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Thursday, December 4, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ MAN ARRESTED AFTER WALGREENS ROBBERY

Athens police have charged Anthony Scott Johnson, 28, with robbing the Walgreens at 1302 S. Congress Parkway Tuesday night. The clerk says a man approached the register and asked for a pack of gum. He then walked around the counter, pulled a "taser" type device, and grabbed \$127 from the drawer. He fled on foot. Officers searched the area and found Johnson in the woods near Athens Gardens Apartments. He matched the description of the robber, and surveillance video confirmed he was the culprit.

◆ NEW JUSTICE CENTER ADDITION DEDICATED

Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharon Lee (below) gave the dedication address for the new addition to the McMinn County Justice Center Tuesday afternoon. She said she is impressed that the facility is paid for, with no debt to the taxpayers. The new addition includes three courtrooms, the county court clerk's offices, and a new inmate pod with 102 additional beds. The facility was dedicated in memory of the late County Commissioner Gary Mason, who insisted that the words "In God We Trust" be engraved over the entrance.



National & International News

◆ A defiant Takata Corp. has told the National Highway Traffic Safety Commission that its demand for a nationwide air bag recall is not supported by evidence, and the government doesn't have the authority to tell a parts manufacturer to do a recall.

◆ Michael Brown's stepfather, Leon Head, has apologized for yelling to protesters to burn the place down after a grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri, decided not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the killing of Brown. Head, who faces possible criminal charges for his angry reaction, said his emotions got the best of him.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ Keep McMinn Beautiful and E.G. Fisher Library invite you to the Deck the Wetlands Festival this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the library. Activities include making bird seed ornaments and decorating trees in the wetlands.


✓ The photo to the right shows McMinn County Major John Gentry unveiling the marker dedicating the Justice Center addition to Gary Mason. His widow, Janette, is on the right.



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WEATHER
Thursday - Cloudy. 30% rain. Highs in the upper 50's to lower 60's.
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Friday - Cloudy. 60% rain. Highs around 60.
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More Community News You Can Use

- The Gem Players will present the Cumberland County Playhouse production of **A Sanders Family Christmas** for one night only on December 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Gem Theater in Etowah. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. For information, call 263-3270.
- The Etowah Christmas Parade is tonight at 7. The Englewood Parade will be Friday at 6:30 p.m.
- You may have noticed that several trees in Veterans Park have recently been cut. Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire says the trees were evaluated while the leaves were still on, and several trees were identified as dead or dying. He said the tops and limbs were in danger of falling. Fesmire says the trees had to be cut for safety since people are in the park all of the time.
- Tennessee Wesleyan College will be holding a canned food drive at this Saturday's basketball games with St. Andrews at 12 noon and 2 p.m. Nonperishable and canned food items will be collected for Coordinated Charities. Everyone who brings a donation will be admitted to the game free.



Obituaries

- **Lillian Richesin Wallace**, age 93, of Athens, died Tuesday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Edward Lee Boggess**, age 77, of Niota, died Monday. He worked in construction doing carpentry work. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 33.07 at 17,912.62. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 7.78 at 2,074.33, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 18.66 at 4,774.47.

BRUSH FIRE DESTROYS OUTBUILDING

A brush fire at the Harold McNeeley residence on County Road 660 this week spread to an outbuilding. Firefighters spent over two hours bringing the fire under control (Photo by Jay Thomson)



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