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Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ PERKINSON RETIRING FROM BB&T

Banker William "Bo" Perkinson has announced he will retire from BB&T Bank effective December 31st. Bo started his banking career 41½ years ago at First National Bank of Athens. He currently is a Senior Vice President and Market Executive for McMinn County and surrounding counties. He has been a member of the Athens City Council since February 1996, when he was appointed to fill a vacancy. He served as mayor from 2002 to 2004 and is currently in his fourth two-year term as vice mayor. He is a lifelong resident of Athens, an active member of the Optimist Club of Athens, and has been active with the Boy Scouts of America. Bo tells the **Morning Fax** that he and his wife, Lynn, have been talking about his retirement for about a year. He says they have lots of plans for the future, including some travel. He says he will continue to be active in the community and will continue to serve on the City Council.



NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama vowed Sunday night the United States would overcome a new terror threat that seeks to "poison the minds" of people here and around the world.

◆ Jeh Johnson, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security will announce a "new terror alert system" for the United States. Johnson said the public needs to be better informed about what they are doing about the threat of global terrorism.

◆ Students at Daytona State College were alerted about a "specific bomb threat" on Monday. Several buildings were evacuated at its campus in Daytona Beach, Florida. The school has recently received other bomb threats.

◆ The U.S. Justice Department will investigate Chicago's police department following protests over the 2014 police shooting death of a black teenager.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resources Agency (SETHRA) will be distributing commodities in McMinn County this Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Distribution will take place at the National Guard Armory on Highway 30.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will have its monthly meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street, Athens. The public is invited.

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Cash Mob!" this Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hair Therapy, 2208 Railroad Avenue.

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History of the Downtown Nativity

For the past 25 Christmas Holidays, motorists driving along Green Street past Veterans Park have been seeing a Nativity Scene. Libby Johnson started putting up the display in December of 1990. She says she got tired of seeing a display featuring Santa at what was then called Sunset Park. So, she asked Mrs. Long, who owned the big white house next to the park, if she could set up a Nativity Scene in her front yard. It's been there ever since. One year someone stole the Baby Jesus doll. Another year, somebody complained about a Nativity Scene on city property. The complainer was quickly informed that the display is on private property. Miss Libby says about 3 or 4 years ago, Mrs. Long's family members agreed to take over responsibility for the nativity scene.



Obituaries

- **Jesse Daniel "Danny" Withrow**, 69, of Riceville died Sunday at Willow Acres Group Home. He was an employee of McMinn County High School and was a member of the McMinn County Board of Education. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Pauline Parker Hall**, age 96, of Athens, died Sunday at her residence. She was retired from Athens Hosiery Mill after 37 years of service. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 1 p.m.
- **Carrie Annette Millsaps**, age 47, of Englewood, died Sunday at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Pablo Mohsen Bassim, Jr.**, age 59, of Decatur died Sunday. He worked at TVA and cared for special needs animals. A Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Laura Gertrude "Gertie" Curnutt**, age 75, of Ten Mile, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bowers.
- **Patsy Farris Cowart**, age 74, of the Brush Creek Community, died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

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RADIO SHACK Regional Operations Manager, Joe Martin, recently announced New Management Staff at their Athens location. In the photo below is the new manager, **Barry Sullivan**, who is coming back home. **Barry**, known to friends and fans as "**B-MAN**" has 12 years in Radio & TV and 20 + years in retail sales. Pictured with Barry is the new Assistant Manager, **Berina Edmond** from Madisonville, formerly with Foothills Mall Radio Shack in Maryville, TN. She brings her cell phone and retail experience to the table.



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