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Monday, July 14, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ FORMER CHIEF LAID TO REST

If you were in Etowah Saturday morning, you might have seen a long line of fire engines and rescue vehicles on Highway 411, going southbound. What you witnessed was a funeral procession for the late Don Longworth, who passed away on July 8th. Longworth was the former Chief of the West Polk Fire and Rescue. He had been a captain with the Etowah Fire Department until his recent retirement. Many of his fire and rescue colleagues paid a tribute to him and his family with the funeral procession. Photo by Jay Thomson.



◆ **CONGRESSMAN REPORTS HE HAS CANCER**
Rep. Scott DesJarlais, who represents Tennessee's Fourth District in the U.S. House, says that he has been diagnosed with early stage neck cancer. DesJarlais, who is also a physician, says he will begin radiation and chemotherapy treatments this week in Chattanooga. He is expected to make a full recovery.

WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ Israel briefly deployed troops inside the Gaza Strip early Sunday. More than 4,000 people fled the area. Israel says they will continue attacks in Gaza until the rockets launched by Hamas militants comes to a halt. Hundreds of airstrikes by Israel have destroyed rocket launchers inside Gaza, some of which were located inside private homes and a mosque. About 160 residents of Gaza have been killed. Israel has massed numerous tanks on the border and has ordered about 30,000 reserve troops to active status, in preparation for a possible ground invasion of Gaza.

◆ Iraq's deadlocked parliament has failed to overcome the deep divisions hampering the formation of a new government, making no progress on choosing new leaders who could help hold the nation together and confront the Sunni militant blitz that has overrun much of the country.

◆ In Jersey City, New Jersey, a gunman who killed a rookie police officer responding to a report of an armed robbery at a drug-store never tried to rob the store and instead lay in wait for police. The gunman told a witness to watch the local TV news because he was "going to be famous."

◆ A car that collided with a Greyhound bus near Richmond, Indiana, killed the car's driver and injured 19 people on the bus. Authorities said the car had just been stolen and was headed in the wrong direction.



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RIBBON CUTTING FOR 2 DUDES

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting recently for 2 Dudes BBQ. 2 Dudes BBQ is a locally owned food specialty company that has a fully equipped mobile kitchen and does catering too. The business is based in Niota and is owned by Mark & Tiffany Plaster. Their phone number is: 423-829-4126 and their web address is: 2dudesBBQ.com In the photo (L-R) Chamber Board Member Will Estes; Diplomat Karen Raby; Haley Henry; Diplomat Dana Ferguson; Joyce Perry; Cole Plaster*; Co-owner Mark Plaster; Renee' Queen; Co-owner Tiffany Plaster; Emily Ammons; Emily Plaster*; Chamber President/CEO Rob Preston; Bonnie Whitley; Diplomat Billie Crabtree; Board Member Kim King; Athens City Council Member Chuck Burris. *Son & Daughter of the owners.



Obituaries

- **Gordon Eugene Newman**, age 62, of Athens, passed away last Thursday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was retired from CSX Railroad. Funeral services were held Saturday evening at Bordwine Funeral Home with burial Sunday in Mars Hill Cemetery.
- **Harrell Ray White**, age 69, of Etowah, died Friday at his home. He was a retired mate on the dredge drill boat Thor in the Panama Canal Zone and had worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at military bases in the U.S. and overseas. Funeral services were held Sunday at Zion Hill Baptist Church with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- **Paul Edward Green**, age 73, of Riceville, passed away on Sunday, July 12th at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a well known Pastor and Evangelist and also drove a school bus for the McMinn County School system for many years. Funeral services will Monday at 7 p.m. at "A Servant's Heart Fellowship Church" in Athens with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain & t'storms. High-91.
Monday night - Cloudy. 70% rain & t'storms. Low-lower 70's.
Tuesday - Cloudy & cooler. 60% rain & t'storms. High-83.
 See our Zoom Radar at: www.wxyi.com

WYXI RADIO WINS COVETED AWARD

A big THANK-YOU is in store for readers of the DPA for naming WYXI RADIO the Best of the Best for local radio in 2014. This is the 14th year that WYXI RADIO has received the distinction. In the photo (L-R) is this year's Master of Ceremonies, Darrell Paterson, former Sports Director at Newschannel 9 in Chattanooga, presenting the award to Mark Lefler, General Manager at WYXI. Darrell, by the way, is a former employee and staff announcer at WYXI. Thanks, Darrell and thanks to the DPA readers for voting us Number 1 for 14 years !!



TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 14

- 1789** - French peasants stormed the Bastille prison in Paris, beginning the French Revolution. The event is a national holiday in France known as "Bastille Day."
- 1912** - American folk singer and song writer Woody Guthrie was born. He wrote more than 1,000 songs including "This Land Is Your Land" and "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You."
- 1913** - President Gerald Ford was born. He served as president from 1974 to 1976, following the resignation of President Richard Nixon.
- 1914** - The "father" of modern rocketry and space flights, Dr. Robert Goddard, received a patent for a liquid-fueled rocket design.
- 1966** - Eight student nurses were found murdered in Chicago. Richard Speck, a drifter, was convicted of the murders.
- 1976** - Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination and defeated Gerald Ford on Nov. 2.