like to donate, please leave the items on the porch at Keith Mansion Bed and Breakfast on Keith Lane.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The stock market tumbled again Thursday after another drop in the euro and disappointing U.S. employment news. The Dow Jones Industrials Average was down more than 300 points at mid-day. At the bell the Dow closed down 376.36 points at 10,068.01.

◆ BP concedes that more oil than it estimated is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico. A BP spokesman says a tube inserted into the leaking pipe last weekend is capturing 210,000 gallons a day, but some is still escaping. Meantime, heavy crude has washed into Louisiana's wetlands for the first time.

◆ Mexican President Felipe Calderon has told Congress that he strongly disagrees with the new Arizona law that requires police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are in the country illegally.

◆ A California judge issued a warrant Thursday for actress Lindsay Lohan's arrest after she failed to attend a mandatory probation hearing. The judge revoked Lohan's probation and said if she makes bail she will be required to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet and submit to random weekly drug testing. Lohan has been on probation since August 2007 in connection with drug and driving charges. Her attorney says her passport was stolen at the Cannes Film Festival and she was not able to return to Los Angeles for the hearing.



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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Kolton Allen Ammons was born May 18 at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20¾ inches long. His parents are Amber and Keith Ammons of Decatur.

Amelia Alyse Scheetz was born May 18 at ARMC. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her mother is Katrina Scheetz of Athens.

Etowah Gets New Police Car

Etowah's newest police car is a 2007 Chevrolet Impala that was purchased on e-Bay from the Riverton, Wyoming, Police Department. It came fully-equipped, including a hand-held radio worth \$2,500. Police Chief Phil Robinette (below) says the entire package was worth more than the \$14,000 cost of the vehicle, which was purchased with drug fund money.



(Photo by Jay Thomson)

Obituaries

Robin Louis Yeager, age 80, of Riceville died Wednesday at Lifecare Center of Athens. He was retired from Bowater after 37 years and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Church News & Events

- Delano Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming this Sunday with a worship service at 10:45 a.m. followed by a meal at noon.
- Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens will host a special singing with Redeemed Ministry from Ooltewah on Sunday, May 30, at 10:45 a.m. followed by a covered dish dinner.
- Wildwood Baptist Church will have VBS May 30-June 3 from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Call 745-4685 for information.
- The Englewood First Baptist Church Youth Group is hosting a dinner to support their mission trip to Montana. The dinner will be May 29 at 7 p.m. Call 887-5175 for reservations or carry-out orders.
- East Athens Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School from Sunday, June 6, through Thursday, June 10, at 6 p.m. You're invited to join them at the "Saddle Ridge Ranch". Call 745-1394 for details.

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If you cannot dine-in with us, we will be providing carry-out meals at 5:30pm. To make reservations or order a carry-out meal, call the church office at (423) 887-5175.