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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ GOOD SAMARITAN DIES IN TRAFFIC CRASH

A wreck just before daybreak Friday morning led to the tragic death of a Decatur woman, 25-year-old Jennifer Michelle Finnell. It happened in the westbound lanes of Highway 30, just west of Athens. A driver lost control of her vehicle when it ran off the left shoulder, she over corrected and the vehicle rolled, coming to rest on its top, in the highway. The driver was a 30-year-old woman from Decatur, Jeremy Skidmore. She was taken to Erlanger. Moments after that wreck occurred, Finnell stopped to offer aid to Skidmore who was trapped inside her car, just as rescue personnel arrived. The state patrol says another car drove past the accident scene at a high rate of speed and hit Finnell, killing her. That car then rolled down an embankment and into some trees. The driver of the car that hit Finnell was Caleb Rice of Riceville. He was taken to Athens Regional Medical Center, treated and released. A passenger in his car, George Hastings of Harriman, was injured and was flown to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. Jennifer Finnell was the niece of Meigs County Emergency Services Director, Tony Finnell. Obituary information for Jennifer Finnell is on page 2. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says its investigation of the accident is continuing.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Oil was spewing largely unchecked into the Gulf of Mexico as BP crews claimed progress Sunday in the first stages of replacing a leaky cap with a new containment system they hope will finally catch all the crude from the busted well.
- ◆ White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs admitted that the Democrats could likely lose control of the House in November. Gibbs statement is likely a jolt to rally Democratic voters with the specter of GOP lawmakers rolling back many of Obama's policies.
- ◆ The teenage "Barefoot Bandit", Colton Harris-Moore, who allegedly stole cars, boats and airplanes to dodge U.S. law enforcement was nabbed in the Bahamas yesterday as he tried to make a water escape. He was then brought handcuffed — and shoeless — to the capital to face justice, abruptly ending a 2-year life on the lam.
- ◆ Artifacts of a battle between a Native American tribe and English settlers have sat for years below manicured lawns and children's swing sets in a Connecticut neighborhood. A project to map the battlefields of the Pequot War is bringing those musket balls, gunflints and arrowheads into the sunlight for the first time in centuries.
- ◆ Andres Iniesta scored late in extra time, lifting Spain to a 1-0 victory over the Netherlands for its first World Cup title.



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BUSY WEEKEND IN ATHENS

- A DUI suspect faces multiple charges after causing thousands of dollars worth of damage Friday evening. Eddie Challenger of Delay Street, attempted to turn right onto South Jackson Street, but failed to make the turn and instead struck a steel and concrete barrier, fence, metal building, and a gas main behind the Country Patch Restaurant, causing a natural gas leak. The immediate area was evacuated until AUB was able to stop the gas leak. Challenger and his vehicle were located at his residence. He was arrested and charged with DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, Duty upon Striking Fixtures upon a Highway, and Driving without a License. He was also cited for having no automobile insurance. AUB says the damage is at least \$15,000.
- Athens Police investigated a possible meth lab in a house at 1208 Charles Street when they found what looked like several sticks of dynamite hooked to a timer. Units from the Cleveland and Chattanooga bomb squads responded to the scene and determined the device was not an explosive.
- Several of our readers and listeners have called asking for a clarification about a possible typo error in the McMinn County Sample Ballot that was published in last Friday's newspaper. The day is shown as **Tuesday**, August 5. The date is correct, but the day should have been listed as **Thursday, August 5**. The same typo appears on: mcminnelections.com

OBITUARIES

Rev. Doctor Samuel Neil Varnell of Ashbury Acres and a former resident of Athens, died Friday. He was a former pastor of Keith United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Service.

Donna Sue Cutshaw Russell, age 60, of Athens, died Friday at her home. She was co-owner of America Cinema of Athens. A funeral service was held Sunday evening at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Jennifer Michelle Finnell, age 25, of Decatur, died Friday morning. A funeral service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Bowers.

OUR HUMBLE APPRECIATION!!

A big Thank-You to the readers of the Daily Post Athenian that voted for Mark Lefler and Bob Ketchersid as our area's top two radio personalities in the paper's first-ever "Best of the Best" promotion. We consider that a tremendous honor and will continue to strive to merit your "ears" in the future. In the photo is Mark Lefler accepting the "Best of the Best" award from Rhonda Whaley, General Manager of the DPA. One of our listeners called and quipped: "it's those Chicken Tunes that Mark plays every Wednesday afternoon that did it." www.wyxi.com



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WEATHER

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Monday night - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain. Low-72.
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