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Local & Area News

◆ A BAD SATURDAY ON THE INTERSTATE

Southbound traffic on Interstate 75 in Bradley County was a mess throughout the day this past Saturday. A tractor trailer rig overturned and burned early Saturday morning on I-75 at mile marker 18. Southbound traffic was blocked most of the day. The truck was carrying recycling plastics. The driver was not injured.



(Photo courtesy of WTVC-TV, Chattanooga)

Saturday afternoon, there was a one-car wreck on I-75 southbound at mile marker 33 in north Bradley County. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says 26-year-old Billy R. McBee of Sevierville lost control of his car, started swerving, and ran into the median, striking a tree. McBee was pronounced dead at the scene. His two passengers were injured. One was trapped in the car and had to be extricated. The other was ejected. They are from Newport and Gatlinburg. It was Saturday night before traffic returned to normal on I-75.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- ◆ President Barack Obama says the U.S.-led coalition "will not relent" in the fight against the Islamic State and says he is confident the terror group will be defeated.
- ◆ The latest Fox News Poll shows Marco Rubio would beat Hillary Clinton, 50 percent to 42 percent.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council and the Athens City School Board will hold a joint meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the School Administration Building, 943 Crestway Drive. Architects will give an update on the cost of increasing capacity at two elementary schools.

PICKIN' FOR A CURE



The 9th annual CottonFest was held Saturday at the Etowah Community Center. Proceeds will be used to help find a cure for pancreatic cancer.
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Scenes of Christmas Downtown

The annual Old-Fashioned Downtown Athens Christmas Festival was held this past Saturday. There was music, dancing, apple cider, hot chocolate, and even Santa's sleigh! The photos below show Ron Clayton with his saxophone, the Eastanallee Baptist Church choir, Skylar Dean with Edward Jones doling out hot cider, and a kids' favorite, Santa's sleigh.



(Photos by
Shane
Lowe &
Mark Lefler)



Obituaries

- **Annie K. Anderson Patton**, age 91, of Athens died Sunday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Frances Louise Cranfield Peak**, age 81, of Decatur died last Friday at Rhea Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Oak Grove United Methodist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Thomas Michael "Mike" Waller**, age 68, of Pikeville died Saturday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was a native of McMinn County. He had worked for Southern Railroad, was a welder, and an iron worker for Daniels Construction Company. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Elaine Ferguson Borden**, age 79, of Athens died last Friday. She had taught school at Englewood Elementary for many years. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bordwine Funeral Home.

FOOTBALL: UT quarterback Josh Dobbs ran for an 8-yard touchdown as he led the Vols to a 19-8 SEC victory over Missouri last Saturday night. Dobbs recalls that the Vols lost to Missouri two years ago in the first game in which he was the starting quarterback. The Vols' record is now 7 and 4. They play Vanderbilt next.

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