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Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was recently celebrated for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Prestige Tax Services, located in downtown Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat; Stephanie Devine; David Williams, Prestige Tax Services; Tonya Hipps, Karen Raby, Athens Chamber; Paul Semenov, Chamber Diplomat; Amy McDonald, Chamber Diplomat. Back: Athens City Vice Mayor Larry Eaton, Tod Marner, Chamber Board; Lindsey Ferguson; Nathan Johnson; Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Shane Arnold, Wesley Skinner, Chamber Diplomat; John Rodriguez, Chamber Board; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ **Athens City Schools & Kids Connection will be closed today, March 3rd.**
- ✓ The pancake breakfast for Team Ella Rose at Jenkins Deli in Cleveland will be tomorrow, March 4th from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- ✓ The Athens City Schools Board of Education will meet Monday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. The recipients of the ACS RISE awards for February 2023 will be acknowledged.

◆ **TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL SAVES MAN FROM JUMPING OFF BRIDGE:** On February 28th, at approximately 2:40 p.m., the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Capitol Protection Unit (CPU) was made aware of a man standing along the outer edge of the James Robertson Parkway Bridge, threatening to jump off the bridge to the street below. Sergeants Denney Mitchell and Adam Simpkins from the THP's CPU received the notification of the man and immediately responded from the State Capitol Building on Martin Luther King Boulevard. Once on scene, the Sergeants approached the gentlemen. Sergeant Mitchell informed the man that "I am going to give you a hug, brother, and everything is going to be ok." Sergeant Mitchell then pulled him over the railing of the bridge to safety. Sergeants Mitchell and Simpkins provided the man with comfort and security until police officers from the Nashville Police Department and first responders from the Nashville Fire Department arrived. "I am impressed but not surprised by the quick and calm response from Sergeants Denney Mitchell and Adam Simpkins," said THP Colonel Matt Perry. "Both men have been trained to assist with mental health crisis calls, and I am grateful we are talking about a positive outcome for this man during what is clearly a hard time in his life. Their actions demonstrate one of the many ways that members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol are always ready to help in someone's time of need." The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's mission is to serve, secure, and protect the people of Tennessee

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<http://rttn.church/registration/lunch-and-learn-athens>



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Obituaries

♦ **Minnie Lorine Fairman Murr**, age 86 of Athens passed away Wednesday, March 1st at her residence. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was retired from Thomas and Betts. A graveside service will be at 2 pm Tuesday, March 7th at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 3rd

1831 - George Pullman, inventor of railroad cars with sleeping facilities, was born. Those sleeping cars came to be known as "Pullmans."

1847 - Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was born in Scotland. He later moved to the U.S. and got a patent for the telephone. The first phone call came when Bell called his assistant and said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you." Bell had spilled some battery acid on his clothes.

1931 - "The Star Spangled Banner" became the National Anthem thanks to an act of Congress. The words were written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 as he watched the British bombardment of Fort Mchenry, which protected Baltimore. During a break in the fighting, Key saw the American flag still flying over the walls of the fort and wrote a poem to express his feelings. By government permission, the U.S. flag flies 24 hours a day over Key's grave in Frederick, Maryland.

◆ THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Stocks pared back early losses to finish the day higher. The 2-year Treasury surged to a level not seen in 10 years. The 10-year Treasury traded near 4.1%. European markets also finished higher. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 341.73 to 33,003.57. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 29.96 to 3,981.35, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 83.50 to 11,462.98.

Church News and Events

- Rocky Mount Baptist in Athens will have Dumplin Valley ministering in song in the morning service, Sunday, March 5th, at 10:45 am.

- *THE CHOSEN (Season 1)*, will be shown at the Etowah GEM theater Friday, March 10th at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 11th at 10 a.m. and Sunday, March 12th at 2 p.m. Admission is Free.

- Trinity Trio will be guest singers at Conasauga Baptist Church, Etowah, Sunday, March 5th at 10:30.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- 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.



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