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Athens, Tennessee

Food City School Bucks Challenge

Pood City has pledged \$800,000 in contributions for the upcoming school year. For every \$1 you spend, using your Food City ValuCard, you'll receive 1 point. "Our Food City School Bucks Program has provided much-needed support for thousands of schools throughout our market area and our School Bucks Challenge makes points collection easy and efficient," says Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. The 2023-2024 School Bucks Challenge began September 6th and continues through May 7, 2024. To ensure your points credit to the school of your choice, simply go online to https://www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks to link your Food City ValuCard to your preferred school. School allocations are based upon the percentage of customer purchases assigned to each school. Schools can monitor their progress biannually online at foodcity.com. "Food City is committed to supporting the education of our youth," said Smith. "Since the program's inception, we've awarded over \$22,100,000 in much-needed educational equipment and tools to more than a thousand participating area schools". For more information about the new Food City School Bucks Challenge, please contact your local school, visit foodcity.com or contact the Food City School Bucks Coordinator, Lisa Johnson at 1-800-232-0174.

Community News You Can Use

✓The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Tennessee Wesleyan University men's basketball team to host a free basketball mini camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 13. The camp, for ages 4 to 8, will be offered on Monday, October 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 9 to 13 will be the following day, Tuesday, October 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Both camps will be held at the basketball courts at Heritage Park. Check-ins will begin at 5:00 p.m. The camp provides an opportunity for anyone wanting to learn the fundamentals of basketball or help develop their game. "Basketball season will be here before we know it and this camp is a great opportunity for children who are new to the sport or those prepping for an upcoming league. Each year we host this camp with the TWU Bulldogs, and the kids absolutely love the one-on-one coaching experience with a college athlete. Coach Stone and his players are world-class ambassadors for the game and we're lucky to be able to bring this program to the community," said Athens Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, Derek Phillips. While the camp is free to attend, players must be pre-registered by Monday, October 16, at 4:00 p.m. Registration is now open and parents can register online at www.athenstn.gov by phone at 744-2704. Office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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√The McMinn County Election Commission Office will be Closed on Tuesday, September 12th to hold an Election at McMinn County High School for Class Officers. The staff and election volunteers will be conducting the election. The McMinn County Election Commission Office will re-open on Wednesday, September 13th at 8:30 am. If you call the

office and leave a message your call will be returned.







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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

•Marcia Allen Payne, age 89, passed peacefully at her home in Athens, Monday, September 4th. She was born in Nashville. She graduated from McMinn County High School in 1952, with honors including, National Honor Society, best looking in her class and played in the Cherokee Marching Band. She was employed by Bell Telephone as supervisor of switchboard operators. She worked at Sullins Ophthalmology as well. She then attended Tennessee Wesleyan College and was in Kappa Delta Phi Sorority. She was Miss Athens' second place winner two consecutive years in a row. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens and First Baptist Church of Maryville. She was an advocate for breast cancer survivors, being a fourtime cancer survivor herself. She was on the Bob Barker Price is Right game show, winning the largest showcase in the show's history at that time. She won a fantastic motor home along with other prizes, and she and her husband, Rex, traveled most of the US mainland and Alaska. They also traveled abroad in their younger days to Europe and Asia. A Celebration of Life is forthcoming. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of

•Herold Melton, age 45, of Calhoun, passed away Wednesday, September 6th. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home. •Billy Ray Goins, age 72, of Athens, passed away on Monday, September 4th at his residence. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, September 8th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 9th at 11:00 AM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Sullins Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

*Charles Ray Rowland, age 81, of Calhoun, passed away on Tuesday, September 5th. He attended East View Chapel Church. A Public Graveside Service will be held at 12 noon on Friday, September 8th in the Blevins Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆Wanda June Cochran Brooks, age 89, of Englewood, passed away Wednesday, September 6th. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 9th in Mars Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

Emilio Torres, age 84, formerly of Athens, passed away in Glasgow, Kentucky on Sunday, Sept. 3rd at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Michoacan, Mexico. Visitation will be from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM on Friday, September 8th at St Mary Catholic Church in Athens. The funeral mass will be held at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Coleman Chambers, age 91, of Athens, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, September 5th at her home. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a founding member of the Woodward Avenue Church of God. Helen was involved in the ladies' ministries, taught Sunday School, and was an active member of the Keenagers. She loved her church. Helen worked for 10 years for South Central Bell and 35 years for Sears Roebuck & Co. The family will have a graveside service on Thursday, September 7th at 2:00 PM in the McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

*Jackie Stowers Hutchins Sewell, age 86, formerly of Niota, passed away September 4th in Alabaster, AL. She was a native of Gadsden, AL in Etowah County. She was a graduate of Emma Sansom High School in Gadsden, AL. Upon graduation she lived in London, England for 3 years where she graduated from South Kensington College in London. She retired as an administrative assistant to the president of Gadsden State Community College with 20 years of service. Past occupations include: Alabama Technical College, Gadsden, AL; State of Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Gadsden, AL; Air Engineers, Inc., Birmingham, AL; U.S. Government-SACS Division-U.S. Air Force in London, England (Civil Service with Top Secret Clearance); and Hawkins & Rhea Attorneys, Gadsden, AL. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Alabaster, AL and a former member of Ponte Vedra Golf and Country Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Florida. She was an avid golfer for over 25 years and was a former member of Springbrook Golf & Country Club in Niota, where she was an active member of the Ladies Golf Association. Based on her wishes, a private graveside ceremony will be held at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden, AL. She also requested no flowers. Services provided by Collier Butler Funeral Home, Gadsden, AL



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