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Friday, Aug 04, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cutting McCay Southern

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, McCay Southern, located at 148 County Road 738, Riceville. Never lose power again with one of their Generac home standby generators. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, and the staff of McCay Southern Kassie Mitchell, Luke Dalton, Beka McCay, Rob McCay, Joshua Groomes, Bob McCay and Will McCay.



MVA in Englewood

Wednesday around 12:30 in the afternoon at the intersection of N Amhurst Place and Tellico St, Englewood, a 2002 Chevrolet (below) and a 2009 Mazda M61 (Right) collided with no injuries. Englewood Rural



Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Police Dept and AMR all responded. THP Officer Kyle Millsaps investigated the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

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If you are widowed, a single parent or living on a fixed income, you may qualify for free oil changes or vehicle inspections, in addition to information about how to best manage your money. Those services will be provided by the McMinn Car Care Ministry [MCCM] through Wellspring Mennonite Church, on Saturday, August 12th. *** Applications for the service must be received by Monday, August 7th. *** Those who are interested in receiving the service should call the MCCM phone line at 423-263-0160. The service is described as a way to show the love of Christ and help people with practical needs, and it's intended to help single mothers, widows, and others who don't have the money to take care of those needs. The financial seminar won't involve major, in-depth advice, but will cover such basic tips as showing participants how to balance their checkbooks and organize a budget so they have more money coming in than they have going out.

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Obituaries

♦ **Staff Sergeant (SSG) Donald Joe Howard**, age 79, Veteran of the US ARMY, Vietnam Era, passed away at his residence in Riceville on August 3rd. SSG Howard served our country from Sept 17, 1968 to July 30, 1970, as a gunner and being a part of the first ever American Helicopter Medi-VAC team sent to the front line to extract wounded soldiers. After the Vietnam campaign he served in Tennessee National Guard until retirement. Don was an electrician by trade working at Y-12 Oak Ridge, and TVA nuclear plant at Watts Bar. He served 10 years as team Manager with Mid-Tenn Turf at Benton until retirement. Funeral services will be at 3pm Tuesday, August 8th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Military interment will follow at Upper Spring Creek Church of Christ Cemetery, in Riceville. Visitation will be from 1-3pm Tuesday August 8th prior to the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Foy B Mitchell Jr.**, age 72, passed away after a long goodbye with Lewy Body Dementia. He graduated from UT Health Science Center in 1976 and then served in USAF as Chief of ENT Department and Flight Surgeon at Ehrling Bergquist Hospital at SAC Headquarters in Bellevue, NE from 1982 - 1985. He was an otolaryngologist in Athens from 1985 to 2016 and also had an office in Knoxville. His body was donated to Anatomic Lab at UT Health Science Center in Memphis where he attended medical school and residency. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, August 12th at 10:00am at St. Paul's Episcopal, 123 So. Jackson Street. Companion Funeral Home of Athens in charge of arrangements.

♦ **William E. Kirkland**, age 73, of Madisonville, passed away on July 31st in Madisonville inside his home surrounded by family. Celebration of life and Memorial service will be this Sunday, August 6th at Union Fork Creek Baptist Church in Loudon located at 28280 Wade Road. Starting with food at 1 PM then Memorial service afterwards. He was born in Madisonville. He went to school in Madisonville. He was a veteran and served in the National Guard. He was a member of Union Fork Creek church and played and sang in different bluegrass gospel groups. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Church News and Events

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Homecoming will take place on August 20th at Rocky Mount Baptist Church during morning service. Trinity Trio will be the guest singers. Lunch follows.
- There will be a community Brunch on Saturday, August 5th from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Everlasting Life Christian Center at 1710 Hwy 411 S. in Etowah. There will be food, fellowship, and prayer. Everyone is welcome.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry C.O.G.I.C will be having its 22nd annual church anniversary and pastoral anniversary to celebrate Pastor Larry W. & First Lady Letitisha Saunders to be held on Sunday, August 27th. There will be two services. The morning service will begin at 11am and the evening service will begin at 4:00pm. All are welcome. Located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens TN.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ On behalf of Brianna Baker, City of Athens Communications Coordinator, everyone is invited to a Public Input Meeting this Friday, August 4th at 9am at the event space at White Street Market, 3 West College Street. This is in reference to a new grant opportunity that may be available for the Downtown Main Street District. Anyone interested in façade improvements and ideas for downtown improvements that generate tourism are invited to attend. All persons interested in façade improvements should be prepared to complete a brief application, letter of support, and "before" pictures by August 10th. For questions, please contact Brianna Baker at (423) 744-2798.

✓ Living Legacy Trade Fair at McMinn County Living Heritage Museum in Athens will be August 25th from 12-5 and August 26th from 12-5. There will be over 30 artists and crafters demonstrating their skills to the public, confederate encampment reenactment, food truck and more!



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The Tim Hughes Quartet to headline this Friday's Sounds of Summer

Friendly City Festivals has announced the eighth concert in the 2023 Sounds of Summer concert series will feature the Tim Hughes Quartet. The concert will be held at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens on Friday, August 4th starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends. A longtime local favorite, the Tim Hughes Quartet started as a cover band playing standards by jazz greats, such as Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Louis Armstrong. Eventually, they started writing and performing their own music to complement their well-loved style. The group has been known to have guest performers sit in with them and this Friday will be no different. In addition to Tim Hughes on trumpet, Robin Payne on keys, David Pane on drums, and Robert Grier on bass, Jimmy Miller will be performing on saxophone. You can follow THQ on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram to stay

up to date on shows and new releases. Sounds of Summer has moved to Friday nights and the season finale concert will be August 11th featuring Mendingwall. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at 106 S. Jackson Street and sound has been provided for all concerts by Integrity Sound Solutions. This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Athens Kiwanis Club, Mayfield Dairy Farms, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Valley Oil, Warren Jackson CPAs, Simmons National Bank, Simmons Private Wealth Group, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, VEC Customer Shares, DENSO, Humana, Starr Regional Medical Center, Dynasty Spas, Oneheart Dojo and EXIT Milestone Realty. Media support by The Daily Post Athenian and The Morning Fax and special thanks to The Arts Center and Athens Main Street for social media support. Contributed by Meredith Willson



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