



Athens, Tennessee

#### LOCAL & AREA NEWS ♦ TWO JAILED IN CHARLESTON ROBBERY

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office has arrested two men in connection with the robbery at Preferred Family Pharmacy in Charleston earlier this month. A detective spotted a vehicle that matched the description of the one used by the robbers and pulled it over. Justin Thomas Lafuze of Cleveland and his alledged accomplice, 28-yearold Aaron Thomas Hensley, were both charged with robbery. Police say Lafuze was the man who wore a mask and entered the pharmacy on Sept. 4, while Hensley waited in the getaway car.

#### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 $\sqrt{}$  The 4th Annual Ultimate Cowboy Challenge will take place tonight and tomorrow night, 7 p.m., at the Athens Regional Park. Proceeds go to the McMinn County Equine Association's scholarship fund.

✓ The Cedar Springs United Methodist Church's Angel Kitchen will be open tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church. The event offers patrons a free meal prepared by members of the church. It is open to everyone. Donations will be accepted to support the ministry.

 $\sqrt{1}$  The annual Life Chain, a silent prayer vigil against abortion, will be held on Sunday, October 3, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Tellico Plains at Highway 68 and New Providence Road.

## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

• The nation's poverty rate has climbed to the highest level since the 1960's as the recession threw millions of people out of work. One in seven Americans is now living in poverty. The share of Americans without health coverage has climbed too, mostly because of the loss of employer-provided health insurance.

• Unemployment claims have dropped for the third time in four weeks. In a separate report, the Labor Department says wholesale prices were relatively flat in August, indicating the weak economy is keeping inflation in check. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrials Average closed at 10,594.83; up 22.10 points.

• A man shot and wounded a doctor and then barricaded himself inside a room at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The man then killed his mother who was in the hospital room and then himself. He was apparently upset over the medical treatment his mother had received.

- The government says the rate of illegal drug use rose last year to the highest level in nearly a decade, fueled by a sharp increase in marijuana use and a surge in ectasy and methamphetamine abuse.
- Researchers say violent video games like "Call of Duty" can help trigger-happy players make decisions faster in real life by leading to more efficient use of sensory evidence.

Barbecue Meat.



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# **RIBBON CUTTING**

Auto Plus, located at 904 Decatur Pike, Athens held a Ribbon Cutting yesterday. The business recently joined the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. Auto Plus is one of the largest auto parts distributors in the U.S. and Canada. Their local phone number is 745-4172 & their web address is: www.autoplus.biz In the photo: (L-R) Kristina Heifnar, Chamber Diplomat; Bruce Bowen, Sales Development Manager; Greg Bunch, Employee; Brian Garrison, Manager; Jim Hodsden, Assistant Manager; Rick Brady, Sales Manager; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Shane Jackson, Athens City Council.



FOOTBALL: MCHS at Cleveland; McMinn Central hosts Meigs County. It's Homecoming for Central. Kickoff for both games is 7:30 tonight. Tennessee hosts Florida on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS.

### **Church News & Events**

- North Etowah Baptist Church will have "The Amazing Grace Giveaway" today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the parking lot. There'll be free clothing, appliances, furniture, household items, sporting goods, and lawn equipment for needy people.

- A Christian Music Festival will take place at the Mayfield Farm Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. Groups include Article One, Blue City Band, Last Flight Out and Refuge 99.

Campmeeting 2010 continues at Cambria Baptist Church. Eddy Watson will speak tonight at 7, Jimmy Price will preach tomorrow night, and the Sunday preachers will be Sam Boone at 11 a.m. and Jimmy Dunn at 6 p.m.
The Freedman Chapel Men's Ministry Meeting will be tomorrow from 10

a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall at 415 Cleveland Avenue in Athens. The topic: "What Makes A Men's Ministry Great."

- A benefit dinner & singing to help with medical bills for Dan Stinnett who was injured in a logging accident will be held tomorrow at Harvest Time Church, County Road 570, Englewood. Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. The Soul Searchers sing at 6 and New Paved Road sings at 7p.m.

- Mount Olive AME Zion Church on South Ohio Avenue in Etowah will celebrate their 100th Church Anniversary on Sunday. Lunch will be served following the morning worship.

#### **OBITUARIES:**

**Jack Heatherly Lefler, Sr.,** age 89, of Loudon, died Wednesday. He was a veteran of WWII serving as a Naval Aviator and was the President of Don P. Smith Chair Company of Loudon until his retirement. Funeral services Sunday at 3pm at Loudon United Methodist Church with visitation Saturday from Noon to 3pm & from 7-8:30pm at McGill-Karnes Funeral Home in Loudon.

**William Jackson Brown,** age 84, of Smithville, KY, and formerly of Athens, died Tuesday. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army Air Corp & retired from the U.S. Air Force & Olin Chemical. Graveside services at 2pm Saturday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge.

