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Local & Area News

◆ HOUSE SPEAKER ISSUES PROCLAMATION

The Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, Beth Harwell, was in Athens Saturday to present a Proclamation from the Legislature to Haylee Rodgers, who is the Super Kids World Champion Soap Box Derby Winner this year. Speaker Harwell was invited to Athens by State Representative John Forgety. She read the proclamation at Saturday's Sounds of Summer concert. In the photo: (Left to Right) Representative John Forgety; Haley Webb, age 13, Athens' Super Stock Champion; Zachary Newman, age 8, Athens' Stock Champion; World Champion Haylee Rodgers, age 17; Speaker Beth Harwell. (Photo by Austin Fesmire, Director of Athens Parks and Recreation)




National & World News

◆ SAFETY FIRST FOR ECLIPSE VIEWING:

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◆ A wreck Sunday morning around 6:30 on State Highway 307 at County Road 364 near Niota resulted in the death of 24-year-old Monroe County dispatcher Deandre Martice Allen of Madisonville. He was not wearing any safety restraints and apparently was speeding. He was ejected from his 2001 Honda Civic, which flipped several times. He was taken to UT Hospital by AMR where he was pronounced dead.

News Channel 9's Bill Race
and **The Forecast For ECLIPSE DAY:**
The forecast for today is calling for just a few clouds and no rain. The high will be in the low 90s. Totality will be around 2:33 to 2:35 p.m.




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Chamber Holds Groundbreaking

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held a Groundbreaking Ceremony at Mid East Community Credit Union (MET Com) on Friday. The company will be expanding its office located at 103 West Washington Avenue in Athens. Construction is expected to begin this week and should be completed within about three months. In the photo: (Left to Right) Dr. Lamar Dugan, Lynsey Million, Randy Tallent, Kim Womac, Janice Pitt, Jeff Pitt (directly behind Janice), Dick Fortney (with shovel), Jim Pitt (founder and chairman of board), Tonya Million, Lauren Clark and Dr. Jason Clark, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Athens. (Photo courtesy of Athens Area Chamber of Commerce)



Obituaries

♦ **John B. Milton**, age 86, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. A graveside service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge. No formal visitation will be held.

♦ **Edwin Franklin McKenzie**, age 95, of Athens, died Saturday at Willow Acres in Riceville. He was a 1941 graduate of McMinn County High School and was a member of their sports hall of fame. He later graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College and the University of Tennessee. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. He retired from Bowater Paper Company after 30 years of service. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation starting at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Dana A. Lane**, age 63, of Englewood, died Saturday at her home. A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Lakeside Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jimmy "Fuzz" Farris**, age 63, of Decatur, died Friday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. A graveside service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Beta Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD:** High School football is now underway! Here's the area scores from Friday night. McMinn County 33, McMinn Central 7; Meigs County 19, Sweetwater 14; Polk County 41, Copper Basin 21; Cleveland 21, Rhea County 14 and Central 48, Walker Valley 36.

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