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Thursday, May 04, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## Ribbon Cutting for United Grocery Outlet

◆ A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for long time Chamber member United Grocery Outlet on the expansion of their IT department, located at 2924 Lee Highway, Athens. Shown here are UGO employees, Chamber and business representatives. Photo submitted by Julie Simbeck



## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Gem Players open their 30<sup>th</sup> season with Horton Foote's heartwarming and touching drama, *The Trip to Bountiful*. Show dates are May 4, 5, 6 at 7:30 p.m. and May 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Gem Theater in Etowah. Tickets for general admission for adults and youth are \$15.
- ✓ County Road 718 aka The Nipper Road, will be closed beginning Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm daily for Sink Hole repair by TDOT.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission Office will have a vendor table at the Veterans All Call, Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Athens Regional Park Conference Center. You can register to vote, update voter registration information, and get information on 2024 upcoming elections.
- ✓ The McMinn Regional Humane Society is having a fundraiser yard sale Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 8am-2pm and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 12pm-4pm, at 3 Davidson Road, Athens, just past L&M Motors and Smith Funeral Home on Hwy 30 Eastbound. All proceeds go to the care of animals in need.
- ✓ Athens VFW Post 5146 is having a yard sale Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 am. Lots of items will be available. It will be located on the front lawn.
- ✓ The Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1212 Co. Road 100, Athens, is having a church-wide yard sale Friday (5-05) and Saturday (5-06) beginning at 8 am both days. Proceeds will go toward local missions.



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## Obituaries

♦ **Robert "Rock" Rothwell** passed away May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He had a seizure from an old stroke that happened in 2008. He also suffered from OCD his entire adult life. He was a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farmer and took great pride in keeping his farm neat as a pin. After the stroke, his health started to decline. He was not able to care for his farm anymore that added to his depression. He was diagnosed with dementia in 2022. He was employed by PI of Athens for over 40 years. There will be no formal visitation as was his wish. The family will have a graveside service later. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced registration is now open for the Friendly City Co-Ed Adult Softball League for team registration and free agents, for individuals 16 and older, now through June 12. The cost is \$400 per team and \$30 per free agent. Games will be played Tuesdays, at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m., from June 20 to August 8, at Athens Regional Park. Free agents will be assigned to teams at the close of the registration period. There is a maximum of 30 active players per roster and teams must have a minimum of 3 players of the opposite sex playing the field and batting. The deadline for registration is Monday, June 12, and a team managers' meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13. Once teams have registered with Athens Parks and Recreation, they will be able to contact the office to reserve complimentary practice fields at City parks. "I'm super excited about what we have been able to build with our Adult Softball league. With 15 teams last season, there has been consistent growth in participation the past 4 seasons, and I expect that to continue this year. We are thrilled to be able to offer this form of adult recreation to our community," said Program Coordinator, Derek Phillips. For more information or to register, visit [athenstn.gov](http://athenstn.gov) or call the office at 744-2704. You can also email <mailto:recreation@athenstn.gov> for more information.

## Tree Falls On House

Tuesday afternoon strong winds blew a big tree on top of a house in the Ridgeways Subdivision. No one was injured. Photo submitted by a Morning Fax News Spotter.



### WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

In a unanimous vote, the Federal Reserve raised rates by a quarter point. The 2-year Treasury yield and the U.S. dollar fell. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 270.29 to 33,414.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 28.83 to 4,090.75 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 55.18 to 12,025.33.

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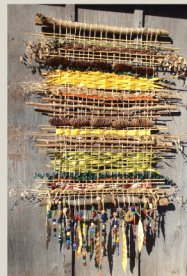
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