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## State & Local News

### ◆ ANOTHER AWARD FOR ATHENS UTILITIES

At its recent Water Professionals Conference, the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Association handed out several awards to operators in the wastewater division at Athens Utilities Board. Both of AUB's wastewater treatment plans received Operational Excellence Awards, and the plant operators received the Beneficial Use of Biosolids Award. The photo below shows members of AUB's award-winning wastewater treatment plant team, left to right: John Hurst, Greg Hayes, Jody Derrick, John Sullivan, Boone Walker, Russell Coleman, Joshua Dove, Frank Jarvis, and Stan Young.



## National & World News

◆ The parents of a 2-year-old boy who died after he was left in a car overnight earlier this month were charged with felony murder on Monday. Kipp Phillips was found dead in his parents' car on July 14th, 2017. The family lives in Gatlinburg, Tennessee where weather reports from that day show temperatures climbed above 90 degrees. The boy's parents were arrested without incident.

◆ The Senate voted 51-50 Tuesday to move forward with a debate on health care reform. The tie-breaking vote was cast by Vice President Mike Pence. The only two Republican senators who joined Democrats in voting no on the motion to proceed were, Susan Collins from Maine and Lisa Murkowski from Alaska.

### ◆ USED BOOK SALE STARTS TOMORROW

The annual Friends of the Library Used Book Sale starts tomorrow, July 27th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Members-Only Night & Silent Auction at the McMinn County High School Cafeteria. Memberships may be purchased at the door. The sale continues on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. open to everyone. Hardback books are \$2, paperback books are \$1. Children's books are half that. Proceeds benefit the E.G. Fisher Public Library.



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## Remembering "Pig" Robbins

A native of Spring City has made it big in Nashville despite being blind. Hargus Melvin "Pig" Robbins lost his sight at the age of four due to an accident involving his father's knife. He learned to play the piano at age seven while attending the Nashville School for the Blind. (Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid remembers as a child seeing "Pig" riding his bicycle along busy Highway 68 in Spring City)

"Pig" eventually became a piano player for recording sessions in Nashville. He played his first session in 1957 on "White Lightning," a big hit for George Jones. Since then, he played piano and keyboards for scores of country music artists. One of the biggest hits he played on was Crystal Gayle's "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," which was recorded in one take. He also played on such hits as Patsy Cline's "I Fall To Pieces," Jimmy Dean's "Big Bad John," Roger Miller's "King of the Road," the Osborne Brothers "Rocky Top," Loretta Lynn's "Coal Miner's Daughter," and Charlie Rich's "Most Beautiful Girl."

Robbins became the top sessions piano player in Nashville after Floyd Cramer began recording and touring as an artist in his own right. Robbins is known for his sense of humor. He knew the floor plans to 100 studios. When a thunderstorm knocked out the power to a studio and the room went dark, Robbins said, "If anyone wants to go to the restroom, I'll take you there for a dollar."

## Obituaries

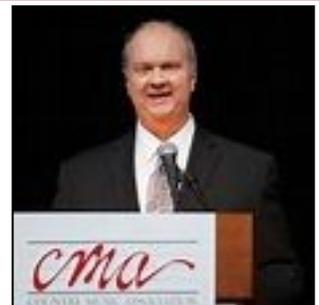
♦ **Carroll Wilcox**, age 59, of Delano, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks hit record highs today as corporate profits continued to come in better than analysts' expectations. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 100 points or 0.5% to 21,613. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 7 points or 0.3% to 2,477, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 1 point to 6,412.

In Bond markets, the 30-year Treasury yield closed higher at 2.91% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished higher at 2.32%.

In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold fell \$4.95 to \$1,250.46, and the price of crude oil rose \$1.56 to \$47.90.

Photo of "Pig" Robbins taken at a Country Music Association awards ceremony. ⇨



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