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The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, August 14 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits.

The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

*REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month.*

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

- McMinn Senior Activity Center will host a Family Dance and Karaoke Night this Saturday, August 16. All ages are welcome, and admission is \$5 per person.
- The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that NASCAR driver, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. will be the Speaker for their 19th Annual Chamber Event next year. Single tickets will go on sale next month, but you can reserve your spot now. Sponsorships are available. Call Rob Preston at the chamber 745-0334 or email rob@athenschamber.org
- The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will host its 4th annual Living Legacy Trade Fair on Friday, August 22, and Saturday, August 23, from 12–5 p.m. each day at 522 West Madison Ave., Athens. This free, family-friendly event will feature demonstrations and exhibits highlighting traditional and pioneer life and folk art. (See ad below for info)

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Athens, Tennessee

Big Changes Ahead for Simmons Bank in Athens



Two of the most iconic buildings in Athens will be vacated soon. The first is the former Citizens National Bank building that was constructed in the early 1960's, located at the corner of Park Street and South White Street in downtown Athens (top photo). The second building will be the former corporate headquarters of Goody's Family Clothing and Warehouse, located on South Congress Parkway (middle photo). The former "Goody's" building became the Financial Center for Citizens National Bank, when Goody's moved their headquarters to Knoxville in the 1990's. Both of the Athens buildings were purchased by Simmons Bank during their merger with Citizens National Bank in 2016. The downtown building and the financial center building will be consolidated into one building, which is the former First National Bank Building at the corner of Hill Street and West Washington Avenue in downtown Athens (bottom photo). Renovations of the old FNB building are already underway and sources say that the goal is to move all of the Simmons Bank Athens personnel and services to the new location late this year or in early 2026.



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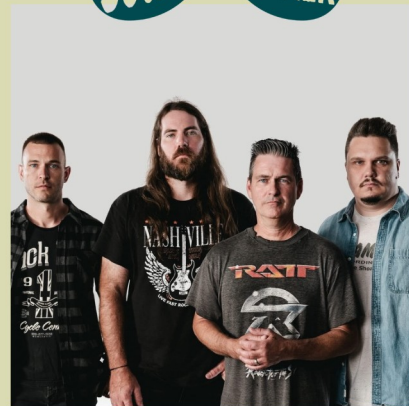
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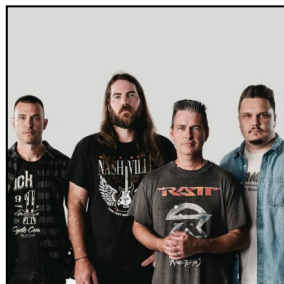


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Athens, Tennessee

FRIENDLY CITY FESTIVALS PRESENTS MENDINGWALL OPENER: RAPPER NATE VIELE SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH



Friendly City Festivals announces the sixth and last concert in the 13th annual Sounds of Summer series will feature local talent Mendingwall with opening act Nate the Rapper.

The Concert will be held at Market Pavilion on 106 S. Jackson Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for a toe tapping hand clapping night of entertainment. Food truck for the evening will be Kona Ice.

Opening act Nate the Rapper will set the stage with his own twist on Christian rap. His music is based on life experiences and heartfelt expression and provides positive, uplifting and melodic themed music.



Headliner Mendingwall provides a fun musical experience with roots in American, rock, jam, reggae and folk music. Their lyrics are positively influenced, and their sound will make you want to get up and dance. With roots in West Virginia and now calling East Tennessee home, Mendingwall's last album *Famous* can be found on YouTube Tidal, Spotify and Apple Music.

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(C)3 subsidiary of Willsonthropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens Tourism Fund, McMinn County Tourism Board, Madison Avenue Pharmacy Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Mayfield Dairy Farm, DENSO, Tonya Phenix Senior Advisor Insurance, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, Simmons Bank, Pendleton's Playground, Simmons Wealth Management Group, WarrenJackson CPAs Athens Kiwanis Club, Athens Insurance and The Retirement Guys.

Special thanks to The Daily Post Athenian, The Morning Fax and Athens Area Chamber of Commerce for media/advertising support.

SOURCE: Friendly City Festivals / Meredith Willson

McMinn County Arrest Reports

08-07-2025

Michelle Trejo, 32 of Sweetwater, charged with failure to appear on charges of driving on a revoked license, simple possession casual exchange.

Gary Wallace, 45 of Athens, charged with violation of probation.

Kelsey Lunsford, 34 of Athens, charged with violation of probation.

Bruce Maynard, 21 of McMinn County, charged with theft of property, Bond 10,000 to 60,000 dollars,

Tasha Ross, 37 of Madisonville, charged with failure to appear on charges of simple possession, and possession of meth.

Gavin Smith, 25 of Spring City, charged with failure to appear in Giles County.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The information presented has been gathered from public sources.

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