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Athens, Tennessee

### LOCAL & AREA NEWS

#### ◆ LIVING HERITAGE NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum has named Ashley G. Rush as its executive director. Rush graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with degrees in English and History. Laurie Powell, president-elect of the Board of Trustees, says "Ashley's qualifications, attitude, ethics and love of the museum make her a natural fit." Rush says she is honored to serve as executive director and says the Living Heritage Museum is one of our community's greatest treasures.



#### ◆ I-75 FOG CRASH ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow marks the 20th anniversary of a 99-vehicle pileup on fog-enveloped I-75 at exit 36. A total of 12 people died and 42 were injured. As a result of the crash, the Tennessee Department of Transportation installed a high-tech fog warning system that automatically lowers the speed limit. There have been no fog-related pileups in the fog zone since the warning system was installed.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ House Democrats voted Thursday to reject President Obama's tax deal with Republicans in its current form. By voice vote in a closed caucus meeting, the Democrats passed a resolution saying the tax package should not come to the House floor for consideration as written. They oppose extending Bush tax cuts to the most wealthy Americans.
- ◆ A new report says cigarette smoke causes immediate damage to a person's lungs and their DNA, even in small amounts, including the exposure from second-hand smoke.
- ◆ A new government study shows life expectancy of Americans has dropped slightly. Life expectancy dropped about a month, from 77.9 years in 2007 to 77.8 years in 2008. For the first time in 50 years, strokes dropped from the No. 3 leading cause of death. Chronic lower respiratory diseases moved into 3rd place.
- ◆ Facebook and Twitter have deleted the accounts of WikiLeaks supporters who targeted Visa and other Internet payment sites that tried to block donations to WikiLeaks after its release of secret U.S. diplomatic cables.
- ◆ Actor Wesley Snipes has begun serving a 3-year sentence at a federal prison in Pennsylvania for failing to file income tax returns.

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**6th Annual Community Christmas Concert**  
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### Who's New In Pink & Blue?

**Cecil DeKlyn Sizemore** was born December 7th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Lacey Bertram and Detrick Sizemore of Athens.

**Chandler "Tatum" Gray** was born Dec. 5th at ARMC. He weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and was 20¾ inches long. His parents are Sarah and Kevin Gray of Athens.

### Community News You Can Use

~ The McMinn County Foster Care Association is having an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at Applebees in Athens tomorrow from 7 to 10 a.m. Proceeds help provide Christmas for foster children.

~ The Riceville Youth Football & Cheerleading will host their annual awards ceremony tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the McMinn High School Auditorium.

~ Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" will be the topic of a book discussion next Monday at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Citizens Center in Athens.

### Church News & Events

~ Cedar Springs United Methodist Church's Angel Kitchen is offering a free meal this Saturday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

~ Athens Christian Church at 802 Matlock Ave. invites you to "Stroll Through a Night of Nativity" tonight from 6 to 8:30. Celebrate the birth of Christ with a Living Nativity and Nativity Scenes.

~ Bethlehem Baptist Church in Madisonville will present a Christmas Drama this Saturday and Sunday night at 7 p.m.

~ Shoal Creek Baptist Church presents the Christmas play "The Greatest Story Ever Told" tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. Call 519-5711 for directions.

~ Eastanalee Baptist Church in Riceville will have their Living Christmas Tree program Saturday at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

~ Fairview Christian Academy will have its Senior Yard Sale tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at American Bedding on Dennis Street.



#### KIDS EAT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat. Dec. 11th at Athens Ruby Tuesday from 8:30a-10a. Tickets \$5 each at Citizens National Bank. Proceeds for Jr. Achievement. Details: Call JA Office at 476-6772 <http://clevelandtn.ja.org>

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