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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cutting Bayne's Business Machines

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Bayne's Business Machines, Located at 770 Stuart Rd NE, Cleveland. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Paul Semenoff, Lisa Rhea, and Stacey Hester, Chamber Diplomats; Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley, Summer Jones; Carla

Watson and Sean Holland, Bayne's Business Machines; Mandie Cox; TeAnna McKinney, McMinn County Elections Commission Officer; Debbie Dalton. Back: Patricia Reinehr; Walt Bowman; Jordon Perleoni; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; John Rodriguez, Chamber Board; Stephanie Devine; Joseph Ladner, Chamber Board/Diplomat; Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; Doug Bailey, Traci White (Chamber Diplomats; Precious Strickland; Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Cheryl Ingram, McMinn County Register of Deeds and Daniel Atkinson.



New Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, Chairman of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee and Co-Chairman of the House National Labs Caucus applauds the appointment of Dr. Stephen K. Streiffer to be the next Director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). Congressman Fleischmann stated, "I congratulate Dr. Stephen K. Streiffer on his appointment to be the next Director of the Oak Ridge National Lab. ORNL is the top national lab in America that, for 80 years, has contributed a major role in promoting scientific discovery and research. The United States is the world leader in advancing new sciences and technologies because of the groundbreaking work done every day at ORNL. I am confident that Dr. Streiffer will be an excellent Lab Director and build on the amazing achievements that the dedicated men and women at ORNL have accomplished."

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Community News

✓ Etowah Senior Center is offering another basic computer skills class. The classes will be from August 21-24 from 11:30 until 2:30 and August 25 from 9:00 until 12:00. Laptops will be provided. If you attend all 15 hours of instruction, you will keep the laptop and will receive free internet access for a certain period of time. Very few spots are left. Please call 423-781-7632 if interested.

✓ The City of Niota will be having music Friday evening at the depot in Niota from 5 pm to 8 pm. Everyone is welcome.

✓ This past weekend Decatur City Fire Department hosted Aerial Apparatus Familiarization training class which consisted of Ladder Operations, Pump Operations, Access Operations and Removal of victims from Upper levels. Attending agencies were Decatur City Fire, Rhea County Fire and Rescue, Dayton City Fire, and Eng-



lewood Rural Fire. Scott Ellis with the Tennessee Fire & Codes Academy was the Instructor. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

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 their morning service. Trinity Trio will be the guest singers and lunch will follow.

- 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. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.

- The Lake Side Singers will be at West End Baptist Church on Sunday August 20th. The Service will begin at 6 PM.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equity markets finished flat for the day. Treasury bonds finished higher. At the closing bell: The Dow Jones was up 52.79 to 35,176.15. The S&P 500 was up 1.12 to 4,468.83, and the NASDAQ was up 15.97 to 13,737.99.



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Final Sounds of Summer Concert Featuring Mendingwall

The ninth and final concert in the 2023 Sounds of Summer concert series will feature local favorite Mendingwall. The concert will be held at Market Pavilion in Downtown Athens on Friday, August 11th starting at 7 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, family and friends. Mendingwall is a rock and roll band based out of East Tennessee. Growing up playing gospel music in church, brothers John and Joseph Gordon still carry some of their upbringing in their music. After meeting drummer John Knox in 2005, the patented blend of soulful lyric filled rock and roll was born. A few albums and a number of guest musicians later, the band found a permanent fourth member in Marshall Lowe. The new guitarist would be a perfect fit and bring a new level of energy and creativity to the Athens, Tennessee threesome. The band prides itself on writing thought provoking original songs that you just can't sit still through. Their energetic performances are sure to leave your spirits high.

Mendingwall released their first album under the band name "The Blue City Band" in 2008. After a few years and a personnel change, they ended up settling on the current name in 2010. The name change was followed up with the release of their EP "Better Days" in 2013. After releasing their third album "Upstream" in late spring 2017, they hit the road on tour until 2020. A few years and a few kids later, Mendingwall headed back to the studio with a handful of new songs. Their fourth album was produced by Ben McAmis at Fame Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The most recent album "Famous" is slated to release on Friday, August 11th to coincide with the finale of Sounds of Summer. You can follow Mendingwall on most social platforms and stream their music on all streaming sources. Better yet, catch them live when you can! Sound for the Sounds of Summer concert series is provided 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. Special thanks to The Daily Post-Athenian, The Morning Fax for media support and to The Arts Center and Athens Main Street for social media support. Contributed by Meredith Willson

