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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ HOLLYWOOD COMES TO ATHENS, TENN.

Actor Corbin Bernsen premiered his new family friendly movie "25 Hill" Saturday night at the Athens City Middle School. The film is about the All American Soap Box Derby held in Akron, Ohio every July. In the photo (L-R) is Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire, who was instrumental in getting the Soap Box Derby organized in Athens, 17 years ago, and Bernsen. More about the event on page 2. To see more information about the movie and view a trailer, click on: www.25hill.com



NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ A 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Turkey on Sunday, killing at least 85 people and sparking widespread panic as it collapsed dozens of buildings into piles of twisted steel and chunks of concrete.

◆ Libya's interim rulers declared the country liberated on Sunday after an eight-month civil war, launching the oil-rich nation on what is meant to be a two-year transition to democracy.

◆ Most of the Republican presidential candidates want to wipe away lifetime tenure for federal judges, cut the budgets of courts, and allow Congress to override Supreme Court rulings on constitutional issues.

◆ Give me your tired, your poor — your Internet-connected masses yearning to see. Lady Liberty is getting high-tech gifts for her 125th birthday: webcams on her torch that will let viewers gaze out at New York Harbor and read the tablet in her hands or see visitors on the grounds of the island below in real time.

◆ No. 1 LSU and No. 2 Alabama have locked-in their spots for the biggest regular-season game in Southeastern Conference history. The Tigers and Crimson Tide held the first two spots in The AP Top 25 released Sunday after huge victories Saturday. (Alabama beat Tennessee 37-6) With both teams heading into an off-week, LSU and Alabama are virtually assured of meeting on Nov. 5 in Tuscaloosa as the top two teams in the country.

FOOTBALL SCORES: McMinn High School 44, Soddy Daisy 20; Meigs County 27, Tellico Plains 0; Rhea County 19, Walker Valley 16.

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Athens, Tennessee

Soap Box Fun Run Held

Actor Corbin Bernsen really did play the part of a Soap Box Derby racer when he participated in the Derby Fun Run in downtown Athens Sunday afternoon. In the photo is Bernsen preparing to race down North Jackson Street. (Photo courtesy of Frank Snyder)



Obituaries

Alvin Wallace McDonald, age 51, of Athens, died Thursday. He had previously worked in the insurance and grocery industries. Funeral services were held Friday evening at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah.

Alice Ruth Smith Barker, age 88, of Chattanooga and formerly of Etowah, died Friday at Soddy Daisy Health Care Center. She had worked at Oak Ridge during WWII and served as an eligibility specialist and occupational exploration teacher in several different school systems in North Carolina. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Samuel James Biter, age 23, of Athens, died Saturday at his residence. He served in the U.S. Navy and with the U.S. Marines as a Hospital Corpsman and had been deployed to Iraq and Haiti. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. The family will have a memorial service at a later date in Hobart, Indiana.

Joy Lee Riggs Buckner, age 86, of Athens, died Sunday at her residence. She was retired from Carver Manufacturing Company. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Who's New in Pink & Blue?

William Parker Newman Jr. was born on September 29th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces. His parents are William Parker Newman, Sr. and Stephanie Ghorley of Athens. He has one sister Haley Ghorley. Proud grandparents are Darlene and Johnny Smith, Faye and Wayne Ghorley and Bob Ghorley all of Athens.

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