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Monday, December 18, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

### **Grant for Etowah Depot**

The Etowah Historical Commission (EHC) has received notification that it will receive a Capital Maintenance and Improvement Grant in the amount of \$37,562. from the state of Tennessee. Administered by the Tennessee State Museum, the grant will be used to upgrade the Etowah Depot Hallway Gallery and adjoining support rooms. The Tennessee General Assembly made available \$5 million in funding from the 2023-2024 Appropriations Act, "for the sole purpose of providing grants to museums with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or affiliated with a governmental entity for capital maintenance and improvements." EHC Chair, Jim Caldwell, said, "The Etowah Depot Museum does not charge admission or membership fees, which limits our ability to generate revenue, so we are grateful to the Tennessee General Assembly and the Tennessee State Museum for providing these much-needed funds." The Capital Improvement and Maintenance grant had a minimum request amount of \$5,000 and a maximum request amount of \$100,000. According to the Tennessee State Museum, the grant was a highly competitive process. In total, the Tennessee State Museum received 170 applications, totaling \$12.5M in funding requests for the \$5M appropriation. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2024. "The Tennessee State Museum serves the State of Tennessee through history, art, and culture," said Ashley Howell, Tennessee State Museum Executive Director. "There is incredible work being done throughout the state by our strong Continued on Page 3

### **Community News You Can Use**

✓ The Athens City Council meets Tuesday at 6 p.m. ✓ Athens City Schools will be closed on Monday, December 18th and Tuesday, December 19th due to illness. Students will return back to class on January 4th. Kids Connection will also be closed and will reopen on January 4th. Have a safe and healthy Christmas Break!

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Thursday, December 21 from 10am-12pm at the Athens Regional Park Expo Center, while supplies last. You do not need to be signed up the day of distribution but will be certified by providing proof of income for all household members or proof of category eligibility (SNAP, TANF, SSI or Utility Assistance or Residence in a Public Housing Authority) to get your commodity box. If you have already signed up for Commodities, the only item you will need will be your Commodities card issued by the SETHRA office. Eligibility will be based on total household income not in excess of the State-established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the appropriate household size or category eligibility. In accordance with Federal law and USDA policy, SETHRA is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Jim and Patti Greek with Greek's Bearing Gifts. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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### **Obituaries**

•Lela "Ruth" Henderson, age 86, longtime resident of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, December 12. She was a bornagain Christian, now safe in the arms of Jesus. Ruth attended West View Baptist Church. Ruth enjoyed working with her friends as she volunteered at the Better Living Center in Athens for over 20 years. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM today, December 18th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Pond Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Niota. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

•Janie Buckner, age 84, of Etowah, passed away in Salem, Indiana, on Thursday, December 14. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

#### Dietz & Watson donates to Chattanooga Area Food Bank

♦ On Thursday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m., Philadelphia-based premium deli meat and cheese company Dietz & Watson, in conjunction with Food City, will deliver over 1.5 tons of premium deli meats and sausages to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank along with a check for \$2,000. It's all part of an annual program run by Dietz & Watson and Food City called Families Helping Families. For the past six years, the Dietz & Watson "Families Helping Families" program has resulted in donations of well over a half million dollars in cash and product to local charities and food banks near retail partners nationwide.

### **Grant for Etowah Depot-Continued**

Continued from page 1: network of Tennessee museums and historic homes. This grant is an extension of how we can further support their efforts and the preservation of local and state history. We thank the Tennessee General Assembly for their support for Tennessee Museums." Celebrating its 86th Anniversary in 2023, the Tennessee State Museum, located on the corner of Rosa L Parks Blvd. and Jefferson Street at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, is home to 13,000 years of Tennessee art and history. Through six permanent exhibitions titled Natural History, First Peoples, Forging a Nation, The Civil War and Reconstruction, Change and Challenge and Tennessee Transforms, the Museum takes visitors on a journey - through artifacts, films, interactive displays, events and educational and digital programing - from the state's geological beginnings to the present day. Additional temporary exhibitions explore significant periods and individuals in history, along with art and cultural movements. The Museum is free and open to the public Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For more information on exhibitions and events, please visit <u>TNMuseum.org</u> The mission of the Etowah Historical Commission is to preserve and share the history of Etowah, Tennessee. The mission is accomplished by caring for the museum's collection, maintaining an archives, offering educational programs for the public, working with the City of Etowah to preserve the Historic Etowah Depot, and collaborating with other organizations to achieve shared community objectives. Caldwell added, "Improvements to the Hallway Gallery will allow the Etowah Depot Museum to expand its programming through changing exhibits'



