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Local & State News

◆ ANN DAVIS TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

Athens Mayor Ann Davis is the first person to make an official announcement that she is running for re-election to the Athens City Council in the November 8th election. She will be completing her second term on the Council. She was instrumental in the establishment of downtown Athens as a Main Street Community. She has also worked with the Tennessee Technology Center in setting up initiatives to help develop a skilled workforce. She has served as executive director of the McMinn Living Heritage Museum for 22 years.

At this point, the McMinn County Election Commission reports three people have picked up petitions for the two seats for the Athens City Council which will be on the ballot. They are Mayor Ann Davis, Councilman Chuck Burris, and John H. Coker. Burris has indicated he will run for re-election, and already has a few signs up in the city. The deadline for turning in those petitions is August 18th.

◆ MAN DIES IN HIGHWAY 68 HOUSE FIRE

A fire that broke out before daybreak Tuesday morning at a house on Highway 68 in northern McMinn County took the life of the occupant. He was identified as 47-year-old Wayne Isbill. The house was destroyed by the fire. Firefighters from several departments responded to the fire, including the North McMinn, Clearwater, and Niota fire departments. An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the fire.

NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee has taken himself out of consideration to be Donald Trump's running mate. Sources say Corker has told Trump that he is far more suited for other types of things.

◆ The Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton campaigns are in talks about a possible event where Sanders would endorse the former Secretary of State.

◆ Wall Street ended the session higher on Wednesday, rebounding as investors shook off last Tuesday's Brexit worries. The Dow was up 78.00 to close at 17,918.62. The Nasdaq was up 36.26 to close at 4,859.16, and the S&P 500 was up 11.18 to close at 2,099.73.

◆ MOTORCYCLIST WINDS UP IN A CREEK

A motorcyclist wrecked on Highway 39 East around 3 p.m. July 4th. He was thrown down an embankment and into a creek. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded, along with the THP and AMR ambulance. The photo shows some of the firefighters assisting in the rescue.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram of the Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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per 80's to lower 90's.

Thurs. Night - Partly cloudy.
20% rain & t'storms. Lows in the
lower 70's.

Friday - Mostly sunny. 20% rain
& t'storms. Highs in the lower to
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Etowah Senior Center Expands

The Etowah Senior Center recently held a grand opening for the recent expansion of the facility located at 435 Cooper Street. The expansion doubles the size of the center. In the photo: Front Row (L-R) Linda Wright, Richard Watson, Bea Rowe, Margie Gray, and Ann Manders. Second Row: Fay Reid, Johnnie Middleton, Jo Ann Brown, Lois Alloway, Janis Wenzel, Ann Abbott, and Leigh Jobe. Third Row: Bob Amos, Mary Uhler, Hazel Moses, Frances Bray, Christine Lowary, County Commissioner Dale Holbrook, Marie Lambert, Bill Love, and Jerry Manders. (Photo by Durant Tullock)



Obituaries

- **Clarence "Bud" Gilles III**, age 67, of Athens, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. He worked as Job Steward at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. He served four years in the U.S. Navy Seals during the Vietnam War where he received a Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Anita Gail "Sissy" Kincannon King**, age 54, of Athens, died Wednesday at Tennova Health Care in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Short Creek Baptist Church with visitation from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Gerald D. Martin**, age 64, of Niota, died Tuesday at Starr Regional in Athens. He was an employee of Mayfield Dairy. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Joseph F. Anthony**, age 65, of Etowah, died Wednesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons.

TRAGEDY ON THE RAILS

On July 6, 1944, 35 men were killed and more than 100 were injured when an L&N troop train ran off the rails near Jellico, Tennessee, and plunged into a river gorge. Among those killed was engineer John Rollins of Etowah. The fireman, John Williams Tummins of Etowah, died in the hospital in Jellico the following day, July 7th. His only son, Dan Tummins, still lives in McMinn County.

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