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Athens, Tennessee

## Piedmont Lithium Launches Power For Life Foundation

Piedmont Lithium Inc., a leading global developer of lithium resources critical to the U.S. electric vehicle ("EV") supply chain, announced recently the launch of Piedmont Lithium Foundation - Power for Life, Inc. Power for Life plans to focus on important charitable and educational initiatives to support the communities in which Piedmont expects to operate in North Carolina and Tennessee. Power for Life intends to support various philanthropic efforts and organizations in the communities, including sponsoring science, technology, engineering, and mathematics ("STEM") initiatives within local K-12 and post-secondary educational institutions as well as scholarships for current and future STEM students. Power for Life President and Piedmont Chief Administrative Officer Kris McVey said, "As a lithium business with global assets, we want to support our communities - whether through time dedicated by Piedmont employees to local charities or through grants for teachers, scholarships for students, or donations to community organizations. Supporting STEM education is critical to advancing America's success as a technological leader domestically and globally. Power for Life wants to be a source of good in our communities, and we are humbled and excited to make programs and funding available in the regions in which we plan to operate." Applications are now available to residents, students, and organizations in North Carolina and Tennessee. To be eligible for funding, grant and scholarships, applicants should have a connection to either Gaston County, North Carolina or McMinn County, Tennessee. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is March 1, 2023. Scholarship recipients are expected to be announced in May approximately. For more information on Power for Life, email [foundation@piedmontlithium.com](mailto:foundation@piedmontlithium.com) or go online by [clicking here](#)

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a meeting on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Public Library, 1289 Ingleside Ave. Athens, TN. This meeting is open to the public.
- ✓ A Women's Self Defense Class will be held in downtown Athens on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. The class is free; however, if anyone would like to donate, they are asking for donations to the 3 children in Cleveland who lost both of their parents on Christmas day. For questions and more information call Jennifer at 865-236-0751 or Becki at 423-414-1034.
- ✓ The Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus is starting rehearsals soon and is looking for more participants. Rehearsals are on Monday nights at 7 p.m. in the choir room on the Tennessee Wesleyan University campus. The first night is Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and will start at 6:30 p.m. for orientation. There are no auditions and the only requirement is a desire to sing. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information and directions contact Elise Howell at [metccinfo@gmail.com](mailto:metccinfo@gmail.com) or 423-381-0008.
- ✓ The second and final round of Leaf Vacuum Season continues through February 10<sup>th</sup>. Leaf crews will vacuum leaves placed curbside for pick up until February 10<sup>th</sup>. After that leaves must be bagged for pick up. Bagged leaves are picked up throughout the year during junk routes. If you would like your leaves collected during this final round, please rake them three to five feet from the edge of the road. **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE ROAD, IN DRAINAGE DITCHES, OR ON SIDEWALK.** Doing so creates hazards for motorists and pedestrians, and risks clogging up storm drains that could result in flooding. In areas where there are sidewalks, leaves should be placed behind the sidewalk and leaf crews will pick them up. Also, **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES ON OR AROUND OBSTACLES** such as mailboxes, trees, fences, poles, yard decorations, water meter lids, and vehicles. Leaf piles around or behind obstacles will not be picked up by the leaf crews, as the leaf vacuum may potentially damage the obstruction or the equipment. For information on which zone the leaf crews are currently working, or to find out your zone, please call 423-744-2745 or visit [cityofathensstn.com/publicworks](http://cityofathensstn.com/publicworks) for more information.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Virginia (Ginny) Womac**, age 93, passed away. She was born in Luttrell, Tennessee. She married Junior Allen (J.A.) Womac in 1947. They raised their family in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In 1973, they moved to his home town of Athens, Tennessee, where they enjoyed retirement until J.A.'s death in 2011. She then made her home in Alabama, near her son Charles's family. Visitation will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at Ziegler Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 3 p.m. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Rev. Herbert Stokes**, age 88, of Harrison, passed away Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

♦ **Susannah Frances Wilson**, age 39, of Etowah, passed Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. She graduated from McMinn Central High School and attended Maryville college before entering the U.S. Navy where she served in Sicily and Djibouti. After her Navy service she worked as the Monroe County Veterans Service Officer and with other veteran programs. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with visitation from 12 to 1 p.m., Saturday prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

## Church News and Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church is having a Men's Conference February 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. Free tickets are available at Sweetwater Baptist Association in Madisonville and McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association in Athens. A free meal will be served on Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m. You must have a ticket for the meal. Contact Bryan Coffey at 865-755-0181 for more information. Union McMinn Baptist Church is located off I-75 exit 56 in Niota at 314 Co Rd 316 Niota.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Elewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

- St. Mark AME Zion Church will have a Food Giveaway on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. until all the food has been given away. The location of the Church is 707 North Jackson Street, Athens.

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