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Athens, Tennessee

Piedmont Lithium New Hires

Piedmont Lithium a leading global developer of lithium resources critical to the U.S. electric vehicle supply chain, recently announced the addition of its first Tennessee-based employees to support the Tennessee Lithium project. Lee Montgomery joins Piedmont Lithium as a Community Relations Manager and Ashley Copeland as a Corporate Communications Specialist. Both Montgomery and Copeland are residents of McMinn County, underscoring Piedmont's commitment to hiring locally whenever possible.



Montgomery's (at left) background includes more than 15 years in community relations and more than a decade of experience in managing multiple manufacturing operations. He most recently worked as the District Vice President for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga. His career includes key leadership roles at DENSO Manufacturing, Crescent Hosiery, and several regional nonprofit organizations. Montgomery earned a graduate degree in organizational management from Tusculum University and an undergraduate degree in accounting from Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Copeland (at right) is an integrated communications professional and content specialist who has worked across a variety of industries including media, government, and higher education. Most recently, she served as the Management Excellence Director for Tennessee Wesleyan University, where she led strategic planning to recruit, market, and enroll undergraduate and graduate students. Her background also includes working as a reporter for *The Daily Post-Athensian*, where she received multiple distinguished awards. Copeland has a strong academic background with a graduate degree in public relations from Webster University and an undergraduate degree in English from King University.



Community News You Can Use

✓ The City of Athens annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, has been completed by the independent third-party auditing firm of Neal, Scouten & McConnell of Chattanooga. Copies of the audit, in detail, are on file in the Finance Department, of Athens City Hall, 815 North Jackson Street, and may be reviewed by any interested citizen between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The annual audit is also available online at <http://www.athensn.gov/finance>. The annual financial audit serves as a detailed accounting of all revenues and expenditures at the local government. Citizens are encouraged to review the document to inspect the City's fiscal condition. This year marks the 30th consecutive year the City of Athens has received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting making Athens one of the most fiscally responsible local governments' in the United States. For more information, contact Mike Keith, Finance Director at 423-744-2710 or email mkeith@athensn.gov

✓ Food City recently named Sherrell Lyon to the position of vice president of human resources. Lyon brings over 34 years of knowledge and experience to this key role, having most recently served as director of human resources for the company. Lyon currently resides in historic Jonesborough, TN. Food City is headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores (Food City's parent company) operates 150 retail outlets throughout southeast Kentucky, southwest Virginia, East Tennessee, north Georgia, and Alabama with stores in Etowah and here in Athens, Tennessee.

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HERITAGE SCHOOL: Saturday, February 4 @ 11:00
Guest Speaker, Earl Smith will be sharing his life experiences about being a student at the Dunbar Rosenwald School in Loudon, Tennessee.

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SATURDAY, FEB 11 @ 11:00

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Linda Jean Hyde**, age 62, of Delano, passed away Monday January 23rd at Tennova Healthcare Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a native of Athens and a longtime resident of Polk County. A funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Friday, January 27th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 11 to 12 p.m. Friday prior to the funeral service. Interment will follow in Grassy Creek Cemetery in Copper Hill. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Ralph Ross Elkins**, age 79, passed away Tuesday, January 24th. He was in Athens. McMinn County was his home for his entire life. He enjoyed farming all his life; he was owner and operator of the Elkins Dairy Farm until he retired. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 28th at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation 12 to 2 p.m., Saturday prior to the service. A committal service will be at McMinn Memory Gardens at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Goldie Jean Lundy Crane**, age 70, of Athens, passed away recently. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky. A Celebration of Life Service will be Friday, January 27th at 1 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service. A Graveside Service will be held at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens following service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday's Market Report

♦ **Hazel Dixon Keasler**, age 88, of Athens, died Friday, January 20th at Starr Regional of Etowah. She was a native of Etowah and a longtime resident of Montclair, CA before moving back to McMinn County in 1994. She was retired from Simpson Paper Company in Pomona, CA after 32 years of service. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 31st at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow in New Zion Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Rosa Jack**, age 78, of Etowah, passed away Tuesday, January 24th. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m., Friday, January 27th in Etowah Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 01/15/23 - 01/21/2023

There were 1,198 cases (per day) and 12 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 2,468,351 Total Cases 28,883 Total Deaths

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
McMinn	19,587	284
Meigs	4,105	62
Monroe	17,896	274
Polk	5,576	89
Bradley	38,493	450
Rhea	11,629	169

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

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