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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ MONROE CO. MAN HELD IN CARJACKING

A Monroe County man, 25-year-old Brandon McGrail, has been booked into the McMinn County Jail on \$168,000 bond on charges of vehicular assault, carjacking, and aggravated robbery. Sheriff Joe Guy says deputies were called to County Road 879 near Etowah last Friday night. They found Benjamin Crofts lying in the road. He told them he had given a ride to McGrail and when they got to County Road 879, McGrail pulled a handgun and threatened him unless he gave him some money. The two struggled before Crofts' car crashed into a barn. Crofts suffered minor injuries, and McGrail fled the scene. Sheriff Guy says with evidence they collected from the car and through social media, officers were able to locate McGrail (shown in mug shot) in Monroe County.



National & World News

◆ As of Monday morning, Hawaii Civil Defense reported that a total of 31 structures were destroyed by the lava from the Hawaiian Volcano. No injuries have been reported. Residents also face the danger of the toxic sulfur dioxide gas that is being emitted by the lava fountains.

◆ President Trump will announce his decision on the Iran nuclear deal Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the White House.

◆ On Monday, Vladimir Putin was sworn in for a fourth term as Russia's president in an elaborate ceremony at the Kremlin. Putin has been in power for almost two decades.

◆ According to a new FBI report, twenty-one states from California to Maryland, saw active shooter incidents in the two-year period from 2016 to 2017. This is ten more than in the previous two-year period. An active shooter is one or more individuals actively engaging in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will have a change of schedule this week. The clinic this afternoon will be a medication refill only. There will NOT be a physician present. The clinic starts at 2:30 p.m. The annual Health Fair (an outreach of ETSU Quillen School of Medicine) will be held tomorrow, May 9th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the clinic adjoining Christ Community Church on Congress Parkway. You need to bring a proof of residency with your name on it. Appointments are recommended. Call 745-4541.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Marcus Jerome Smith**, age 59, of Athens, died May 3rd at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He had worked as a welder and laborer. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

♦ **Wayne Lewis Newman, Sr.**, age 84, of Etowah, died Sunday at his home. He was retired from the McMinn County Health Department after 30 years as an environmentalist. He also served two years in the military, in Korea at the end of the Korean Conflict. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

♦ **Robert J. Gryder**, age 71, of Ten Mile, died Sunday. Arrangements will be announced by Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were higher with a wide mix across sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 95 points or 0.4% to 24,357. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 9 points or 0.3% to 2,673, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 56 points or 0.8% to 7,265.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Niota Model Train Show will be held this weekend, May 12 & 13, at the Niota Depot and Niota Elementary School. The hours are 9 to 5 on Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday.
- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be closed Tuesday due to roof repairs.

AUB Checking for Gas Leaks

Athens Utilities Board will increase the operating pressure of its natural gas distribution system in sections of Athens and surrounding areas this week. The purpose is to check for leaks along the service lines right up to the gas meter. By increasing the operating pressure (a process called "uprating") the risk of cold weather service interruptions is significantly decreased. The increased pressure will expose any possible leaks which can be corrected. The area involved includes the Highway 39 East corridor including all of Cumberland Hills and a section of Athens from Veterans Park to Slack Road to the airport. The photo from AUB shows Nate Crisp using a hand-held device to check for any gas leaks around a residential meter.



(Photo by Wayne Scarbrough)

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