

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Mayfield Ice Cream Goes International

Mayfield Ice Cream is sold in eight southern states from Virginia to Florida. As we all know, Mayfield Ice Cream is produced right here in Athens. But it may come as a surprise that Mayfield has gone international. Donny Anderson of Athens has a friend who grew up in Athens and reported he recently bought Mayfield Ice Cream in Naples, Italy. It was being sold in a commissary on a

base Naval there. His friend says only one flavor was available. He said he saw Mayfield ice cream in the store's cooler for the first time recently. and the only flavor they had Smoky was Mountain



Fudge. (Sounds like the procuring officer in charge of ordering food items for the Naval base exchange must have memories of Mayfield Ice Cream and managed to get a shipment, probably from the Naval base in Norfolk, Virginia) Donny's friend sent a photo as proof.

The Cake is No More!

The 9-foot-tall McMinn County Bicentennial Cake that took part in the Athens and Etowah Christmas parades has been dismantled. Anyone hoping to have their picture taken in front of the cake has waited too long. Discussion on having a big, big cake for the Athens Christmas parade began back in February. A professionally built cake was very expensive. So, Joy Early, in Mayor John Gentry's office copied a picture from the Internet and showed it to the maintenance men at the courthouse; Scott McDowell, James "Spanky" Whitener, and Logan Early. They agreed to build a cake in a hangar at the McMinn County Airport, where it was stored until the Athens parade. Jay Hacker decorated the cake. A&J Body Shop moved it from place to place. Richard Newman agreed to pull the cake in the Athens parade with his '31 Chevy. Now, the bicentennial cake has to be dismantled, leaving nothing but pictures and memories. The photos from Richard Newman show the cake under construction and the finished product.







Obituaries

AFC Urgent Care Opens

• Rual B. Johnson, age 89, of Etowah, died Monday. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict as a member of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He also worked as a yard master for CSX Railroad for many years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation 5-7 p.m.

• Patricia Ann Wheeler, age 71, of Harrison, died last Friday. She was retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation 1-3 p.m.

• Lynn Edward Vinson, age 67, died Tuesday. He was a master auto technician and operated a repair business in Jupiter, FL. Funeral services will be this Saturday at 12 noon at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, with visitation 10 a.m - 12 noon. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Dallas James Chrisman, age 34, of Athens, died Monday. He played football at MCHS from 2001-2004 and had worked at Adient and Spa Haven. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at East Athens Baptist Church with visitation 5-7 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ School Closings for Wednesday, Dec. 12: Athens City & Kids Connection, McMinn County, Meigs County, & Christ Legacy Academy.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be staff members Stephanie McGreevy & Nikki Davis sharing what God is doing. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or ONLINE.

A ribbon cutting and grand opening was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, AFC Urgent Care, located at 2037 S. Congress Parkway. Pictured below in no particular order are AFC staff: Larry Kugler (CEO), Jack Fromm, John Kugler, John Tacker, Dr. Todd Rudolph (Medical Director), Dr. Natasha Ballard, Dr. John McMichen, Aubrey Kilby, Kristi Muhonen, Mary Lyons Thomas, Amber Hoskins, Rachel Davis, & Woods McGibbins. Chamber friends and officials attending were Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, State Sen. Mike Bell, Brittni Wright, Kim York, Chris Anderson, and Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomats)

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