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Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ROBBERY SUSPECT NABBED

Athens police have arrested the man suspected of grabbing a handful of money from the cash drawer at the Kangaroo on Decatur Pike last Wednesday night. In his rush to escape, he left behind his wallet, which contained his ID and Social Security card. Police arrested Alan Todd Grant, 52, at a house on Oak Street. He faces charges of robbery, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal impersonation.

◆ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL TID-BITS

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported to the Athens City Council at its Tuesday night meeting that firefighters responded to 47 calls in the month of August. Twelve were to vehicle accidents, two were trash fires, and there was one call at a commercial business. In addition, there were 22 miscellaneous calls. The total loss from fires in August was \$2,600.00.

The City Council presented its monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award to John Ray McKeehan. McKeehan served on the Athens Regional Planning Commission for 20 years, was one of the founding members of the Athens Family YMCA, and volunteered with many other organizations over the years. He retired from Citizens National Bank after 44 years.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will conduct "Business Before Hours" Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Athens Tiger Rock Martial Arts Center at 505 Decatur Pike.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Defense Department says the U.S. military pressed its expanded campaign against Islamic State militants with five airstrikes across Iraq. Military forces using fighter aircraft launched two airstrikes northwest of Irbil and hit an armed truck and fighters. Other airstrikes southwest of Baghdad hit anti-aircraft artillery, a truck and two boats on the Euphrates River that were resupplying the militants.

◆ South Africa's president, Jacob Zuma, announced that 67 of his compatriots were among scores of worshippers killed in the collapse of a popular and controversial Nigerian mega church. Many others sustained injuries and the fatalities are likely to rise.


◆ Fire crews in California battled to halt the advance of a day-old wildfire that has already destroyed about 150 homes. The blaze, one of about a dozen major fires raging across the drought-parched state, prompted authorities to order the evacuation of about 1,000 households in and around the Northern California town of Weed.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Tennessee's First Lady Crissy Haslam will be the guest speaker at the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties campaign kickoff luncheon this Friday at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Center, 205 McMinn Ave., Athens.

✓ The Athens Civitan Club's 5th annual Golf Tournament 4-man select shot will be September 30th at Springbrook Golf & Country Club. The entry fee is \$65 per person. For more information, call 829-5219.

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WEATHER

Wednesday - Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 70's.

Wed. night - Mostly clear. Patchy fog after midnight. Lows in the mid to upper 50's.

Thursday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 70's to lower 80's

More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Benefit Concert for Foster Care

Emi Sunshine & The Rain will present a concert on Thursday, September 18th at 7 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. Tickets are \$10 each and kids 10 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the McMinn County Foster Care Association. Advanced tickets are available at Wholesale Auto and at Citizens National Bank. In the photo: (L-R) Musicians Bobby Hill, John Letner, & Randall Hamilton (Emi's Dad) Emi Sunshine, Aadonis Lamb, Rebecca Knox (Secretary) & Travis Knox with McMinn Foster Care Association, Anylia Lamb, and Lynnette Lamb, President of the McMinn Foster Care Association. For more information contact Peggy Carroll at 744-4926.



Obituaries

• **Shufford Teague**, age 86, of Athens died Tuesday at his residence. He retired from Shaw Industries and had served in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Wanda Lee Womac**, age 73, of Etowah, died Monday at her home. A celebration of her life will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m.

• **Sue Hafley Guffey**, age 80, of Athens, died last Saturday. She was a banker for more than 30 years and retired from Citizens National Bank. The family held a private celebration of her life on Monday at Serenity Funeral Home.

• **Claude Ralph Womac**, age 79, of Ten Mile died Monday at his residence. He was retired from TVA and had served in the Navy. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home with a graveside service to follow at Beta Cemetery.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 100.83 at 17,131.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 14.85 at 1,998.98. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 33.86 at 4,552.76.

FACTOID: Tom Browning became the 12th Major League Baseball Pitcher to pitch a perfect game on September 16, 1988. The Reds beat the L.A. Dodgers 1-0 at Riverfront Stadium. Browning was drafted by the Reds from Tennessee Wesleyan College here in Athens.

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mpoe@vfcoop.com 423-745-0443 ext. 64

*Checks can be made out to Young Farmers & Ranchers

*Concessions will be available all day and provided by various local 4-H clubs.