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This summer and fall, The Food Hub in Athens will host *Homemakase*, a celebrated traveling dining experience that offers guests a rare opportunity to indulge in a 12-course Japanese omakase meal.

The immersive dinners are scheduled for July 26 and October 18, with only 12 seats available each night. Ingredients for the event will be flown in directly from Japan, and each course will be prepared and served live by Chef Alex. Guests can expect more than just fine dining — Chef Alex will also share the stories and cultural background behind each dish, making it a personal and interactive culinary journey.

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Tickets are priced at \$270 per guest, which includes a 25% gratuity. Due to the intimate nature of the event, seating is extremely limited.

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Athens, Tennessee

UPDATE: Police Seek Public's Help in Fatal Motorcycle Crash Investigation



The Athens Police Department is continuing its investigation into a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred on the morning of Wednesday, June 18.



Investigators are reviewing surveillance footage from nearby businesses and say the vehicle involved appears to be a dark-colored SUV driven by a white female. The exact make and model of the SUV have not yet been identified.

Anyone who may recognize the driver or has information is urged to contact the Athens Police Department at 423-744-2739. Callers can remain anonymous. The names of those involved are being withheld due to the ongoing investigation.

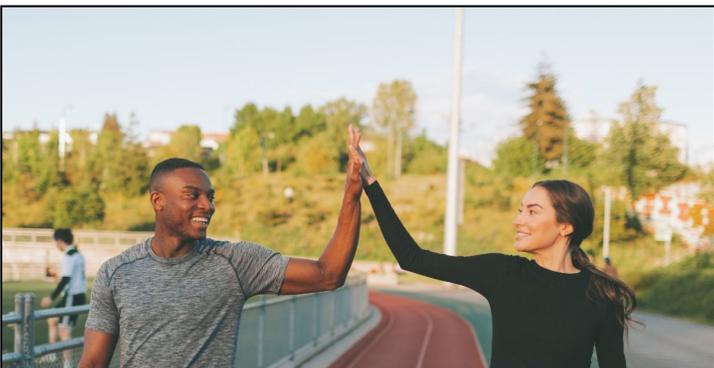
Community News You Can Use

- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures:

The areas to be affected are **PARKING SPACES 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, and the sidewalk on MADISON AVENUE** from *White St. to Jackson St.*. These closures will be from Monday, June 23. at 7:00 a.m. until Friday, June 27 at 8:00 p.m. Drivers are advised to use extreme caution and give themselves extra time for traffic delays when traveling in this area.

The purpose of this closure is for McMinn County Courthouse roof repairs. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

- The Athens Utilities Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25 at 5:00 pm. They will be discussing the renewal of business insurance package, approval of resolution to raise natural gas rates effective July 1, bids to replace Gas Division Truck #53 among many other points of business. The public is invited to attend and make comments using a 5-minute allotment of time for pre-approved speakers.
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will hold the June Work Session on Wednesday, June 25 at the Administration Building beginning at noon.



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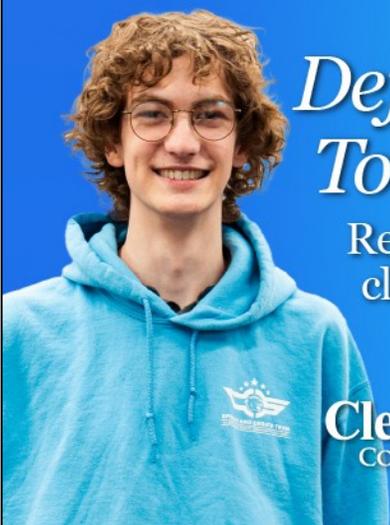
Good Faith Clinic Marks 30 Years of Service with Celebration Event



The Good Faith Clinic will celebrate its 30th anniversary **TODAY, Monday, June 23**, with a community event from **4 to 6 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 14 Congress Parkway South in Athens**. The event will honor the clinic's volunteer providers and supporters, and will include guest speakers, refreshments, and tours. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Founded in 1995, the Good Faith Clinic has provided free primary healthcare to uninsured adults ages 18 to 64 across McMinn and Meigs counties. What began as a vision years earlier by Dr. David Byrd—who was inspired by his experiences as an EMT and emergency room physician—has grown into a vital community service. With guidance from local leaders and support from area organizations, the clinic officially opened its doors at the McMinn County Health Department, offering doctor visits, lab work, x-rays, and pharmaceutical assistance. The clinic later relocated to Tennessee Wesleyan College and eventually to Christ Community Church, where it operates today. In 2008, it moved into a custom facility at 18 South Congress Parkway thanks to support from United Way. Over the years, it has been sustained by volunteers, local churches, industries, and private donors.

Now operating on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays of each month, the Good Faith Clinic continues to provide 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. Its long-standing mission remains unchanged: to provide compassionate, free healthcare to those in need.



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Athens, Tennessee

Fire Destroys Goodfellows Building, Donations Needed



A fire late Monday night, June 16, destroyed a 25,000-square-foot building at the former

Bowater Plant—now the Domtar Corporation—in Calhoun, Tennessee. The blaze broke out around 10:45 p.m., consuming the structure that once housed the Bowater Credit Union and was most recently used by the Bowater Goodfellows charitable organization.

Founded in 1955 by Bowater employees, Bowater Goodfellows is a nonprofit that provides coats, toys, and food baskets to families during the holiday season. The fire resulted in a total loss of the group's stored donations and supplies.

In response, Bowater Credit Union will continue its annual "Christmas in July" campaign to help rebuild the organization's resources. Beginning July 1, all Bowater Credit Union branches will collect toys, coats, and monetary donations for the Goodfellows. Community members who wish to support the recovery efforts can donate in person at any Bowater Credit Union location, contact the organization at bowgoodfellows@gmail.com, or contribute online via GoFundMe at gofund.me/2698e208.

Obituaries

Ray A. Stone, 89 of Delano, passed away on Thursday, June 19. Ray retired from Bowater after 35 years. He was a longtime member of Delano Baptist Church. Ray served in the National Guard and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. A funeral service was held on Sunday, June 22 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home with the family receiving friends prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery on today, Monday, June 23rd for a 10:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyradio@gmail.com



FARMERS MARKET

Friday, June 27th: The Food Hub Farmers Market Launches in Athens

The Food Hub is kicking off a new Farmers Market on the third Friday of every month, right in downtown Athens! Featuring local vendors, fresh produce, handmade goods, dinner spot, and more — it's a monthly event you won't want to miss.

"We want this to be a fun, welcoming space where the community can connect and shop local," says Maggie Blaine, Director of the Food Hub.

Vendor spots are still open! For more info, contact us through FB or Instagram Private Message.

The Food Hub is now open for lunch every week day from 11-2



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