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Local and State News

◆ NIOTA POLICE OFFICERS TERMINATED

The two Niota police officers who were suspended will not be getting their jobs back. The Niota City Commissioners held a closed door meeting Thursday evening to discuss whether to rehire officers Jonathan Scott and Keith McCarter. The Niota City attorney informed the commissioners that the city's insurance agency will drop the liability insurance coverage for Niota if the two officers were reinstated. The two officers had been charged with using excessive force against Ray Stewart during a traffic stop. The judge dismissed the charges on August 16th, the fourth day of their trial.

◆ UNEMPLOYMENT RATES GOING DOWN

The unemployment rate went down a bit in the Athens area in July. The jobless rate in McMinn County was 9.4% in July, down from 9.9% in June. Unemployment in Meigs County was 10.2% in July, down from 10.7% in June. In Monroe County, the jobless rate in July was 11.5%, down slightly from 11.6% in June.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The MEDIC Regional Bloodmobile will have a blood drive today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Athens Walmart. MEDIC is the sole provider of blood for Athens, Etowah, & McMinn County.



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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Syria has agreed to allow the United Nations to inspect the site of a suspected chemical weapons attack. A U.S. official said it was already too late.

◆ The White House says there is "very little doubt" that the Assad regime is responsible for the alleged chemical attack in Syria that occurred last week. The president has ordered his national security team to draw up possible strike options on Syria.

◆ Tennessee Senator Bob Corker, a Republican, is calling for the U.S. to respond to Syria's chemical attack on civilians in a "surgical and proportional way, something that gets their attention." Senator Corker says such a response should not involve U.S. troops on the ground. Meanwhile, Democrat Rep. Eliot Engel of New York says the U.S. must respond "quickly," together with NATO allies, possibly using cruise missile strikes, as the U.S. and NATO did in Libya.

◆ Singer Linda Ronstadt has confirmed that she has Parkinson's disease and the illness has taken away her ability to sing. Ronstadt says she was diagnosed with the disorder about 8 months ago, although she first noticed the symptoms about 8 years ago. She is 67.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD: The McMinn County Cherokees defeated cross-county rivals, the McMinn Central Charges, 36 to 20. In other area scores: Polk County 29 vs. Bradley Central 27; Walker Valley 21 vs. East Ridge 3; Sequoyah 41 vs. Tellico Plains 0. Tennessee's home opener is vs. Austin Peay, Saturday at 6 p.m.



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WEATHER

Monday - Sunny. High in the mid to upper 80's.

Monday night - Mostly clear. Low in the low to mid 60's.

Tuesday - Mostly sunny. High in the upper 80's to low 90's.

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Second Judge Announces Retirement

Last week, we informed you that Sessions Judge James Watson had decided to not seek re-election next year. Now, another Judge has made the same decision. Circuit Court Judge Carroll Ross tells the MORNING FAX, that he will not run for re-election in 2014. Judge Ross' term will expire in August of 2014 and he says he intends to serve on the bench until then. Judge Ross was appointed to the bench by Governor Don Sundquist in 1996, to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Mayo Mashburn. Judge Ross said he wanted to make his announcement now, so interested candidates would be able to prepare for a campaign in the upcoming 2014 election.



Circuit Court Judge Carroll Ross



Sessions Judge James Watson

Obituaries

Boyd Wesley Norwood, 73, died Friday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m. at Ziegler.

Ivan Curtis "Cracker" McNutt, age 84, of Athens, died Friday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was retired from the H.T. Hackney Company and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be Monday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

James Lewis "Cotton" Womack, age 80, of Athens, died Friday at his home. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ziegler.

✓ A traffic crash Friday afternoon near E. TN. Auto Outlet sent Mary Boyd to Erlanger via AirEvac. A passenger, Charlotte Hawkins, and 2 others were taken to ARMC by AMR. Boyd was driving the 2012 Sentra when she lost control and somer-saulted 3 times. Photo by Jay Thomson.



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