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Ferguson to Lead EDA

The Board of Directors of the McMinn County Economic Development Authority announces that Lindsey Ferguson has been hired as Executive Director. She replaces Kathy Price, who retired effective December 31st.

Ms. Ferguson is a graduate of Bryan College with a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management. She is a graduate of the 2017 Leadership McMinn Class. She has been involved with several economic development projects in the region including the Dayton Waterfront and Recreational Master Plan, Morgan County water Improvement Plan, and most notably the Brushy Mountain Development which ultimately led to the old Brushy Mountain prison facility being used as a tourism destination.



Ms. Ferguson is originally from Roane County. She is married to Todd Ferguson, and they have one daughter, Mila, and son, Tyler. The couple resides in Athens.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The MEDIC Regional Blood Center continues to have critically low inventory for O Positive, O Negative, A Negative and A Positive blood types. MEDIC also has low inventory of B Negative. To donate blood, visit the MEDIC Donor Center at 213 E. Washington Ave., in Downtown Athens.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will have the following schedule for January: Tuesday, Jan. 12th and Tuesday, Jan. 26th, the clinic will be open from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for drive through refills. Physician visits will be at 4 p.m. The Good Faith Clinic is located on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S. Congress Parkway and provides free basic medical care for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties.

CORRECTION: In Wednesday's Morning Fax, we erroneously reported that Kids Connection would be open while repairs were going on at Athens Middle School. Kids Connection is closed.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE WEDNESDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 625,237 cases, up 7,588. 7,381 deaths, up 114.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,639 up 52	4,072	501	66
Meigs	1,023 up 13	894	113	16
Monroe	4,128 up 73	3,574	496	58 up 1
Polk	1,264 up 17	1,090	157	17
Bradley	9,721 up 116	8,557	1,083	81 up 4
Rhea	3,432 up 41	2,936	444	52



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Thursday - Mostly cloudy. Possible rain in p.m. High 46.
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Friday - Cloudy with some snow in a.m. High 40.
Friday Night - Low clouds. Low 29.
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Obituaries

♦ **Carolyn Ann Phillips**, age 74, of Tellico Plains, died Monday. She taught at Ballplay and Rural Vale schools and at her retirement she was serving as the principal at Coker Creek School. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers Funeral Home in Tellico Plains, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Wilma Louise Burger**, age 81, of Delano, died Wednesday. She was a skilled seamstress and quilter. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Larry Lee Shirk**, age 83, of Athens, died Tuesday at Tenova Cleveland Hospital. A Celebration of Life service will be at 7 p.m. with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Companion is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities finished mixed. The ADP payroll report showed private payrolls fell 123,000 in December, and highlighted the recent challenges in the economy amid spiking virus cases and renewed lockdowns. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 437.80 to 30,829.40. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 21.28 to 3,748.14, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 78.17 points to 12,740.79.

Athenian Gets UTC Post

Tyler Forrest of Athens has been appointed as Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University of Tennessee of Chattanooga. His appointment was effective as of January 1st.

Tyler was born and raised in Athens. He moved back here in 2017 and is currently the chairman of the E.G. Fisher library. He is a member of Eastanallee Baptist Church and serves on the church Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Athens City Council Advisory Board.

The vice chancellor for finance and administration is one of the most important positions on the UTC campus. Tyler joined the UTC staff in January 2007 as a student worker in Auxiliary Services, reconciling ledgers. As a student, Gov. Phil Bredesen appointed him to the UT Board of Trustees. After graduation, Tyler went to work in the Budget and Finance Department, progressing from assistant director to associate director to director to executive director.

In 2016, Tyler was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget and Financial Services. The following year, he was named Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance.



TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 7th

1789 - America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

1927 - Commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

1942 - Japanese forces began besieging American and Filipino troops in Bataan during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March).

1953 - President Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

1959 - The United States recognized the new government of Cuba, six days after Fidel Castro led the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

1963 - The U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

1989 - Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

1999 - For the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

2009 - President-elect Barack Obama met at the White House with America's four living presidents: George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. Russia shut off all its gas supplies to Europe through Ukraine in a price and payment dispute; the cutoff lasted nearly two weeks.