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State & Local News

◆ TEXTING MAY BE CAUSE OF HWY. 39 WRECK

Two people were injured, one of them a McMinn County Sheriff's deputy, in a two car head-on collision on Highway 39 near County Road 432, between Athens and Englewood, Wednesday morning. State Trooper Travis Ryans says Nicholas Jared Austin, 17, was traveling toward Athens when his car crossed the center line and struck a police cruiser driven by Deputy Randy Gabrel. Trooper Ryans says Austin was apparently texting while driving. He says Austin sent a text moments before the wreck occurred. Helicopters airlifted one of the victims to Erlanger and the other to UT Medical Center. Sheriff Joe Guy says Deputy Gabrel suffered several broken ribs. The photo above shows Gabrel's patrol car. (Photo special to The Morning Fax)



National & International News

- ◆ Russian President Vladimir Putin has waded into US politics describing former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton -- and possible 2016 presidential candidate -- as "weak" in some sarcastic comments about women.
- ◆ National Republicans find themselves in a political jam over a looming Senate runoff election in Mississippi, with some establishment operatives now wishing that tea party challenger Chris McDaniel had just won outright or that six-term incumbent Thad Cochran hadn't run at all.
- ◆ A contractor in Delaware says his company dumped a massive amount of dirt next to a heavily traveled interstate bridge, and state officials say that may have made the span unsafe for drivers.
- ◆ Chester Nez has died at the age of 93. He was the last of the original group of 29 Navajo Code Talkers. The language he once was punished for speaking in school became his primary weapon in World War II. Nez and 28 other Navajo developed a code the Japanese were unable to break. The group received a Congressional gold medal in 2001 and a movie "Windtalkers" was made about them in 2002.
- ◆ Police say a man impersonating an officer faces charges after blue-lighting a real detective to pull-over on a road in Florida.

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Obituaries

- **Delia "Marie" Coleman**, age 83, of Athens, died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Eddy Allen Williams, Sr.**, age 78, died Sunday, at Skyridge Medical Center. He was a retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force after 23 years of service and later was an educator at Tennessee Technology Center of Athens for many years. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Bordwine funeral Home with visitation from 12-2 p.m. at Bordwine.

TENNESSEE NEWS HEADLINES

- ✓ The Bradley County Commission has approved a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes and other vapor-producing products in all buildings owned or leased by the Bradley County government.
- ✓ State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville is turning up the heat in the campaign by Republicans to gain control of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Bell, who's chairman of the Senate Government Operations Committee, has announced he will hold hearings into the ethical conduct of one of the judges he would like to see removed from the bench. Bell wants his committee to investigate why a complaint he made personally against Chief Justice Gary Wade did not result in a reprimand. Bell complained that comments Wade made to a Knoxville newspaper violated an ethics rule that prohibits judges from publicly endorsing any candidate for public office.

WEATHER

Thursday - Partly sunny. 50% rain & t'storms. Highs in the upper 80's.

Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain & t'storms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday - Partly sunny. 40% rain & t'storms. Highs in the upper 80's.

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