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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ETOWAH GETS RECYCLING GRANT

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has awarded over \$6 million in grants to support community recycling efforts in a statewide effort to reduce landfill waste. The city of Etowah will receive a \$9,500 grant for a used oil heater.

◆ NEW JOB FOR SHANNON ALVEY

Shannon Alvey of Athens has been named the executive director of Legacy Village of Cleveland, a luxury senior living community serving the Cleveland community. Alvey was the former director of Dominion Senior Living in Athens and a former member of the Athens City Council. She has more than 20 years of experience in management and health care. Legacy Village is scheduled to open this fall.



◆ IT'S BLUEGRASS TIME IN ETOWAH

The 24th annual Cousin Jake Memorial Bluegrass Festival will be held this Saturday at the historic Gem Theater in Etowah. The two-day event begins Friday night with the John Studdard Memorial Bluegrass Gospel Concert, featuring the Farm Hands and Just Us. Saturday's Bluegrass Festival features Grasstowne, Mountain Cove, Reliance, and New Day. Two-day tickets for both concerts are \$25. Concert times: Friday, 7:30 p.m. & Saturday noon to 9.

National & World News

◆ An American citizen from California has been arrested overseas on charges of providing material support to terrorists. Bernard Raymond Augustine, 20, was arrested in Tunisia while in the process of trying to enter Libya to join the Islamic State terrorist group.

◆ The reported number of anti-Semitic incidents increased in the United States by 57 percent last year, according to a new report from the Anti-Defamation League. There were a total of 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents in 2017, which included reports of harassment and bomb threats, vandalism and physical assaults.

◆ Georgia's lieutenant governor, Casey Cagle, and its state senate are fighting back against Atlanta-based Delta Airlines' decision to sever ties with the National Rifle Association by ending their contract for discounted rates. Delta has also requested that the NRA remove their information from its website. Cagle pledged to kill any tax legislation that benefits the company unless it reverses course and realigns with the pro-Second Amendment organization.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Athens Federal Community Bank, in conjunction with Warren Jackson and Miller & McPhail CPAs will host a free Tax Seminar on Thursday, March 15th, at 7:45 a.m. at Springbrook Golf & Country Club in Niota. The seminar is open to the public and will be especially valuable for individuals and small business owners who want to learn more about the new tax law. You can reserve a space, which includes breakfast, by calling Nicole Gibbs at 745-111 by March 6th.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Johnnie Mae Smith**, age 80, of Niota, died Sunday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Norman O. Barker**, age 75, of Etowah, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks edged lower as investors saw Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's optimistic view on the U.S. economy as a sign that interest rates might increase four times, rather than three, in 2018. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 299 points or 1.2% to 25,410. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 35 points or 1.3% to 2,744, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 91 points or 1.2% to 7,330.

CORKER DECIDES NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Senator Bob Corker is throwing in the towel on efforts to re-enter the U.S. Senate race after announcing last fall he would retire. His long-time chief of staff, Todd Womack, says Corker had been encouraged by people across Tennessee to reconsider his decision not to seek a third term amid an ongoing public quarrel with President Trump. Womack says they spent the last few days looking for a clear path for re-election, but at the end of the day, the senator will be leaving the Senate when his term expires at the end of 2018. Several polls show him losing to Republican Congressman Marsha Blackburn, who entered the race after Corker announced he would not seek a third term.

Athens Student Wins Award

In celebration of Black History Month, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis recently recognized Aisha Jenae Dotson for her outstanding academic performance and community service. The award was presented at the Annual Black Student Association Awards Banquet. Aisha has the highest GPA of all the African-American students in the College of Medicine. Aisha graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2010 with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. She is currently a 4th year medical student at UTHSC College of Medicine, and will graduate on May 25th. She will also be inducted as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society in April. After graduation, she plans to do her residence training in a Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics program. She is the daughter of Tony and Lisa Dotson of Athens. The photo shows the award being presented to Aisha by Dr. Susan C. Brewer, Associate Professor of Medicine & Medical Education.



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