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Tuesday, May 02, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut at Nina's Alterations & Sewing

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Nina's Alterations & Sewing, located at 203 E. Madison Ave. downtown Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; City Councilman, Dick Pelley; Paul Semenoff, Chamber Diplomat; Julie Sidlinskiy, Nina Dedrick, Owner Nina's Alterations & Sewing; Stephanie Devine, Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat; and Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat. Photo submitted by Julie Simbeck



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Etowah Christian Ministerial Association (ECMA) is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4th at the L & N Depot in Etowah. The program will begin at Noon. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ✓ Athens Area Council for the Arts announces registration is open for a variety of summer arts programs for all grades. Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at The Arts Center, 320 North White Street, in Athens. Registration for all camps is available online at athensartscouncil.org/camps/ You may also register in-person at The Arts Center at 320 N White Street, Athens, or by phone at 423-745-8781. Staff is available to answer questions during office hours, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 9th at 5:30 pm at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence. There will be a board Work Session prior to the Regular Session Meeting at 4:45 pm.

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Obituaries

Robert Steven Bebb, age 82, (formerly of Cleveland, Tennessee)



passed away April 29th. He was a graduate of Tennessee Military Institute (TMI) in Sweetwater in 1959 and a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1964. Steve then joined the Peace Corps from 1965-67 and lived in West Cameroon Africa. He taught school in Maryland and later at TMI, as well as serving as the Head Basketball Coach from 1968-71. He also worked with the Vol Network serving as a spotter next to his brother, Russ Bebb, John Ward, and

Bill Anderson in the late 1960's until 1974. He received his Law Degree from the University of Tennessee in 1974. After starting his law career with Hodges, Doughty, and Carson, he later joined the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office (Bradley, Monroe, McMinn, and Monroe Counties) working for his friend and mentor, Richard Fisher. Steve later ran for Criminal Court Judge and served in that capacity from 1982-2005. After retiring, he was elected as District Attorney for the 10th District Judicial District where he served there until his retirement in 2014. He enjoyed time playing golf, tennis, fishing, and hunting with his sons. He fondly remembered his time as a boys basketball coach at the Sweetwater Junior High School alongside Alan and Mike Cleveland. He enjoyed the honor of being called "Coach" by his former players. Steve loved serving the community, and had a life well lived. But he was ready to be reunited with his late wife, Sun. Per his wishes, there will be no service.

Obituaries Continued

- Rev. Robert Lee Williams, age 77, passed away Saturday, April 29th at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a native of Greenwood, Mississippi and a former resident of Clarksville, Georgia before moving to McMinn County thirty years ago. He was an ordained minister, a veteran of the United States Navy, and a member of the American Legion Post #68. He was a retired machinist from Textron and later worked for The City of Athens Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation. Visitation will be Thursday, May 4th from 2 - 4 pm at Ziegler Funeral Home in Athens and a funeral service will follow at 4 pm. Interment will follow directly after the service at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ Imogene Underwood Belk, age 91 of Athens, passed away Sunday, April 30th at Athens Place. She was a native of Meigs County, and a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She retired from Athens City School System (Westside Elementary School and Athens Junior High School) after 22 years of service and was a former employee of Athens Plow Co. She volunteered at Starr Regional Medical Center for 14 years. A funeral service will be at 7 pm Tuesday, May 2th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be at 11 am Wednesday, May 3rd in McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Tuesday at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.
- Opal Irene McNeal passed away in a local nursing home Sunday, April 30th. She was born in Piedmont, Alabama. There will be a memorial service held at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements





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