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Thursday, August 31, 2023 **(SEE PAGE 3 IN TODAY'S EDITION)** Athens, Tennessee

Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday for Christmas on the Hill now located at 706 South White Street in Athens. From left to right in the picture: Paul Seminoff, Doug Bailey, Hunter Starr, Dick Pelley, Donald Herd, Melinda King, Linda Nelson, Stephanie Devine, Steve Sherlin, Lane Million (co-owner), Rob Preston, Faye Million (co-owner), Chuck Jackson, Kathy Jackson, Peggy Price, Joseph Ladner, Arlene West, Hugh Willson, Stacey Hester and Walt Bowman.




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✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure: The areas to be affected are Parking Spaces 95, 96, 97 and the sidewalk on Madison Avenue from Jackson Street to Long Street and Parking Spaces 289, 290, 291 on Jackson Street from Madison Avenue to Washington Avenue. These closures will be intermittent from Wednesday, August 30th at 11:30 a.m. until Wednesday, November 29th at 8:30 p.m. The purpose of this closure is for construction. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

✓ Westside School achieved TVAAS Level 5 Composite for the 2022-23 school year. Level 5 scores indicate significant evidence that students exceeded the state growth standard. Congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, and families. Congratulations to Athens City Schools for achieving a TVAAS Level 5 Literacy Composite based on the 2023 TCAP scores. We celebrate the work of students, teachers, staff, administrators, and families!

✓ The 10th Annual Monroe Life Balloon Festival will return to East Tennessee this Labor Day Weekend at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore. There will be balloon rides, live music, food, games, an inflatable Kid's Zone, craft and vendor booths, and much more, which supports the Boys and Girls Club of Monroe County. The two-day Balloon Festival is from Saturday, September 2nd to Sunday, September 3rd.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**Milton Gene Pope**, age 77, of Englewood passed away on Monday, August 28th, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga following a brief illness. He was a native of Alvin, Texas. Gene's father was a pastor for many years and the family traveled throughout the southwest United States ministering in several locations. Gene met his wife, Donna, and they married in 1971. She was the VLB leader for the Redding, California Church of God of Prophecy. They were married over 52 years. Throughout their marriage they lived in Sacramento, California, Rosston, Arkansas, Athens Tennessee and finally in Englewood, Tennessee. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and was a dry wall contractor as well. After retiring from secular work, Gene helped with many fundraisers for the local church in Athens of which he was a charter member. During his time at that church, he served as the ABM leader, CPMA Leader and the Adult Sunday School Teacher. Gene was also an ordained Deacon in The Church of God. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 2nd at The Church of God Zion Hill, 193 Tillie Road, Cleveland. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**William Thomas "Tommy" Webb**, age 72, of Decatur, passed away on Tuesday, August 29th. He loved to cook, fish, plant flowers, and loved his children most of all. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Robert "Bobby" Rogers**, age 79, of Etowah, passed away Monday, August 28th. He was a member of Englewood First Baptist Church. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

♦**C.E. "Pete" Wilson**, age 93, of Dalton, GA, also known to many as "Coach," passed away on August 29th surrounded by his family. He was a native of Chattanooga. He was the oldest of four children. He is preceded in death by his parents and infant grandson, Branton Lee Bray. He is survived by his devoted wife of 70 years, Katherine Branton Wilson, his four daughters and son, and their families, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, and sister Suzie Ely (Ron) of Gainesville, GA. He is survived locally by a sister, Marilyn Wilson of Athens, and brother, Ben Wilson (Cynthia) of Athens. Pete attended and played football at McMinn County High School in Athens. He continued his education and football career at Tennessee Wesleyan College and East Tennessee State University. He began coaching football at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, TN. He continued his career moving to the collegiate level coaching at Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette and East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. In 1968 Pete moved his family to Dalton, GA to begin a 46-year-long association with Josten's, Inc. Pete became a Christian at age 14 and developed a strong faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a longtime member of Fellowship Bible Church, serving on numerous committees through the years, as well as serving as a Deacon and Elder. Pete was active with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 60 years. He also served on the Board of Dalton Parks and Recreation. Visitation will be from 2-4 pm in the gymnasium at Fellowship Bible Church on Friday, September 1st. A Celebration of Life will follow at 4pm in the sanctuary. The family will have a private graveside service. Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home, Crematory, and Monuments, Chatsworth GA.

From Page 1: Tethered balloon rides will begin at 4:30 pm (weather and wind conditions permitting). The finale of both nights will be a Balloon Glow set to music with at least 10 colorful hot air balloons, beginning at dusk. General admission tickets for adults are \$10.00 and children under four are free.



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