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Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Aspen Dental, located at 1509 S. Congress Pkwy., Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; Donelle Curran; Savannah Jackson, Aspen Dental; Dr. Ashley Boling, Aspen Dental; Ryan Casey, Aspen Dental; Shayna Ramsey, Aspen Dental; Heather Garringer, Aspen Dental; Karicia Franco, Aspen Dental; Roxann Arnwine, Aspen Dental; Amy McDonald, Chamber Diplomat; Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat; Jessica Whitley. Back: Heather Bateman, Chamber Diplomat; Holly Goines, Chamber Board; Karen Raby, Chamber Board & Diplomat; Kat Trotter, Aspen Dental; Char Hurt, Aspen Dental, John O'Bringer; Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Megan Church, Chamber Diplomat; Kayla Aaron, Aspen Dental; Paige Miller; Dr. Olivia Gannon, Aspen Dental; Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Stephanie Divine and Ashley Evans. Photo submitted by Julie Simbeck.



Sounds of Summer Concert

The fifth concert in the 2022 Sounds of Summer concert series will bring back local favorites Kinslee Melhorn and September Song on Saturday, September 3rd at Market Park Pavilion. Kinslee is a country singer/songwriter living in Nashville. She has been playing music and writing songs since the age of 12. September Song is comprised of husband and wife duo Lindsey and Andrew Kimball. They are known for their singer-songwriter original music as well as covers of popular hits from the '60s to the present. The full band includes bassist Joe Littleton, lead guitarist Kyle Littleton and Nathan Crisp on drums. When they're not fulfilling their House Band duties at The Arts Center, the group is busy playing festivals, weddings, concerts and corporate events all over East Tennessee. Festival producer Meredith Willson states "We are excited to have these Sounds of Summer favorites back at the Market Pavilion stage. Both are crowd pleasers and long time favorites of this concert series and we look forward to another great evening of free live music in downtown Athens." The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. under the Market Pavilion with sound provided by Integrity Sound Solutions. Kona Ice will be serving their signature frozen desserts and drinks. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The final concert in this year's season will be at Pumpkintown October 8th featuring The Dexter Thomas Band. Sounds of Summer is a free to the public Friendly City Festivals production thanks to financial support from: McMinn Tourism Board, Valley Oil, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, Athens Kiwanis Club, Warren-Jackson CPAs, DENSO, Starr Regional Medical Center, Mayfield Dairy, Greg Moses and Kristin Schrader, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies and Athens Main Street. Special thanks to The Daily Post-Athenian, Morning Fax and The Arts Center for advertising/media support.

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Obituaries

♦ **Arthur S. Hamman**, age 90, of Athens, passed away Monday, August 29th Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native of Battle Creek, Michigan. He was a Forester with Hiwassee Land Company and at Bowater in the Woodlands Division for thirty nine years until he retired. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, September 2nd at St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens with visitation at Smith Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 1st. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Elizabeth "Pat" Goforth Thompson**, age 79, of Cleveland, passed away Sunday, August 28th at Morning Pointe Assisted Living in Athens. She was born in Decatur. She was retired from retail sales. Visitation will be Friday evening, September 2nd from 5 to 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. A service celebrating her life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 3rd at Companion Funeral Home. Interment and a committal service will follow at the Five Point Baptist Church Cemetery in Decatur.

♦ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Emony Kemp. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

National and World News

♦ Mikhail Gorbachev, who ended the Cold War without bloodshed but failed to prevent the collapse of the Soviet Union, died on Tuesday at the age of 91. Gorbachev, the last Soviet president, forged arms reduction deals with the United States and partnerships with Western powers to remove the Iron Curtain that had divided Europe since World War Two and bring about the reunification of Germany.

♦ The town of Jackson, Mississippi has been under a boiled water alert for a month now and will go without reliable drinking water indefinitely, officials said on Monday. Pumps at the main water treatment plant failed, leading to the emergency distribution of bottled water and tanker trucks for 180,000 people. The city linked the failure to complications from the flooding of the Pearl River. Governor Tate Reeves, who declared a state of emergency, said the cause was unknown and that the city-run water treatment plant had been poorly operated and understaffed for years. The city and state were both distributing bottled drinking water and non-potable water for toilets, which the governor called a "massively complicated logistical task." Jackson public schools will now shift to online learning.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT. Markets continue to sell off after comments by Fed Chair Jerome Powell at the Jackson Hole summit last Friday. Oil prices moved lower with WTI crude oil down to \$92 levels. In equities, the technology-heavy Nasdaq led the move lower. The 10-year Treasury was higher at 3.11% levels. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 308.12 to 31,790.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 44.45 to 3,986.16, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 134.53 to 11,883.14.



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