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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Cedar Recovery, located in downtown Athens. They provide addiction treatment without judgment. Begin your recovery journey (423) 717-2240. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat; Joe Bond, CEO; Debbie Johnson; Jordan Hansen, Regional Manager; Josie Hodges, Director of Culture and Development, and Josh King, Office Coordinator, Cedar Recovery. Back: Paul Trivette, Chief Strategy Officer Cedar Recovery; Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; Taylor Van Wagner; Tim Tatum, Chamber Diplomat; Athens City Mayor Steve Sherlin; Tod Marner, Chamber Board; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Stephen Loyd, MD, Cedar Recovery; Joseph Ladner, Chamber Board/Diplomat; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat; Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley; Mike Hutsell; Jeff Cunningham; Jeff Byrnes; Stephanie Devine; Holly Goines, Chamber Board.



## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's History for Lunch this Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon will feature the new owners of the Fisher Mansion on Ingleside Avenue. Stan and Pam Gallery will share some interesting stories about their life and the circumstances that led them to purchase the Fisher Mansion although they live in Colorado. Learn about all the restoration efforts they are undertaking to bring the home and grounds back to original as possible.
- ✓ Women of The NEST networking and information session will meet Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at 3 West College Street. Ann Zack, Senior Business Advisor for Pathway Lending, will be the guest speaker. She will share "Funding Fundamentals" for your business.
- ✓ In Lieu of the regularly scheduled February McMinn County Commission Meeting, the Commission will hold their Annual Strategic Planning Session on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. at the McMinn Higher Education Center on Denso Drive in Athens.
- ✓ There were no beer permit applications for the City of Athens for the February Beer Board meeting; therefore, this month's beer board meeting has been canceled.
- ✓ **REMINDER:** McMinn County Trustee, Phil Tuggle would like to remind taxpayers, that Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day to pay property taxes before interest and penalty must be added. Property taxes can also be paid online at [tennesseetrustee.com](http://tennesseetrustee.com) The McMinn County Trustee Office will be open every Saturday in February from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The office is open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**Tuesday:** Mild. Mostly cloudy, some sun. High 70.  
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**Wednesday:** Warm, cloudy, and breezy. High 76.  
**Thursday:** Possible rain. Clouds mixed with sun. High 82.  
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## Obituaries

◆ **Virginia "Jo" Moore Stansell**, age 79, of Athens, passed away, Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at her residence. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She taught school for 32 years at McMinn County Vocational School and worked in the office for 5 years at Calhoun High School. She and her late husband, Eddie Stansell, were co-owners of Superior Sporting Goods. A funeral service will be at 12:00 pm, Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Baptist Church with visitation at the church from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **TWO CHARGED WITH MURDER**  
In last Thursday's Morning Fax, we reported that Liu Gabriel Huerta was arrested on Wednesday following a shooting that took place on Tuesday afternoon at a residence on Hawkins Road in the Sweetwater area of Monroe County. A child, Alayna June Butts, age 2, who was reported as injured in the shooting has died. Two people have been charged with murder in connection with the shooting. A spokesperson for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office said Liu Huerta and Itzhui Huerta face first-degree murder charges in the death of two-year-old Alayna June Butts. They also face charges including attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault, burglary and reckless endangerment. Liu Huerta appeared in court last Friday. His bond was set at \$2 million.

## City Council Meets This Evening

The Athens City Council will meet in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening at the Athens Municipal Building. A re-cap of the major items on the agenda will be in a future edition of the Morning Fax. The following is the activity report for the Athens Police Department for the month of January 2023.

Homicides	0
Sex Offenses	0
Robbery	0
Assault	21
Burglary	6
Theft	40
MV Theft	11
Moving Violations	163
Citations	63
Warnings	100
Drugs	38
Arrests	156
Total Calls	1486

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT**  
Markets were closed in observance of President's Day

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