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Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting - Terra Bella

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Terra Bella (Formerly Athens Place), located at 120 Keith Lane. Chamber members joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are:



City of Athens Councilman Dick Pelley, Dylan Carter, Luke Hathaway, Jessica Hill, Mendy Howard, Rachel Smith, Shonda McMinn, and Kerry Miller, Terra Bella; Holly, Board Member; Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber. Back: Hugh Willson; Robert Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Brandon Johnson; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat; John Rodriguez, Chamber Board; Joseph Ladner, Chamber Board/Chamber Diplomat; Tim Tatum, Chamber Diplomat; and Welsey Skinner, Chamber Diplomat.

Please join us for Starr Regional Medical Center's Fifth Annual

Thursday,
November 30, 2023
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**Reagan Neil Wheeler**, age 79, of Etowah, passed away on Tuesday, November 18. He was a United States Army Veteran and retired from CSX Railroad. He was a 9th Dan black belt in isshinryu karate. Neil was a long-time member of the Cambria Baptist Church. A masonic service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Green Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 – 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Douglas “Doug” Newton Duggan**, age 60, a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, November 28. He worked in flooring installation and several years with the McMinn County Maintenance Department. He also served in the U.S. Army. Family and friends will gather at South Liberty Cemetery in Athens for a graveside service on Thursday, November 30 at 2:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦**George R. Howard**, age 80 of Sweetwater, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at his residence. He was a native of Ark., resident of Monroe County since 1969. He was a former employee of Athens Furniture, and NGK Metals and was a carpenter. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. Funeral services will be at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, November 30 at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Entombment will be at 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 1 at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Community News You Can Use

✓Athens Utilities board will be closing their lobby on 12/6 from 11:30 to noon for their holiday party.

✓Starr Regional Medical Center (SRMC) will host its fifth annual community Christmas Tree Lighting event TODAY, November 30 from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. The event will take place on the Athens campus, located at 1114 West Madison Avenue. In addition to the tree lighting, which will take place at 6 p.m., attendees will enjoy Christmas carols, photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and refreshments, including cookies, hot chocolate and cider. The event is free, and everyone is invited to attend. For more information about the event, please call (423) 745-1411 or visit StarrRegional.com. See their ad on page 1

COVID Update

◆COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary Thru 11/25/2023

Tennessee: 2,636,019 Total Cases

30,092 Total Deaths

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
McMinn	20,424	300
Meigs	4,375	65
Monroe	19,259	279
Polk	5,857	89
Bradley	40,552	479
Rhea	12,291	175

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

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Athens, Tennessee

Food City Sponsorship

Lee University Athletic Director John Maupin has announced a multi-year sponsorship deal naming Food City as the official supermarket of Lee University Athletics. "Food City is excited to partner with Lee University on this initiative that will not only benefit the University's athletics program and student body, but also the residents of Cleveland, TN and Bradley County," said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. "We are proud to serve as the official supermarket of Lee University Athletics and look forward to working with them for many years to come, as we continue to serve the area residents and invest in the Bradley County community". Food City's commitment to Lee Athletics covers complimentary admission to all women's and men's basketball home games over the next three seasons. This will allow fans to enjoy all the action inside Walker Arena free of charge. "We are very excited to begin this partnership with Food City. I am grateful for their commitment to Lee University Athletics and most importantly, their commitment to our student-athletes and their growth at Lee University," said Maupin. "From the outset it was very clear that we have a shared vision for having a long-term positive impact in the Cleveland/Bradley County community. We are proud to partner with Food City and look forward to doing so for many years to come." Food City is a privately held family-owned company headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia and currently operates 153 retail locations throughout Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, and Alabama. The company continues to invest heavily in the Bradley County Community. Food City recently broke ground on a 50,000 square foot facility off Georgetown Road and a 46,000 square foot facility in Ocoee, Tenn. All totaled, Food City is investing more than \$30 million in new supermarkets and upgrades to the store on 255 Ocoee Crossing in Cleveland.

Arrest Reports

From the McMinn County Justice Center

Daonna McWillson, 31, Athens, charged by APD with violation of probation - Meigs County. No bond.

Brittany Phoebus, 34, Athens, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - misdemeanor. \$2254 bond.

Creed Underdown, 90, Riceville, charged by MCSO with aggravated domestic assault. \$15,000 bond.

Shane Stanley, 22, Etowah, charged by MCSO with schedule II fentanyl resale, schedule II oxycodone, schedule IV oxycodone / xanax, drug paraphernalia and child endangerment. \$60,000 bond.

Angela Womac, 44 of Athens, charged by MCSO with schedule II meth and schedule II fentanyl. \$12,000 bond.

Teresa Miller, of Athens, charged by APD with misuse of E-911. No bond.

Steven Givens, age 42 of Athens, charged by APD with disorderly conduct. \$500 bond.

Teresa Miller, Athens, charged by APD with domestic assault, \$1000 bond.

Marty Stone, 52 of Knoxville, charged by MCSO with aggravated criminal trespassing. \$2000 bond.

Juan Ortiz, 43 of Surprise, Arizona, charged by THP with driving under the influence. \$3000 bond.

David Lindsey, 59 of Lutz, Florida, charged by MCSO with casual exchange - possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. \$48,000 bond.

Kenneth Hatfield, 62 of Etowah, charged by Etowah PD with failure to appear - driving on a revoked license due to DUI. \$2000 bond.

Cody Chrisman, 31 of Decatur, charged by MCSO with evading arrest, resisting stop, possession of schedule II meth for resale and drug paraphernalia. \$21,000 bond.

Delondra Arnwine, 46 of Athens, charged by APD with failure to appear. No bond.

Michael Hooper, 55 of Athens, charged by APD with state violation of probation - tampering with evidence, casual exchange - possession of meth, simple possess schedule VI marijuana and drug paraphernalia. \$24,000 bond.

Steve Nelson, 65 of Altamont TN, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - theft of property. No bond.

Information gathered from public sources. The accused are considered innocent of charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

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