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Local & Area News

◆ FOOD CITY TO BREAK GROUND SOON

Steven Smith, CEO of Food City's Parent Company, K-VA-T Food Stores, spoke to the Athens Kiwanis Club last Friday. Smith presented a history of the company, which is one of the largest privately held businesses in the U.S. He also gave a timetable of the new store that will be built in downtown Athens. Ground-breaking will take place in about two weeks with the demolition of most of the Madison Park Shopping Center. The store should be completed and open by Thanksgiving. A new *Gas & Go* will be built behind the shopping center at the former location of Hammer-Johnson Supply. The new store will be about 54,000 square feet and will employ around 150 people. Rusty Rollins of Athens will be the new store manager. In the photo: (L-R) CEO Smith and Tom Hughes with the Kiwanis Club. (Staff Photo)



National & World News

- ◆ A French-born man identified as 39-year-old Ziyed Ben Belgacem, was killed by French security forces during a Saturday morning incident at Orly Airport in Paris, France. Belgacem allegedly shouted, "I'm here to die for Allah."
- ◆ In retaliation for what it said was an attack on Russian media in the United States, the Russian parliament has ordered a check of U.S. media outlets operating in the country.
- ◆ President Donald Trump is expected to name attorney George Conway, the husband of White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, to lead the Department of Justice's Civil Division. If confirmed, Conway would be responsible for leading a division in charge of enforcing laws preventing discrimination.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The *Highway for Heroes* bus will be at the McMinn Court House Annex today for any veteran who needs a drivers license renewal, issuance of state I.D. cards, or for adding the veterans code on their license or I.D. card .
- ✓ SETHRA will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Thursday from 8:30 to noon at the National Guard Armory on Highway 30. You must have a card to be eligible. Call the local office at 745-8095 for info or to sign up.
- ✓ The McMinn County UT Extension office will have a "Drop In" Open House and Ice Cream Sundae Bar on Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. The office is at 107 W. College Street, Athens.


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 Weather at: wysi.com

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YMCA Introduces New Director

Obituaries

The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA held their annual meeting last Thursday at the "Y". Outgoing President Chris Adams presented the gavel to incoming President Trey Winder. New board members Randy Mullins, Fred Burke, Linda Chesnutt, and Matt Ronne were elected. Several awards were presented including "Instructor of the Year" to Jamie McKay; "Part-Time Staff" to Jason Carusillo; and "Volunteers of the



Year" to TNG Prep Academy. Pictured is the new Executive Director, Bradi Sewell, who was introduced to the crowd. Sewell made a presentation of the Y's mission "For a Better Us" which is to put Christian principles into practice with programs that build a healthy spirit, body and mind. (Staff Photo)

♦ **Willie Joe Hale**, age 56, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Rev. Gilbert E. (G.E.) Sitzlar**, age 85, of Decatur and formerly of Ten Mile, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Athens. He had served as pastor of Maple Grove Baptist Church in Ten Mile for 14 years. Funeral services were held Saturday night. Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur was in charge.

♦ **Margaret Francis Downey**, age 84, of Athens, died Friday at NHC of Athens. She worked for many years with Smith County Motors as a bookkeeper and with the Swift Museum in Athens until her retirement. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Mt. Harmony Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Mayme Lorene Smith Key**, age 89, of Etowah, died Friday at Hospice of Chattanooga. A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bordwine.

♦ **John E. Linn**, age 79, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Chuck Berry**, a music icon of the 1950's and 1960's died in Missouri on Saturday at the age of 90.

Athens Lions - 8th Annual - 5K Mooooo Run!!!



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