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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following updated street closures:

Keith Lane – Crestway Drive to Madison Avenue
Madison Avenue – Keith Lane to Jackson Street
Jackson Street – Madison Avenue to Cook Drive
White Street – Coach Farmer Drive to Madison Avenue
Washington Avenue – Jackson Street to Madison Avenue
These areas will be closed on Monday, December 4th from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Additionally, all streets adjacent to the parade route will be blocked during the parade. The purpose of this closing is for the Jimmy Limer Memorial Christmas Parade. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

✓Mother Son dance pictures have arrived and may be picked up at City Hall Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm.

✓Optimist Club of Athens Christmas Parade Chili/Soup Supper will be Monday, December 4 at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10. Kids 10 and under are \$5. Drive Thru/To Go orders available.

Community News Continued

✓ The Red Shoe Gala will be December 9th at St. Mary Catholic Church located at 1291 E. Madison Avenue in Athens. The event is a wonderful evening of supporting the children in our community and fundraising to better support the mission of CASA. Doors open at 6 pm. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served and dinner begins at 6:45. There will be Christmas music and a silent auction. Guest speakers will be Angela and Billy Brock.

✓The City of Athens is hosting a photography contest to celebrate its friendly atmosphere! The contest will run until December 31 and the theme is "The Friendly City." Photographers of all levels are encouraged to submit their best work for a chance to win a gift certificate for a local business. This contest is a great opportunity for photographers to showcase their talents and capture the spirit of Athens. Photos should be taken in Athens and should capture the essence of what makes it such a friendly place. Photographers can submit multiple photos and will be considered. The winning photographs will be featured in an online gallery on the city's websites, as well as in local media outlets and promotional marketing. For more information about the photography contest, please visit www.athenstn.gov or contact Brianna Baker, Communications Coordinator 423-744-2798.

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Book Signing at Food City

David Carroll of Local 3 News in Chattanooga will sell and sign his two most recent books, "I Won't Be Your Escape Goat" and "Hello Chattanooga," on Saturday December 2nd at Food City, 105 S. Hill Street in Athens. The book signing will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Carroll says, "The new book is all humor, 100 percent. A few years back, I began collecting and compiling the funny mistakes we all make on social media, text messages, church bulletins, and even signs in stores and on the highway. I included these in several columns, and the response was tremendous. People told me I could fill up a book with them, and make people laugh. So that's what I did." "I Won't Be Your Escape Goat" is subtitled "David Carroll's Ho Made Social Media Blunders," based on a handmade sign he saw advertising Ho Made Apple Cider. "Some of these funny mistakes are caused by spellcheck, AutoCorrect and voice to text," he said, "and others are just because some of us didn't pay enough attention in school." He added, "If you like to laugh, or know someone who could use a smile or two, my new book is the perfect gift to yourself or someone else." Carroll's other book, "Hello Chattanooga: Famous People Who Visited the Tennessee Valley" was published last year, and it includes 700 pages and 200 photographs of all the famous celebrities, performers, politicians, and athletes who have visited the area since 1900. It also tells the history of the area's best-loved performance venues. Both books were published by Fresh Ink Press and the information on how to order is on Carroll's website, ChattanoogaRadioTV.com. The books can also be ordered by mail by sending a check to David Carroll at 900 Whitehall Road, Chattanooga, TN 37405. All books are personally autographed by the author. Carroll speaks frequently at local clubs and church groups. You may contact him at RadioTV2020@yahoo.com.

◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Connie McIntosh discussing "Open Doors." Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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More Community News

✓The Meigs Decatur Friends of the Library are excited to debut their brand-new Bookmobile this Sunday, December 3 in the Decatur Christmas Parade! The bus was gifted to the Friends from the Meigs County Board of Education. Grant money from the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation (GELF) make it possible for the Friends to refurbish the bus. Several of the Friends volunteers have worked to remove seats, paint both the interior and exterior, and add freshly painted bookshelves. The Bookmobile will serve all of Meigs County. They will be giving out candy. Parade starts at 3:00 PM., in Downtown Decatur. Volunteer Kenny Shrader will drive and Judy Luster, Library Director, will be the most excited passenger. Bookmobile plans to begin county-wide service in early 2024.

Arrest Reports

From the McMinn County Justice Center

Tim Bonine, 49 of Athens, charged by McMinn Co. Sheriff's Office with violation of probation - possession of marijuana, simple possession of schedule II fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. \$8239 bond.

Donnie Martin, 34 of Athens, charged by MCSO with drug paraphernalia and simple possession schedule II fentanyl. \$7000 bond.

Elizabeth Knox, 31 of Athens, charged by MCSO with drug paraphernalia and simple possession schedule III suboxone. \$5000 bond.

