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Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

More Area & Local News

◆ ARREST IN ARMED ROBBERY CASE

Athens police have made an arrest in an armed robbery that took place on December 31st on the basketball court at North City School. The victim, Jacob Miller, told police that he and a friend were playing on the basketball court when a black passenger car pulled up. He advised that a black male and an Hispanic male got out of the car and attacked him, taking several items from him and pointing a handgun at him during the incident. He suffered minor injuries. An investigation led officers to identify the black male who was driving the vehicle as Eric Madry, Jr., age 18. (Pictured at right) An arrest warrant was obtained for Aggravated Robbery. He was taken into custody the morning of January 1st. Police are still looking for the second suspect, who is described as a high school age Hispanic male. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Athens Police Department at 744-2730.



UPDATE ON YEAR'S FIRST BABY

We now have the last name of the first baby born in McMinn County in 2019. Karrigan Ty Hooper was born on January 2nd at Starr Regional of Athens. His mother is Rebekah Hooper.

◆ FLEISCHMANN TO WITHHOLD PAY

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann says he will withhold his congressional pay until the government shutdown is over. Fleischmann says he believes that hardworking members of our federal work force should not be punished due to the Democrats' willingness to put party over country. He says he remains ready and willing to end the shutdown and ensure border security.

◆ STATE LEGISLATURE OPENS TODAY

The 111th session of the Tennessee General Assembly opens today in Nashville. McMinn County's new State Rep. Mark Cochran will be there to take his seat, along with Senator Mike Bell.

◆ EMMA & WILLIAM ARE TOP BABY NAMES

Emma has unseated Ava as the number one name for baby girls born in Tennessee in 2018. William maintains the number one spot as the most popular name chosen for baby boys for the 12th straight year. The top names are listed below:

Rank	Girls	Boys
1	Emma	William
2	Ava	James
3	Olivia	Liam
4	Harper	Elijah
5	Amelia	Noah
6	Charlotte	Jackson
7	Isabella	Mason

WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. 25% rain. High 62.

Tue Night: Clear. Low 32

Wednesday: Partly sunny. High 44.

Wed Night: Clear. Low 24.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High 38.

More Weather at: wysi.com

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Monday's Market Report

◆ U.S. stocks ended the day higher, led by the consumer discretionary and energy sectors. U.S. Treasuries fell as yields rose. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 98 points or 0.4% to 23,531. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 18 points or 0.7% to 2,550, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 85 points or 1.3% to 6,823.

◆ SHOE DRIVE UPDATE

Etowah City School has collected over 1,800 pairs of shoes for their fundraiser. New and gently used shoes can still be donated through January by dropping them off at the school. To celebrate collecting so many shoes, teachers volunteered to get a pie in the face. Fourteen students who had perfect attendance the first semester had the honor of smashing a pie in their teacher's face. The photo shows 5th grader Skylar Bright who gave a pie to the face of her math teacher, Duane Rikard.



(Photo by Leanne Shell)

December Beautification Award

Tasha Sullivan and the staff of Ridge Outfitters received the Main Street Athens and Keep McMinn Beautiful Beautification Award for December. They originally started in Cleveland and opened a store in Downtown Athens about six months ago. The Sullivans completely renovated one of the historic buildings at 6 East Washington Ave. In the photo, L to R: Tasha Sullivan (Owner), Lisa Dotson (Main Street Director), Sandy Moore (Keep McMinn Beautiful Director), Stuart McKinney (Trophy House), Stuart Mason (Universal Travel) (Photo by Lisa Dotson)



MORE OF 2018'S BIG LOCAL NEWS STORIES

- ◆ Several well-known residents of the area died in 2018, including Charlotte Inman (founder of the McMinn County Senior Center), Paul Smith (attorney and McMinn Juvenile Court Judge), Wayne "PeeWee" Shell (McMinn County Commissioner), Helen Brown (Founder of C.A.G.E., the Community Action Group of Englewood), Fred Hicks (McMinn County Commissioner), David James (Etowah City Commissioner and former editor of the Etowah Enterprise), Garland Lankford (former Meigs County Executive), Peggy Arterburn (former CEO of the Athens Chamber of Commerce).
- ◆ Lee Parkinson was named McMinn County Director of Schools, replacing Mickey Blevins who retired.
- ◆ AUB crews went to Florida and North Carolina to help restore power after hurricanes struck those areas.
- ◆ Around 125 Christians gathered on the steps of the McMinn County Courthouse to ask God to drive out evil influences while a block away the same number of people attended a Druid ritual at Market Park Pavilion.
- ◆ Johnson's Home Furnishings reopened in Downtown Athens more than a year after suffering major damage from the fire that destroyed the adjoining Jim Logan law office building.
- ◆ Maggie Montgomery was named Distinguished Young Woman of McMinn County in the annual Athens Optimist Club program.
- ◆ Sleepers awoke early December 12th when a magnitude 4.4 earthquake struck between Decatur and Ten Mile.



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