

Students Involved in Tragic Accidents

Two students from East Tennessee have been killed and two oth-

ers have been injured in three separate accidents in the past few days.

- Eleven-year-old Brianna Webb of Etowah died Friday from injuries she received in a jet ski accident while the family was on vacation in Pensacola, Florida. Brianna was a student at Etowah City School. (Photo from Facebook)

- Two students from Tennessee Wesleyan University were critically injured when they were

hit by someone driving a stolen vehicle Friday night in Charleston, South Carolina. They are identified as Kyle Blassingame of Athens and Lane Lusk of Knoxville. Both are upcoming seniors at TWU. Kyle is studying physical therapy and Lane is a nursing student.

- An incoming freshman at Carson-Newman University, Seth Washam, was killed in an accident while on a trip to Guatemala. Washam died from an electrical short in a hotel swimming pool. His mother is executive director of Carson-Newman's Appalachian Outreach home repair ministry.

HELP NEEDED TO REPLACE THE BIG FLAG

The big American flag at I-75 and exit 49 needs to be replaced. The cost is \$1,000. Anyone who would like to donate should call Dick Pelley at 829-5052.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The MEDIC Mobile bus will be in two locations in Athens Tuesday, July 23rd. Currently, there is a high need for O+, O-, and A+ blood types. MEDIC will be at 'Workout Anytime' from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at Athens City Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library will host an official book launch party for Shannon Greenland's new book, *Scouts*, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 23rd. Shannon Greenland is an Athens native. The story is set in the town of Friendly, where Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Fynn see a meteor crash-land and set out to explore the wreckage. Shannon based the town of "Friendly" on Athens, which is known as the "Friendly City."

✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23rd. The meeting will be held at AgCentral Farmers Co-Op on Congress Parkway N. in Athens.

✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office is now open with extended hours on Monday. The new hours on Monday are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

 \checkmark Today is the deadline for non-resident property owners to register to vote in the upcoming Athens city sales tax referendum.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Brianna Hanson, coordinator of the Athens Farmers' Market, You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or **ONLINE**







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Obituaries

• Max Franklin Barnett, age 74, of Dahlonega, GA (and a native of Spring City), died Friday at Gold City Nursing Home in Georgia. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• Blanche E. Rymer, age 92, of Reliance, died Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday night at Bordwine Funeral Home. The committal service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rymer Cemetery in Reliance.

• Roger Keith Adams, age 61, of Ten Mile, died Friday at his residence. He retired from Schott-Gemtron in Sweetwater after 26 years of service. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

THE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS IN AKRON

The photo to the right shows the Athens Soap Box Derby contestants, Ashlyn Liner and Asher Crews, participating in the parade of champions during the opening ceremony of Saturday's All American Soap Box Derby Race in Akron, Ohio.

Athens Derby Racers Lose First Races

The Soap Box Derby is over for the year for the two Athens Contestants in the All American Soap Box Derby championship races in Akron, Ohio. Asher Crews lost his first race in the Stock Car division. Then Ashlyn Liner took her turn in the Super Stock Division and lost her first race as well. The top photo shows Asher in lane 2. He made it down the hill in 29.456 seconds. The bottom photo shows Ashlvn in lane 1. She ran the hill in 29.396 seconds.

(Photos by Brianna Hanson)

