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Former Pastor Convicted

A McMinn County Jury has convicted former pastor, Willie Percy

Green of Niota, on three counts of sexual battery by an authority figure and one count of attempted sexual battery by an authority figure. Sentencing is set for January 4th, 2022. McMinn County deputies responded to a residence on County Road in January of 2020 to perform a "welfare check" on a female minor who was staying at the residence. After an in-



vestigation, Pierce was arrested and charged with two counts of rape and 10 counts of sexual battery by an authority figure. Green was arrested in July 2020 and has been at the McMinn County Jail ever since.

VETERANS DAY CLOSINGS

The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed this Thursday, Nov. 11th, for Veterans Day. They will re-open on Friday. All residential garbage routes will be picked up on the regular schedule.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Remember the free flu shots today: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Piggy Wiggly in Meigs County. 3 to 6 p.m. today at the Athens-McMinn County Family YMCA in Athens.

CORECTION: In Monday's Fax, it was reported that Meigs County defeated Oak Ridge in high school football. Actually Meigs County beat East Robertson, 30 to 12.

♦COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 11-08

Due to technical issues, the Tennessee Department of Health did not update the COVID-19 data for Monday.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Major indexes finished higher after the news that Congress passed an infrastructure spending bill.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 104.27 to 36,432.22. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4.17 to 4,701.70, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 10.77 points to 15,982.36.

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Obituaries

• Martha Torres Medina, age 60, of Athens, died Saturday at Parkwest Medical Center. She was a native of Mexico, and had worked for Yamaha Manufacturing for 15 years. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

PASTOR TACKLES ARMED MAN IN CHURCH

A man walked up to an altar with a gun at a Nashville church on Sunday. Nashville police say 26-year-old Dezire Baganda pulled out a gun while sitting in the front row of Nashville Light Mission Pentecostal Church on Sunday. He waved the gun and pointed it at the congregation, telling them to "get up." He then walked up to the altar where the pastor was praying with several members of the church. The pastor tackled Baganda, as church members disarmed him and held him down until police arrived. No shots were fired and no one was injured. Baganda was not a member of the church. As police took him into custody, he said he was Jesus and that all churches and schools need to be "shot up." He was charged with 15 counts of aggravated assault.

Woodcock Wins TWU Award

The TWU 2021 Distinguished Entrepreneur Award was presented to Shirley Shankle Woodcock in a ceremony last week. The award is presented annually by the TWU Goodfriend School of Business. Woodcock is the Executive Vice President and Co-Founder of Valley Oil Company, a family-owned business estab-

lished in 1988. In addition to her work in oil distribution, Woodcock has volunteered and served on several local boards and civic organizations. She helped organize SouthEast Bank and Trust and served as a director. She has also served on the McMinn County Economic Development Authority, United Way, and Athens-McMinn Family YMCA boards. In 2005, she was named the



Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Business-Professional Woman of the Year. In 2016, she was inducted into the Tennessee Wesleyan University Hall of Fame.

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