Joshua Crane, 36 of Athens, charged by MCSO with drug paraphernalia, simple possession schedule III suboxone and maintaining a dwelling for drug use. \$9000 bond.

Cerithea Eller, 30 of Athens, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - aggravated burglary, simple possession / casual exchange of fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. \$7000 bond.

Jonathan Blankenship, 38 of Athens, charged by Athens Police with public intoxication and violation of probation - criminal trespassing. \$2442 bond.

Yobani Martinez, 28 of Cleveland, charged by APD with evading arrest, driving under the influence, driving on revoked license, driving without due care, resisting stop, drug paraphernalia and assault against a 1st responder. \$18,000 bond.

Bridget Hensley, 42 of Niota, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - introduction of contraband into a penal facility. No bond.

Zachary Butler, 23 of Athens, charged by APD with violation of probation - shoplifting, plus drug paraphernalia. \$1961 bond.

Brian Markle, 21 of Athens, charged by APD with reckless driving. No bond.

The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.

WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Plenty of sunshine. High 52.

Wednesday night - Mainly clear. Low 41.

Thursday - Partly sunny and nice. High 60.

Thursday night - Considerable cloudiness. Possible rain showers late. Low 44.

Friday - Possible occasional rain. High 57.

Thursday night - Mild with low clouds. Low 51.

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Obituaries

◆ **Michael Paul Jaquish**, age 88, of Athens, passed away on November 23. He was born in Narrows, Virginia. His parents later moved to Englewood to work with family in a local hosiery mill. He was a graduate of Etowah High School and then attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in Cookeville where he studied engineering. Mike left college to join the US Army and entered radio teletype and high-speed radio schools in the Signal Corp at Camp Gordon, GA. He married Merna Ruth Swayne June 18, 1955 before crossing the Atlantic on a cargo ship. He was stationed in the village of Stansted Mountfitchet in England, north of London, in 1955. He later moved into medic training and became a pharmacy lab tech. After he left the Army he went back to college and graduated, earning a degree in engineering from TPI. In 1959 he began working for Raytheon in Bristol in testing engineering. They later moved to Brigham City, Utah with their two children, Kathy and Mike Allen. Mike worked for Thiokol Chemical Co. in the Minuteman missile program in Operations Control. In 1965 he began his technical writing career with Arnold Engineering Development Center and the family moved back to Tennessee and began life in Tullahoma. His love of writing and helping others on their career path led to his published book, "Personal Resume Preparation." His career progressed into the Human Resources field with a focus on computers which led to developing database information for AEDC. This led to supervising the dispensary of nurses and lab techs thanks to his military experience. Over the next few years Mike did more computer work as the Manager of Tennessee Division for Anderson Computers, then moved to Atlanta as a computer expert with Crawlord Long Hospital of Emory University. His HR experience led to compensation work for the hospital; later consulting work, and finally HR and compensation for Central Georgia Health System in Macon, GA. He was elected president of the Human Resources Systems Professionals and was included in "Who's Who in the South and South-west" and also Personalities of the South." Continued in

Obituaries Continued

◆ **Michael Paul Jaquish continued from Column 1:**
After retirement Mike and Merna moved to Athens, TN where they both were active members of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. Mike volunteered at the local library teaching computer classes, helping at the history museum and was always offering expertise on any church projects needed. During this time he was also worked from home as a book editor, index editor, copy writer and taught part time engineering & drafting classes at TN College of Applied Technology. Memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 pm, Friday, December 1 at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. Interment will be 2:30 pm, Monday, December 4 at National Cemetery in Chattanooga with military honors by the US Army. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.


◆ **Roy Lee Pilkey**, age 83, passed away on November 27 surrounded by his wife and family. He retired from Plastics Industries in 1999 and was known for his farm work at Pilkey's Darkside Angus Farm in Ten Mile, and his store was named Pilkey's Dog Supply Store. Roy was recognized for obtaining many awards while hunting for coon, rabbit, fox, and squirrel. Mr. Pilkey was deeply religious, having attended Decatur Church of God for many years. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 30 at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Pilkey Family Cemetery in Ten Mile. Visitation will be from 12 till 2, prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Faye Baxter Toomey**, age 87, of Athens, passed away Monday, November 27 at Willow Acres in Riceville. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a member of East Athens Baptist Church and was a graduate of McMinn County High School in 1954. She was associated with Sears for 25 years in sales until her retirement in 1992. A graveside service will be conducted at 3:00 pm, Thursday, November 30 at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 pm, Thursday, November, 30 at Smith Funeral Home prior to the graveside service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

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<p>Sunday, December 10th at 10:45 am <i>The EABC Handbell Choir</i> rings Christmas</p>	<p>Sunday, December 24th at 10:45 am <i>The EABC Handbell Choir</i> rings Christmas</p>

Christmas Eve service will be held at 4pm.
The public is invited to attend all services.