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Local & State News

◆ TWO SEPARATE WRECKS PROVE FATAL

The THP says that 45-year-old Melissa Varner of Niota died around 4 p.m. last Wednesday when her car ran off County Road 321 and landed on its top. A short while later, 20-year-old Jacqueline "Jackey" Sutton of Athens, lost control of her car in a curve on County Road 110. Both victims were ejected from their vehicles. The THP noted on their report that neither of the victims were wearing any safety restraints.

◆ SEBT ACCEPTS MERGER OFFER

Shareholders of SouthEast Bank & Trust's holding company have accepted a merger offer from EdBancorp, Inc., the holding company that owns EdSouth and the Community Bank of the Cumberland. Pending regulatory approval, operations of the new entity will be headquartered at the main Athens office and the bank's name will remain the same. SEBT will then have additional branches located in Cookeville and Jamestown.

◆ Etowah Rescue Squad & Rural Fire Activity

From January 1 through June 30 of 2012, the Etowah Rescue Squad and Rural Fire Department responded to a total of 189 calls involving 222 man-hours. These calls involved 93 first responder calls, 31 motor vehicle accidents, 12 brush & woods fires, 9 smoke alarms, 8 natural disaster calls, 6 motor vehicle fires & 6 mutual aid calls. During the month of March alone they responded to 46 calls involving 1,429 man-hours, most of these being first responder and natural disaster related calls. Top responders for that period were Lynette Ruebush (39 calls), Shamarie Ruebush (34 calls) and Kevin Elliott (30 calls).

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Some Russian activists have sued Madonna for millions of dollars, claiming they were offended by her support for gay rights during a recent concert in St. Petersburg.

◆ WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange spoke from a small balcony of the Ecuadorean Embassy in London yesterday, where he made his first public remarks since being granted asylum. Ecuador's foreign minister announced that the country would grant asylum to Assange, defying threats by the British government to storm the Ecuadorean Embassy and extradite Assange to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning in cases of alleged rape and sexual molestation.

◆ Mark David Chapman, who shot and killed former Beatle John Lennon 32 years ago, will have his seventh parole hearing this week from the New York Department of Corrections. A decision on whether to release him will be made by the end of the week.

◆ Showing no signs of letting up, Mitt Romney and Barack Obama are continuing the claims that the other would threaten seniors' golden years by reducing Medicare and Social Security benefits. Meanwhile, Romney is getting prepared for the Republican National Convention which will be August 27-30 in Tampa.

◆ A second United flight departing New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport had to make an emergency landing. The FAA says United Flight 409 bound for Seattle returned to the airport Sunday morning after reports of possible smoke in the cabin and cockpit. On Saturday night, a United flight to Germany had to return to the airport after experiencing engine problems.

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Monday night - Partly cloudy. Low- near 60.
Tuesday - Mostly sunny. High-in the lower 80's.
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Monday, August 20, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

More Local News

◆ A lengthy pursuit of a DUI suspect resulted in a crash on Highway 30 in Etowah, across from Fred's store last Thursday. The pursuit began in Sweetwater, progressed on Highway 68 to Madisonville, then south on Highway 411, and then westbound onto Highway 30. Several police agencies were involved including Monroe County, Madisonville, Englewood, Etowah, and McMinn County. The male driver was uninjured in the crash and attempted to run from law enforcement officers, while his female passenger was slightly injured. The late model Sebring was registered in Rhea County. The suspects were taken to the Monroe County jail. Photo by Jay Thomson.



Obituaries

Jacqueline "Jackey" Alexandria Sutton, age 20, of Athens, died Wednesday, August 15, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was a 2009 graduate of McMinn County High School and attended TWC for 2 years. She received her CNA license and worked at NHC of Athens and Etowah Healthcare. Funeral services were held Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Mary Kate Cope, age 96, of Murfreesboro, died Wednesday, August 15 in Murfreesboro. She is survived locally by a nephew, Attorney Paul Smith of Athens. Graveside services were held Friday at Highlands Cemetery in Sparta, Tennessee.

Teresa Ann Gunter Huff, age 43, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. She was a former employee of Niota Textiles. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mars Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Vivian E. Womack, age 86, of Calhoun, died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

SCOREBOARD: The first week of high school football has gotten underway. After trailing the first half, the McMinn County Cherokees rallied to defeat the McMinn Central Chargers 36 to 16. Bradley Central defeated Polk County 31-7. Upperman up-ended Meigs County 48 to 19. Sweetwater beat Tellico Plains 42 to 16. Powell 14 Rhea County 6 & Walker Valley 21 E. Ridge 10.

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