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Athens, Tennessee

## Local and Area News

### ◆ RICEVILLE MAN DIES IN HEAD-ON CRASH

Ryne Thornburg, 25, of Riceville, was killed in a head-on collision on U.S. 11 near Calhoun last Friday afternoon. The state patrol says Thornburg was traveling south when he was struck by a Jeep Cherokee that was going north. Troopers say the Cherokee was driven by 45-year-old Sherry Mason. She told first responders she had dropped a cigarette, and while she was reaching for it, she swerved into the southbound lanes. Thornburg died at the scene. Mason was airlifted to Erlanger. Troopers say drugs may have been a factor in the crash.

### ◆ MASSIVE POWER OUTAGE HITS ATHENS

Power to 12,300 Athens Utilities Board customers was off for nearly an hour Saturday morning after a fire at the Athens substation on Ingleside Avenue. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says a TVA capacitor bank caught fire, causing a TVA breaker to fail. That killed the power to AUB's North Athens, Central Athens, South Athens, and Englewood substations. The outage also affected Volunteer Energy customers. (See Photo to the right) ➔

### ◆ APRIL JOBLESS RATE DIPS IN AREA

The unemployment rate in most counties in Southeast Tennessee went down in April. In McMinn County, the jobless rate in April was 4.5%, down from 4.7% in March. Unemployment in Meigs County was up a tick, going from 5.9% in March to 6% in April. In Monroe County, the jobless rate in April was 4.3%, down from 4.6% in March.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A Memphis police officer was killed Saturday night following a downtown shooting that left three people injured. Officer Verdell Smith was struck and killed by the suspect's vehicle as he fled the scene. The suspect is now in custody.

◆ Funeral services for boxing champ Muhammad Ali will be held this Friday in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. Former President Bill Clinton, comedian Billy Crystal, and sportscaster Bryant Gumbel will deliver the eulogies. Ali died last Friday night at the age of 74 after a battle with a respiratory illness.

### AUB CREWS RESPOND TO POWER OUTAGE

Aub's Wayne Scarbrough sent us this photo showing AUB crews responding to the fire and power outage at the Ingleside Avenue substation.



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## Meet the Derby Winners

The 22nd Athens Soap Box Derby was held this past Saturday. The photo below shows the Stock Division winners, left to right: Jamison Blair (3rd Place), Jaxon Long (1st Place), and Dawson Nunley (2nd Place)



The photo below shows the Super Stock winners, left to right: Nathan Turner (3rd Place), Ashleigh Turner (1st Place), and Autumn Vincent (2nd Place). Jaxon Long and Ashleigh Turner will represent Athens at the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, on July 16th.



The winner of the Super Kids Division was Haylee Rodgers.

(Photos by Angela Leitzel)

## Obituaries

• **Patsy Lovelace Frye**, age 86, died May 29th in Saratoga, California. She was born in Etowah, and was a nurse. She worked at the VA Hospital in Memphis and later worked for her husband, Dr. Kenneth Frye, at his early practice in Benton. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens at 10 a.m. Monday. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Michael Ryne Thornburg**, age 25, of Riceville, died Friday afternoon in a traffic accident. He was an employee of Resolute Forrest Products. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calhoun First Baptist Church, with visitation from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Tucker Lee Crane**, age 5, of Athens died last Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Julia Kate Miller Underwood**, age 94, of Athens, died last Friday at her home. She was the oldest living member of Clear Springs Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Clear Springs Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• **May McDonald Moses**, age 82, of Athens died last Friday at her home. She worked for Athens Dry Cleaners for 35 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Liberty Church of Jesus Christ. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

## PRE K-3 ENDORSEMENT SUMMER SEMINAR

**JUNE 20-24 AT TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE**

Tennessee Wesleyan will hold a Pre-K endorsement seminar for teachers interested in adding pre-K through 3 to their existing license or looking to add 45 professional development points towards license renewal.

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