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Friday-December 21, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

- ◆ **ROBBER HITS KANGAROO CONVENIENCE STORE**
Athens police detectives are investigating an armed robbery at the Kangaroo Gas Station and Convenience Store on John Duncan Parkway at the I-75/Mt. Verd exit. The clerk says a black male came into the store Wednesday night, grabbed her, and forced her to give him cash from the register. The robber fled on foot when a customer came into the store. He was wearing a black coat and black toboggan. He got into a black Lincoln Town Car that was waiting for him.
- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
 - ✓ A group of citizens in Englewood will be preparing a meal which they will serve free of charge to anyone who is hungry or who will be alone on Christmas Day. The meal will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Englewood Fire Hall. If you would like to donate food or volunteer to help serve, call 506-9777.
 - ✓ The offices of both Athens Utilities Board and Volunteer Energy Cooperative will be closed on Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Christmas holiday. As always, standby crews will be on call around the clock to respond to trouble calls.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Whiteout conditions from a widespread snowstorm stranded holiday travelers and caused drivers to slide over slick roads causing a fatal 25-vehicle pileup in Iowa. Blinded by blowing snow, drivers didn't see vehicles that had slowed or stopped on Interstate 35, near Des Moines, which caused a chain-reaction of crashes. Two people were killed and seven injured.
- ◆ Peter Madoff, the brother of imprisoned financier Bernard Madoff was sentenced to 10 years in prison for crimes committed in the shadow of his notorious sibling. The judge said she disbelieved his claims that he did not know about the epic fraud.
- ◆ Six days after a 20-year-old gunman killed his mother at home, 20 children and six adults at the school, and himself, Newtown and environs weathered a fourth day of funerals Thursday. Laid to rest were Catherine Hubbard, Benjamin Wheeler, Jesse Lewis and Allison Wyatt, all 6 years old; and Grace McDonnell, age 7.
- ◆ The Syrian government is continuing to fire Scud missiles at rebels and regime opponents as they make territorial gains. A State Department official said Washington was aware that the regime had used Scud missiles within the last few days, despite warnings from the U.S. and other nations not to escalate the crisis.

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Church News and Events

✓ Greater Deliverance Ministries will present "O Holy Night" Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Pastors Alvin and Angela Arnwine invite everyone to attend. The church is located at 2329 Clearwater Road in Athens. For more information, call 423-745-7575.

Obituaries

Shannon Vernice Phillips Thurman, age 57, of Niota died Thursday at her home. She was a former employee of First National Bank. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

Steven "Wonder" Jerome Martin, age 62, of Englewood, died Thursday at UT Medical Center. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corp and a member of the Am Vets Post 100 and the VFW in Athens and worked as a millwright. A funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8 p.m. at Bordwine.

Etowah Honors 1st Responders

The Etowah Rescue Squad and Rural Fire Department held its annual Christmas banquet and awards ceremony last Saturday night. Trophies for Top Responders, Fire/Rescue, went to Jeremy Harrison, John Lipps, and Shamarie Troutt. Trophies for Top Responders, Medical Calls, went to Shamarie Troutt, Lynette Ruebush, and Kevin Elliott. Chief's Citation plaques were presented to the Fire/Rescue Tech of the year, Chris Deaken; Dorothy Cook and Dustin Ruebush, Rookies of the Year; and to Jeremy Harrison, Officer of the Year. (Photos by Jay Thomson show Chief Brandon Frost presenting trophies to Jeremy Harrison and Shamarie Troutt)



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