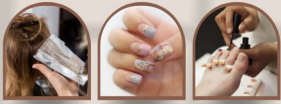


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Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting - Southern Orthocare

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Southern Orthocare Prosthetics & Orthotics Clinic, located at 740 Tell St., Suite 500, Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Lori Loveday; Paul Semenoff, Chamber Diplomat; Jamie Price, Cassidy Tipton, Emily Martin, Karl Rudy, Alex Teitelbaum, Brittney Reed, Shannon Cook, and Christina Stiles, Southern Orthocare; Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat; McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Charlie Barnard, Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber. Back: Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Wesley Skinner, Chamber Diplomat; Traci White, Chamber Board/Diplomat; Stephanie Devine; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Walt Bowman; Hugh Willson; Stacey Hester, Chamber Diplomat; Ashlynn Cichella, Southern Orthocare; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat; Kayleigh Heaton, Field Representative for Congressman Chuck Fleischmann; and Tod Marner, Chamber Board.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**Laura Frances Johnson Faris**, age 67, passed away at home in Athens on February 2. She was born in Athens. Laura was very talented. She was a long-time student of dance and a beautiful ballerina. She graduated from McMinn Co. High School where she was a head majorette in the band. She attended Carson Newman college on a majorette scholarship and was also offered one to UT. She loved to write poetry and even wrote songs for artists at the Bluebird Cafe. She was an excellent seamstress and could make an outfit at night to wear to school the next day. She loved her cats. Laura, or Lolly to some, was friendly and lively and could light up a room. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦**David Inman Moss**, age 66, a lifelong resident of Sweetwater, passed away on Sunday February 4 at his home. He enjoyed his job, hunting, fishing and above all spending time with his family. In honor of his request, there will be no public services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Community News

✓ The Athens City Schools Board of Education will meet Monday, February 12. The draft agenda and packet can be viewed online on the Athens City Schools website.

✓ The event at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum event on Saturday, February 10th at 11:00 is Beginners Italian Lesson with Joyce Simpson: ordering from a menu.

✓ McMinn County Little League registration is now open! Call the Athens Parks and Recreation at 423-744-2704 or register online. Link to Register Online:

<https://secure.rec1.com/TN/athens-tn/catalog>

Church News and Events

-Voice of Deliverance Ministry will be hosting First Lady Day to honor First Lady Letitisha Saunders on Sunday, February 11, beginning at 3:00pm. Guest speaker will be First Lady Tori Bruce from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. All are welcome. Dinner will be served. The address is 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Circle II, is sponsoring a SOUP_ER BOWL LUNCHEON as a Relay for Life fundraiser on Sunday, February 11, at noon. Everyone is invited to attend. They will serve homemade soups, chili, cornbread, and homemade desserts. A \$5 donation is suggested. The address is 205 North Jackson, Athens.

-Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

-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.

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

More Community News

✓MEDIC is outfitting donors for the next winter chill with hooded sweatshirts from February 12 through 16 for successful donations. Supplies are limited and all hoodies are first come, first served. Hoodies will not be held for donors. Appointments can be made online at medicblood.org, via the MEDIC app, or by calling 865-524-3074. MEDIC is the primary blood product provider for 26 hospitals in 23 counties including Starr Regional. MEDIC Regional Blood Center of Athens is located at 927 Decatur Pike.



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Friendly City Festivals is pleased to announce the dates for its 2024 festival/concert schedule!

National MooFest, McMinn County's beloved dairy festival, is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. 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, local shopping, live entertainment on three stages plus MooGrass Jam Session, over 150 food, crafts and arts vendors, Mayfield Dairy Farms contests, Biscuit Bake-Off, all ages Cow Costume Contest, and AgAvenue. MooFest is presented by Friendly City Festivals, The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Mayfield Dairy Farm and AgCentral.

The 13th Annual Sounds of Summer concert series will once again be on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Market Pavilion in historic downtown Athens. The lineup features:

Friday, June 14th - The Dirk Quinn Band

Friday, June 21st - Just Us

Friday, June 28th - September Song

Friday, July 5th - Sweet Georgia Sound

Friday, July 12th - Run Katie Run

Friday, July 19th - Sugar Lime Blue

Friday, July 26th - Second Wind Band

Friday, August 2nd - Will Carter

Friday, August 9th - The Tim Hughes Quartet

Friday, August 16th - Trailer Hippies

Friday, August 23rd - Mendingwall

Friday, August 30th - The Dexter Thomas Band

One of the premier fall festivals in East Tennessee for 21 years, Pumpkintown, will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow, live entertainment on two stages, the infamous Mutt Strutt, historical walking tour, local shopping, over 200 food, craft, information and arts vendors are just a few of the treats in store for you on October the 12th! All Friendly City Festival events are free to the public thanks to the generous support of our sponsors!

For more information, please call 423-887-3544 with any questions or visit: willsonthropic.org or friendlycityfestivals.com or facebook.com/friendlycityfestivals or [Instagram@friendlycityfestivals](https://instagram.com/friendlycityfestivals)

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