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Local & Area News

◆ SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH CLAIMS MAN

Guy Runyan, Jr., age 47, of Benton, died Friday morning around 6:10 a.m. at the intersection of State Route 305 and County Road 212. Runyan lost control of the 1998 Ford Explorer he was driving and rolled the vehicle several times. He was ejected and died at the scene. Trooper Rick Ray's report stated that Runyan was not wearing his safety belt and it would have made a difference in saving his life. Drugs or alcohol were not a factor in the crash. Runyan was the only person in his vehicle.

◆ TEENS CHARGED WITH VANDALIZING CHURCH

Two 16-year-old males were charged with vandalism and burglary of the Jones Chapel Church on C.R. 778. On Friday, it was discovered that a church van was spray painted and several of the basement classroom walls were spray painted with anti-religious slogans and symbols. Sheriff Joe Guy says that he and Sgt. Bobby Jones, Deputy Daniel Lantz, & Det. Tim Carver canvassed the area near the church and discovered some evidence that connected one of the juveniles, who lived nearby, to the crime, and that led to the other juvenile. Both teens now face charges in Juvenile Court.

◆ ATHENS CONTESTANTS MAKE IT TO ROUND 2

All three members of the Athens All American Soap Box Derby race team won the first heats of their races, but were eliminated from competition in the second heats. Morgan Fesmire participated in the Super Stock car race, Jacob Whiting was in the Stock race, and Hamilton Hacker was in the Super Kids Division. The International race was held in Akron, Ohio on Saturday.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ With bipartisan talks stalled, House Republicans and Senate Democrats have readied rival debt-limit emergency fallback plans in hopes of reassuring world financial markets on Monday that the U.S. government will avoid an unprecedented default in barely a week.

◆ Thousands of opponents of gay marriage took to the streets in loud and sometimes tense protests Sunday, the first day that legal same-sex weddings were performed in New York. The National Organization for Marriage held rallies in New York City, Albany, Rochester and Buffalo, saying Gov. Andrew Cuomo and lawmakers redefined marriage without giving voters a chance to weigh in, as they have in other states. Protesters chanted "Let the People Vote!" at rallies across the state.

◆ Police and Anders Behring Breivik's lawyer says he confessed to, but denied criminal responsibility for, Friday's bombing at government headquarters in Oslo, Norway and the mass shooting later that day at an island summer camp organized by the youth wing of the ruling Labor Party. At least 93 people were killed in the attacks, mostly teenagers.


◆ Amy Winehouse's mother said the singer seemed unwell the day before she died. A British newspaper quoted Janis Winehouse as saying she believed it was "only a matter of time" before her daughter died. The 27-year-old singer had publicly struggled with drug and alcohol abuse for years. Her body was discovered at her London home on Saturday. Ironically, her biggest hit song was, "Ain't Goin to Rehab".

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Robbery Ringleader ID'ed

Jaquelyn Christine Kelly has been identified as the woman that robbed the Walgreens Drugstore on Congress Parkway on April 11, of this year. Kelly was caught while robbing another drugstore in Charleston, SC. Two males, Arnulfo Ray Canales and Jonathan Reynolds, were nabbed by Crossville police last week. They're also suspected of robbing the Athens Walgreens. Det. Heath Willis with APD says the trio have been implicated in drugstore robberies all over the Southeast.



◆ BRADLEY MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

The TBI has arrested Matt Campbell, 29, of Cleveland and charged him with second degree murder after he was indicted by the McMinn County Grand Jury. Campbell supplied Jason Hampton, 33, of Niota, with controlled substances, causing Hampton's death from an overdose last December 4th. Three others have been charged in the case: Marvin Collins, 41, of Athens; his brother, Randall Collins, 19, and Carrie Beth Robinson, 20, both of Athens. All four were booked into the McMinn County Jail.



Obituaries

Gene Carmichael, age 74, a well known farmer of the Sanford Community near Riceville, died Friday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He served on the boards of Valley Farmers Co-Op, Dairy Farmers of America, Volunteer Energy Co-Op; serving as Chairman since 1987, and the Calhoun Cemetery Board. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Calhoun with visitation from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home.

Curtis Dean Burger, age 70, of Athens, died Saturday. He was an Elder at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church and an avid golfer. He was associated with Colonial Bakery in sales for 35 years. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church where the family will receive friends following the service in the fellowship hall of the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

Phyllis Ann McNelley, age 52, of Benton, died Thursday at Woods Hospital. She was retired from Bowater. Funeral services were held Saturday with Bordwine Funeral Home in charge.

Inez Malone Lockmiller, age 85, of Athens, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Bernard Douglas Cook, age 71, of Ten Mile, died Sunday at Roane Medical Center in Harriman. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Thomas Massingale was uninjured after flipping a BobCat he was using to remove a tree on County Road 475 last week. Members of the Etowah Rescue Squad are shown helping to right the "BobCat". Photo by Jay Thomson.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY-JULY 25

1866 - Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold that rank.

1894 - Actor and recording artist Walter Brennan was born. His biggest hit record was "Old Rivers."

1946 - The U.S. detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

1952 - Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

1956 - Fifty-one people died when the Italian Liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast.

1978 - Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England. She had been conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

2000 - Texas Gov. George W. Bush selected Dick Cheney to be his running mate on the Republican presidential ticket.

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