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Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas Volunteers Recognized

In a season where many changes have occurred within the City of Athens, a group of community volunteers took the time to bring joy to thousands during the celebration of Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas. Main Street Athens would like to say "Thank You" to Promotions Committee leaders, Stuart Mason & Timberly Guffey and everyone else that played a role in putting a smile on someone's face. In Photo: Representatives of Athens Chamber of Commerce, Edward Jones, Murray Willis office, McMinn Co. Sheriff's Dept, and Main Street Athens. Submitted by: Lisa Dotson



Cochran Elected To Serve As Assistant Majority Leader

State Rep. Mark Cochran, R-Englewood, has been elected by his peers to serve as assistant majority leader for the upcoming 113th Tennessee General Assembly. As assistant majority leader, Cochran is the third-ranking officer in the House Republican Caucus. He will assume the majority leader's duties if absent, collaborate with the leader on all of the governor's legislation, be the second name as prime co-sponsor on all of the administration's bills, serve with the majority leader as one of the party's floor leaders and assist the leader in the conduct of any additional duties as needed. "The Tennessee House Republican Caucus is the most effective policy-making body in the nation," Cochran said. "Having this elite group of men and women choose me as their assistant majority leader is an incredible honor. I look forward to serving the caucus and continuing Tennessee's conservative success story." Prior to becoming assistant majority leader, Cochran served four years as treasurer for the caucus. He was first elected in 2018 to represent House District 23, which includes all of McMinn and part of Monroe counties. The 113th Tennessee General Assembly will convene on Jan. 10, 2023.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments this week will be Julie Simbeck, Program Director for the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. She will be discussing the Athens Christmas Parade. The program will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

FOOTBALL RECAP: Tennessee defeated Vanderbilt 56 to 0. TN moved from number 6 to number 5 in the ESPN Football Power Index with a likely invite to a New Year's 6 bowl game.

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Obituaries

♦ **Raymond Jilton Shumate**, age 39, of Niota, passed away on November 21st. He was born in Jacksonville, FL. He was a resident of Baker County, FL until moving with his family to East TN in 1994. He was employed at Walmart of Athens until graduating from McMinn County High School in 2002. He enlisted in the Army in February 2002. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. He completed AIT in Aberdeen MD. He reported for duty to Vilseck, Germany 2003, with the Bravo Company 201st FSB 3rd brigade, 1st infantry division, as a certified mechanic, where he remained until 2006. He and his family were then moved stateside to Maryland and Raymond worked at the NCOA 16th Ordinance Brigade, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD until 2007. In 2007 they returned to Vilseck, Germany, 2nd Stryker Calvary Regiment, Regimental Support Squadron where he remained stationed until his honorable discharge in 2010. He also completed two combat tours during the Iraq Campaign from Feb 2004-March 2005 and again in Oct 2007- Oct 2008. Raymond also served on a TDY task force in Romania. He was currently enrolled at TCAT in welding. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 30th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 29th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment with military honors will follow the service on Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Chattanooga National Cemetery 1200 Bailey Ave. Chattanooga. Please be at the cemetery by 1:30 p.m. if you plan to attend.

Obituaries Continued

Jeffrey Scott Whitehead, age 60, passed away November 23rd. He was born on December 18, 1961. He spent most of his life working at Bowater, and then retired from there and moved on to Yates Construction at the Wacker plant in Charleston. A funeral service will be at 2 pm November 28th at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

♦ **Steven "Steve" Scott Calhoun**, age 62, of Athens, passed away Thursday, November 24th at CHI Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He was a native of Athens, and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a member of the Laborers Local 846 and had worked in construction at TVA. A funeral Service will be at 11 AM Tuesday, November 29th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 – 7 PM Monday, November 28th at Ziegler. Interment will be at McMinn Memory Gardens following the service.

FRIDAY'S MARKET Markets logged small moves on the shortened Black Friday trading day. Equities hovered near the flat line. Gold and oil prices also saw minor moves. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield was just above the 3.7% mark. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was up 152.97 to 34,347.03. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down -1.14 to 4,026.12, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down -58.96 to 11,226.36.

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