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Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ 16-YEAR-OLD DIES IN WRECK

A 16-year-old Athens teen, Austin B. Steven, was killed in a two-vehicle traffic accident Saturday night on Highway 30 West near County Road 180. State Trooper Bradley Baker says Steven was driving a pickup truck westbound and for some unknown reason swerved off the road, overturned in the median, and came to rest in the east-bound lanes. His truck was then struck by an eastbound vehicle. Steven was airlifted to UT Medical Center, where he died from his injuries.

◆ USA TODAY SAYS CORKER IS #1 FOR VP

Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee is ranked number one in the USA Today Power Rankings for Donald Trump's choice for vice president. Corker is leading former Georgia Congressman and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Iowa Senator Joni Ernst, and former presidential candidate, Ohio Governor John Kasich.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will provide free comprehensive exams for medically uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties on Wednesday, June 8th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday, June 9th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at their clinic at 18 South Congress Parkway in Athens. Call 745-4541 for an appointment.

✓ The Grand Opening of the Eureka Trail will be held this Saturday, June 4th, at 6 p.m. at 1400 East Madison Avenue. Eureka Trail is the name of the new walking and bicycle trail leading from Athens to Englewood.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ According to The Department of Defense and The Department of Veterans Affairs, at least 1.2 million people have died fighting for America during its wars dating back 241 years. Most died in battle, while many others never landed abroad but were honored on Memorial Day.

◆ It's not just Republicans and Democrats gearing up for the 2016 election, Libertarians from across the country assembled in Orlando this past weekend and chose former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson to be their presidential nominee.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held Monday at the VFW Post on Congress Parkway. The photo below shows Terry Huskey, Post Commander, at the podium. Behind him are Dick Pelley (Commander of American Legion Post 68), Michelle Haney (President of the VFW Auxiliary), and veterans Bobby Cagle, Bill Snyder, Susan Peglow, and Michael Labudie.

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Meet Some Distinguished Ladies

The Optimist Club of Athens held its annual Distinguished Young Women Program this past Saturday night. Anna Luttrell was selected as the Distinguished Young Woman 2017. All the award-winning women are pictured below: (L to R) Kennedy Garrett (Physical Fitness Award), Mahala Kelby Stillwell (Kelly Knight Spirit Award), Allysyn Bates (Second Runner Up and John Miller Practice Award), Hannah King (Third Runner Up), Sara Montgomery (First Runner Up), Anna Luttrell (Distinguished Young Woman 2017, Scholarship Achievement Award, Talent Award, and Interview Award)



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Obituaries

- **Roy Spencer King**, age 49, of Englewood, died last Thursday. He had worked at CSX Railroad as a conductor/engineer. Funeral services were held Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Cody Bud Sheldon**, age 31, of Riceville, died last Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday evening at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Margaret Jean Chisholm Van Nus**, age 91, of Athens, died last Friday at her home. The family will have a private service at a later date. Funeral arrangements are by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Alfred "Sim" Sewell**, age 93, of Alabaster, Alabama (formerly of Niota), died last Friday at his home. He was retired from Bowater with 38 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Niota Cemetery, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Helen King**, age 57, of Englewood, died last Friday at Parkwest Medical Center. A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah; visitation from 11-1.
- **Karen Elizabeth Kyser King**, age 58, of Athens, died last Saturday at her home. She had worked at Ingles for many years. There will be no formal visitation or funeral service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Austin Brian Steven**, age 16, of Athens, died Saturday. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **R.C. Baker**, age 71, of Calhoun, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Alan Miller**, age 78, of Athens, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.



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