**LOCAL & AREA NEWS**

◆ **DOLLAR STORE ROBBERY SUSPECT CAUGHT**

The man suspected of robbing the Family Dollar Store on Decatur Pike and the Dollar General on S. White St. in Athens earlier this month and robbing the Dollar General in Riceville this past Saturday has been captured. A lookout was posted for a blue car with three people inside after the robbery in Riceville. Minutes later, the suspects’ car was spotted by Athens police on McMinn Avenue. After a short pursuit, the car was pulled over at Hardee’s in Downtown Athens. The three occupants were taken into custody. Sontonique Tavares McClain, 21, of Georgia (photo to the right), was charged with robbery and possession of a handgun in commission of a felony. The driver of the get-away car, La Porshece McClain, 22, and a passenger, Julius Edwards, 24, were charged with criminal responsibility for conduct of another during an aggravated robbery. Police say the three may have robbed two other Dollar stores.

◆ **World & National News**

◆ In Ferguson, Missouri, the grand jury considering whether to indict the police officer who shot and killed teenager Michael Brown, will reconvene on Monday. Several protesters were arrested over the weekend.

◆ Marion Barry, the longtime mayor of Washington, D.C., has died at the age of 78. Barry staged a political comeback after a 1990 FBI sting videotaped him smoking crack cocaine. Barry had been battling kidney problems stemming from diabetes.

◆ It’s the "Battle of the Bugs" on Signal Mountain. One-thousand beetles were flown from Washington state and released into the woods on Signal Mountain in hopes they will devour the bugs that have been killing hemlock trees in Tennessee. The only type of food the beetles will eat is the hemlock-killing bugs. If all works as planned, the beetles will eat the bugs that kill the trees, and when those bugs are gone, the beetles will die from lack of food and the hemlock trees will continue to stand tall.

FOOTBALL RESULTS: The season has ended for the McMinn Central Chargers. The Chargers lost to Notre Dame, 48-7, in round three of the Class 3-A playoffs Friday night. The UT Vols lost to Missouri, 29-21.

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Athens, Tennessee
Obituaries

Jack Crittenden, age 83, of Athens died Friday at UT Medical Center. He retired from the Army after 20 years and then retired as a letter carrier for the Postal Service after 25 years. He was also a former member of the Athens City Council. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Arula Monroe McDonald, age 89, of Athens died Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was retired from Cooke Paper Box Company. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with visitation from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Carolyn "Candie" Atchley Scott, age 85, of Athens died Friday at NHC of Athens. She was associated with the Tennessee Department of Human Services and was a teacher in the McMinn County school system until her retirement. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy L. Smith, age 67, of Sweetwater died Friday at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

Old Fashion Christmas

Shown below are some scenes from this past Saturday’s Old Fashion Christmas in Downtown Athens. Top left, Patti Greek assists Merna Jaquish; top right, Jim Nelson & Skylar Dean with Edward Jones handing out apple cider; bottom, the Eastanallee Baptist Church Senior Choir.

Photos by Cheri Harrison

Cookbook author Anne Byrn will be at our shop signing new book, Anne Byrn Saves the Day. Saturday, November 29th. 11-2. Please join us for this fun Event or call and reserve your copy!

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PANDORA 2014
Black Friday bead will be here!

RIBBON CUT FOR URGENT CARE CLINIC
The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Fast Pace Urgent Care Clinic at 1874 Decatur Pike in Athens was held recently. In the photo, in no particular order, are Fast Pace employees: Amber Woodward-Smith (Director of Finance), Katrina Catto (President), Grant Hart (Regional Marketing Coordinator), Tom Cobb (Regional Marketing Coordinator), Richard Powers, M.D. (Medical Director), Jesse Kimes (Regional Director of Clinical Operations), Marcus Webb (Family Nurse Practitioner), Joshua Blair (Family Nurse Practitioner), Matthew Mason (X-ray Technician), Natasha Anderson (X-ray Technician), Niki Mathis and Denise McNelly (front desk employees). Representing the Athens Chamber of Commerce: Dick Pelley (Athens City Councilman), Billie Crabtree and Joanne Arnett (Chamber Diplomats), Cheryl Ingram (McMinn County Register of Deeds), and Rob Preston (Chamber President and CEO).