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Athens, Tennessee

Beautification Award

◆ Congratulations to Edward Jones, Murray Willis, and staff, Trisha Umphrey & Tonya Denise Hipps, for being the recipients of the Spring/Summer Beautification Award. This award is to recognize businesses within the Downtown Main Street Athens District that exemplify innovation and extraordinary efforts to enhance the visual image of their properties. Murray Willis is the Financial Advisor of this office, which is located at 10 North White Street, Athens TN. Edward Jones is housed in a historic building that was constructed in 1908 and has recently been renovated. This is a 2nd generation business that originated twenty-three (23) years ago by his father, Barry Willis. The purpose of the business is quoted as "to partner for positive impact...to improve the lives of our clients and colleagues, and together, better our community and society." Please help us celebrate with this "Friendly City Business". We appreciate their years of investment in Downtown Athens! The Beautification Award is a program of Main Street's Design Committee and is graciously sponsored by The Trophy House, owner Stuart McKinney. We appreciate our downtown businesses supporting one another! The photo at left is Trisha Umphrey, Murray Willis and Tonya Denise Hipps, middle photo is Stuart McKinney with Murray Willis, and the photo at right is Trisha Umphrey, Lisa Dotson, Executive Director with Main Street Athens., Murray Willis and Tonya Hipps. Photos submitted by Lisa Dotson.



Community News

✓ There will be a gospel concert in Niota at the Niota City Stage. Everyone is invited to join them May 27th from 2 – 4 pm. The Agee Family and Brad & Beth Harris will be singing. Bring your lawn chair.

◆ **HOPE FROM THE WELL:** This week on "Hope From the Well", the guest will be Connie McIntosh discussing the "Proverbs 31 Woman". Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Hazy Sun. High 82.
Wednesday night - Clear. Low 54.
Thursday - Sunny & Pleasant. High 82.
More Weather at: wxyi.com

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WHERE: MOUSE CREEK GOLF COURSE
WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 27
5K: 5PM-6:30PM
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AFTER PARTY: 8-10

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

◆ **Myra Lynn Cook Letner**, age 66, passed away Sunday, May 21st at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a native of Marietta, Ga. and a resident of Athens since 1981. She recently retired from Selective Structures where she served as office manager. There are no formal visitation or services planned at this time. A Memorial service will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Phyllis Gail Brown Farmer**, age 71, of Decatur, passed away Monday, May 2nd. A funeral service will be Wednesday, May 24th at 7 p.m. at the Decatur First Baptist Church. Interment will be Thursday, May 25th at 11 a.m. in the Short Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Marion Joyce Russell Plemons**, age 89, a native of Dallas, Texas and lifelong resident of Athens, passed away Monday, May 22nd at her home. Visitation will be from 1 – 2 pm Friday, May 26th with funeral services to follow at 2 pm at Ziegler Funeral Home. The family will then proceed to Cunningham Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT

Energy was the only S&P 500 sector up for the day, supported by a modest rise in oil prices. European stocks were lower. At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 231.07 to 33,055.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 47.05 to 4,145.58, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 160.53 to 12,560.25.

CONGRATULATIONS HARRISON DEAN KAUS ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OF 2023!



Harrison Dean Kaus is a home school graduate who plans to enlist in the U.S. Navy. As a student of Sensei Thomas, One Heart Dojo in Athens, Harrison is a brown belt in Karate, and currently employed at Michael's Casual Dining in Athens. His aspiration is to eventually go into law enforcement. Proud Parents are Randy and Kelly Kaus of Athens. His siblings: Quentin, Leigh Anna, Luther, Josephine, Opal, George, and Ruth.
WE LOVE YOU HARRISON!

Move with the Mayor

✓ Athens Mayor Sherlin is inviting residents to join him for an upcoming Move with the Mayor event, on May 31st at Athens Regional Park Splashpad at 6pm. The Athens Parks and Recreation Department will have a pop-up activity and Mayor Sherlin will be passing out popsicles to all the participants. This event follows a successful outing with McMinn Senior Activity Center on Eureka Trail. On May 11, the McMinn Senior Activity Center members and staff met with Mayor Sherlin and Vice Mayor Eaton on the Health Triangle portion of the Eureka Trail and enjoyed great conversation and a great-paced walk. The McMinn Senior Activity Center has formed a walking group, The Happy Hikers, since there was outreach to participate in the Move with the Mayor campaign. "I'm so pleased to learn that members of the McMinn Senior Activity Center see the importance in walking that they formed this group, not only for their physical health, but their mental health as well. Move with the Mayor is a great opportunity to get out, get some exercise, and have some fun in the sun with friends and family. This Move with the Mayor campaign has given me the opportunity to meet more of my community, and together, we are working on improving our health just by walking," said Mayor Sherlin. For more information, please contact Communications Coordinator Brianna Baker, 423-744-2798. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.



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2023 Save the Dates

Friendly City Festivals is pleased to announce the dates for its 2023 festival/concert schedule!

National MooFest, McMinn County's beloved dairy festival, is scheduled for Saturday, June 3. Taking place from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in historic downtown Athens, Tennessee, the festival features several popular activities including the Maggie Strutt, Athens Soap Box Derby qualifying finals, local shopping, over 100 food, crafts and arts vendors, Mayfield Dairy Farms contests, and interactive agricultural exhibits. There will also be live entertainment on two stages ending with a bluegrass theme. MooFest is presented by Mayfield Dairy Farms celebrating 100 years of producing world famous ice cream, The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, AgCentral, UT Extension and Friendly City Festivals.

The 12th Annual **Sounds of Summer** concert series will have weekly concerts beginning in June and ending in August. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays at the Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens, Tennessee. Sounds of Summer is a free to the public concert series sponsored by Friendly City Festivals and private donors.

Friday, June 9th - Dexter Thomas Band
 Friday, June 16th - Just Us
 Friday, June 23rd - Tyson Leamon
 Friday, June 30th - Kinslee Melhorn
 Friday, July 7th - Run Katie Run

Friday, July 14 - Fresh Mind
 Friday, July 21st - Monday Night Social
 Friday, August 4th - Tim Hughes Quartet
 Friday, August 11th - MendingWall

One of the premier fall festivals in East Tennessee for 19 years, **Pumpkintown**, will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Live entertainment on three stages, the Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow, the infamous Mutt Strutt, local shopping, over 200 food, craft, information and arts vendors, and the 38th annual McMinn County Living Heritage Museum Quilt Show are just a few of the treats in store for you October 14, 2023. Pumpkintown is a free to the public festivals sponsored by private donors and Friendly City Festivals.

All Friendly City Festival events are free to the public.

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