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Monday-August 13, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ONE DEAD IN I-75 WRONG-WAY CRASH

A Whitwell man was killed Saturday morning in a 4-vehicle traffic pileup on I-75 at mile marker 41 in McMinn County. State Trooper Travis Ryans says the victim, 74-year-old Bruce A. Farmer of Whitwell, was driving southbound in the northbound lanes when he struck a northbound vehicle, causing it to spin several times. Farmer's car continued traveling south and hit another vehicle almost head-on. Farmer's car then slid sideways and was hit by another northbound vehicle, which then overturned. Farmer was pronounced dead at the scene. Four other people were injured. Northbound traffic was blocked for over two hours. The investigation continues into why Farmer was going the wrong way.

◆ THREE APPLY FOR COUNCIL SEAT

The deadline for applying for the vacancy on the Athens City Council has passed, with three people submitting applications to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Shane Jackson. They are Charles Courtney Senn, Connie Fain-Woodcock, and Jamison Sliger. Senn is the McMinn County Library Board Chairman and currently serves as project manager of the proposal development team at the University of Tennessee. Fain-Woodcock is volunteer coordinator for Amedisys Hospice. Sliger is the Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of the Monroe Area. The Athens City Council will discuss the applicants at Monday night's work session and choose one of them at the August 21st council meeting. That person will fill the seat until November 20th.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Both of Tennessee's U.S. Senators are expressing pleasure over Mitt Romney's choice of Congressman Paul Ryan as his running mate. Senator Bob Corker says Ryan is a "bold, outstanding pick." Corker says by choosing Ryan, Romney has shown that he is absolutely committed to putting our nation's fiscal issues in the rear-view mirror. Senator Lamar Alexander says a Romney-Ryan ticket offers bold leadership that recognizes that our country is one budget agreement away from getting our economy moving again.

◆ One of the Navy's guided-missile destroyers, the USS Porter, suffered minor damage when it collided with a Panamanian oil tanker early Sunday near the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf. The Navy says the cause of the incident is under investigation.

◆ Overcrowded hospitals in northwest Iran are struggling to cope with thousands of earthquake victims. Two powerful quakes on Sunday killed nearly 300 people and injured at least 2,600.

◆ Transportation Security Administration officers at Boston's Logan International Airport are alleging that a program intended to help spot possible terrorists based on passengers' mannerisms has led to rampant racial profiling. The officers say the operation targets not only Middle Easterners, but also Hispanics traveling to Miami and blacks wearing baseball caps backward.

◆ A 43-year-old man competing in the Ironman U.S. Championship in New York City and New Jersey died this past weekend after having a medical problem during the 2.4-mile swimming portion of the grueling triathlon.

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More Local News

◆ The trial of Jessica Kennedy gets underway today in Monroe County Circuit Court. Kennedy is charged with killing Monroe County Election Commission Chairman Jim Miller. Miller's body was found stuffed in the trunk of his burning car on a rural road near Sweetwater. He had been shot three times in the head. Ms. Kennedy is the only person charged with the murder, but she has given at least 11 different statements in which she named several other people as the killer.

◆ A leak of ammonia-treated water at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant last Friday forced the evacuation of workers from the turbine area of the plant. TVA says there was a valve failure that caused about 100 gallons of water treated with ammonia to spill from a tank onto the floor. The vapors required the evacuation of workers in that area. TVA says the event did not involve nuclear areas of the plant.

◆ The Federal Highway Administration has awarded \$20,000 in grant money for the 43-mile Cherohala Skyway that stretches between Tellico Plains and Robbinsville, North Carolina. The money will pay to install interpretive displays at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains. The displays will tell the story of the Cherokee Indian culture and the region's logging history.

◆ McMinn County Mayor John Gentry and Sheriff Joe Guy will be at the McMinn County TEA Party meeting this evening at 6 to discuss the new addition to the Justice Center and the Rails to Trails project. The meeting is at the Athens Diner.

Obituaries

Donald Curtis Sanford, age 60, of Etowah died last Friday at Etowah Health Care. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

GETTING DIRTY FOR HABITAT

Several hundred people took part in the Chattanooga Mud Run that benefitted Habitat For Humanity this past Saturday. The participants included Justin McCrary and Sean Bridges of The Shed in Athens. The photo shows Justin climbing the fence. Sean can be seen between Justin's arms.

(Photo by Chris and Bruce Hari)



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