

2021 Athena Business of the Year



Athena Mainstreet Association is pleased to name The One Stop as the 2021 Athena Business of the Year. The One Stop was nominated for their friendly customer service, new extensive menu and providing Athena with much needed items during COVID-19 so customers could stay and shop local. Store manager Shawn Pierce credits their success to upbeat and positive employees that bring in many new first-time customers and their willingness to keep customers happy.

The One Stop offers comparable fuel prices, grocery items and an ever-growing food menu. Although the store has been on Main Street since the 1950's there have been many changes to the store over the last few months. A new pizza oven, a revamped coffee bar, new ready to go breakfast items, lunch specials, hot wings, desserts, grocery staples, fresh produce and even pet food just to name a few. With the opening of dine in eating, soft serve ice cream will be coming soon.

The One Stop is opened Monday-Saturday 6am-8pm, and Sunday 7am-7pm. So, stop on by to congratulate them on a job well done and try one of the new menu items or their signature sandwich The One Stop- Ham, Turkey, Swiss, American cheese, and pickles. Athena is fortunate to have a Main Street business that offers quality service and products.

Congratulations on your achievement!

2021 Citizens of the Year



Congratulations to Alan and Chrissy Froese!

Alan and Chrissy have been blessing the community of Athena for many years through their compassion for others and artistic talents.

Alan has been active in the community since his school years at Weston McEwen where he is noted as being a star football player and outstanding teammate. His passion for the game was carried into adulthood with his volunteer work as a youth football coach and a high school stats keeper. His love for the arts is highlighted through his talents as a sculptor, woodworker, and musician. He has donated his time to teaching guitar lessons to local youth and even singing at local weddings and funeral services and is consistently a lead in the Athena Christian Church music worship team.

Alan is also known for annual car care servicing. This is something he offers to widows and single women in need, in and around our surrounding area. This service is done out of his own pocket. There is such peace of mind that comes with having a reliable vehicle; it is an immeasurable gift to those that receive it.

Two quotes made about Alan seem to nail this Citizen of the Year traits right on the head: "He is the kindest person you will ever meet" and "He has spent much of his lifetime donating his time, money, love and energy to Athena."

Chrissy is active as a lead of the Women's Bible studies at the Athena Christian Church and is always called upon to decorate and make the church look festive and beautiful for events or holidays. The call to decorate comes as no surprise as Chrissy is a gifted artist. She has used her talents in graphic design to help create advertisements and miscellaneous signs for church activities and community events here in Athena. She also coordinates the Ladies Holiday

Breakfast at her church by lining up live music, event speakers, and decorations for the annual outreach event.

Chrissy has helped bring ballet lessons and extracurricular activities to Athena's youth who were searching for an artistic outlet. She is a co-chair of a local Outreach Program which gives her the opportunity to respond and meet the needs of families in emergency crisis. She has also been a knowledgeable source for local parents and students about homeschooling ideas and curriculum, as she has taught her children in home.

A couple quotes taken for her nominations state: "Chrissy Froese is a remarkable person. Her compassion towards our local community is admirable." And, "She is a town encourager. She loves to encourage anybody, anytime with positive support."

Together, Alan and Chrissy Froese have raised their 7 children and 37 foster children. The amount of time and dedication it takes to emotionally and physically support a family of that size take a huge heart a steady mind.

Alan and Chrissy, thank you for your tremendous positive contributions to the community of Athena. It is hearts like yours that make Athena the great community it is. Thank you!

