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Local and Area News

◆ MONTGOMERY TO LEAVE THE YMCA

Lee Montgomery will be leaving his position as executive director of the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA to take on a new role with the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga. Montgomery has led the Athens Y since June of 2007. He headed up the \$1 million capital campaign started in 2009 that resulted in numerous renovations and modernizations to the Y's Sam L. Feezell Wellness Center. His last day at the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA will be December 14th. Lane Davis, who serves as sports director for the Y, will serve as interim director until a search committee chooses a replacement. The new director is anticipated to be in place by February.

◆ 29 APPLY FOR ATHENS CITY MANAGER JOB

The process is underway toward choosing a new Athens city manager to replace Mitch Moore, who is retiring at the end of the year. The City Manager Search Committee met last week. The committee has received 29 applications. They will go over the resumé's and weed them down to the top 15 by November 29th. At this point, the names of the 29 applicants have not been disclosed. Mike Tallent will serve as interim manager until a new manager is hired.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Athens City School Board and the Athens City Council will hold a joint meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the Athens City Middle School. The meeting will give the public a chance to view the plans for the school restructuring project.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will hold a flu shot clinic from 10 a.m. to 12 noon today. Staff from Walgreens will be on hand to administer the vaccinations. Pneumonia and shingles vaccinations will also be available.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department announces the restrooms at Prof Powers Park, Heritage Park, Cook Park, Fisher Field, and the Regional Park Lake Pavilion have closed for the winter. These restrooms are not heated and are subject to freezing.
- ✓ The Englewood Public Library announces new hours effective Monday, Nov. 21st. The hours will be noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for Wednesday which will be 3 to 6 p.m. The Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ✓ The guest Tuesday on "Chamber Chat," the weekly radio show produced by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, will be Don Webb with Johnsons of Etowah. Chamber Chat is broadcast immediately after the 8 a.m. news each Tuesday on WYXI Radio AM-1390 & now on **FM-94.5**, as well as on-line at: www.wyxi.com



Need special personalized Christmas gifts? Cookbook Author Anne Byrn has a new beautiful hardback book all about the history of the American Cake. Anne will be at the shop to sign books Saturday, Nov. 26th 11a-1p. Author Christy Jordan will be in the shop Dec. 1st, from 4-7pm signing her new book, *Sweetness*.



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BIG FLAG MARKS 10TH YEAR

A ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the big American flag that flies along I-75 at exit 49 was held this past Saturday. Several members of the American Legion Post 68 gathered, pledged allegiance, remembered POW's and MIA's, and listened to bagpipe music. American Legion Commander Dick Pelley recalled with tears his feelings when the big flag was first raised. It is the largest American flag along I-75 between Atlanta and Canada.



Obituaries

- **Bobbie June Thomas**, age 86, of Riceville, died Saturday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Zelphia Jeanette Cox Goins**, age 59, of Athens, died Friday. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Denny "Jack" Brewer, Jr.**, age 86, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- **Jimmy Paul Benson**, age 80, of Decatur died last Friday at his home. He was a veteran of the Army and was retired from Buster Brown Apparel with 42 years of service. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home.
- **Evelyn B. Rayburn**, age 70, of Englewood, died last Friday at Fort Loudon Medical Center. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.
- **Cora "Tokie" Yarberry Coleman**, age 95, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Rebecca (Becky) Brock Armstrong**, age 74, of Englewood, died Saturday. She had taught school at Englewood Elementary for 26 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL: UT defeated Missouri, 63 to 37. Fans gave Vol quarterback Joshua Dobbs a standing ovation.

CHRISTMAS COMES TO DOWNTOWN ATHENS!

The annual Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas took place in Athens this past Saturday. Thousands of people came to Downtown Athens to ice skate, ride the horse-drawn carriage, enjoy hot apple cider, see the live Nativity Scene, enjoy carols and dancers, shop, eat, meet Santa and see the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

(Photos by Richard and Elaine Newman)

