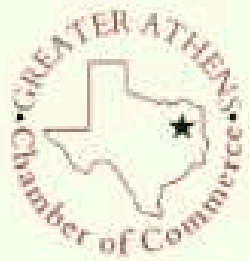


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Weekly Planner

APRIL 2026

S U N D A Y	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>**Chamber Luncheon at Cain Center YMCA catered by Treehouse (11:30AM - 1PM) *Program begins at Noon</p>	<p>HCPAC presents Mamma Mia! through April 18</p>	<p>**Chamber Ambassador Meeting (Noon at 201 W. Corsicana)</p>	<p>**Coffee with the Chamber at Amase Stays Pine Cone Ranch at 6542 FM 1616, Athens (9-11 AM)</p> <p>-Keep Athens Beautiful Spring Cleanup (8 AM)</p> <p>-Fleetwood X - Fleetwood Mac Tribute at The Texan</p> <p>-Henderson County HELP Center and Maggie's House Gala</p>



Next meeting: Mon, May 6
6-8PM
Tilo's Bakery & Cuisine



Athens Business Collective

ENTREPRENEUR MEETUP

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 @ 5:30 PM
REIGNING JEWELS: 1120 SE LOOP 7, STE 101



Next Meeting:
May 7th @ 5:30pm
Host: Johnny & the Bee
Location: Lucky's at
16227 TX-198, Mabank



Coffee with the Chamber
at **THE Craft Collective** WITH MINI & SHUG
406 N. Prairieville

April 2nd
8 am - 9 am



APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
			1	2	3	4	HOURS OF OPERATION: Wednesday - Friday OPEN STUDIO CRAFTING 10am-6pm (Closed during homeschool) Saturday OPEN STUDIO CRAFTING 10am-6pm <i>The Studio will be closed to the public during Creative Circle & The Collective Presents ticketed events</i> Please check our Facebook page for times and to purchase tickets to events.
			the craftcollectivetexas.com (903)213-2242 the craftcollectivetexas@gmail.com	Closed for Homeschool 10am-2pm 8AM - COFFEE WITH THE CHAMBER	GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY CRAFTING EVENT 10am-6pm	CLOSED	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	STORIES & SUPPER SOCIETY BOOK CLUB 6pm		Craft and Connect 6pm-9pm	CREATIVE CIRCLE: JUNK JOURNAL WORKSHOP		SEWING 101: 6 WEEKS CLASS	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
THE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS Series: MAHJONG 101 2pm		THE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS Series: CROCHET 101 6pm-8pm	Craft and Connect 6pm-9pm	Closed for Homeschool 10am-2pm CREATIVE CIRCLE: SPRING MIXED MEDIA CANVAS WORKSHOP	FIDDLER'S AT THE CRAFT COLLECTIVE	FIDDLER'S AT THE CRAFT COLLECTIVE	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
BOOK YOUR PRIVATE EVENT WITH US! BIRTHDAYS (ALL AGES) BACHELORETTE PARTIES TEAM BUILDING GRADUATIONS ETC...		SEWING MACHINE 101 6pm-8pm	Craft and Connect 6pm-8pm	CREATIVE CIRCLE: A BOOKISH NIGHT 6pm-8pm	CAMP IAWANNAGO 10:00-12:00	MOANA CRAFT EVENT	
26	27	28	29	30			
		CREATIVE CIRCLE: SPRING CRUSHED GLASS & RESIN WORKSHOP 6pm-8pm	Craft and Connect 6pm-9pm	CREATIVE CIRCLE: PAINT & SIP 6pm-8pm		MAY 2nd CREATIVE CIRCLE: A MOTHER'S DAY EXPERIENCE 10am-3pm	





Crawfish / Shrimp Boil & Fish Fry

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APRIL 24, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

KIDS CRAFT FAIR!
JOIN THE FUN! Create & Explore.
FREE VENDOR SPACE!
DATE: MAY 2nd | TIME: 10AM - 1PM
LOCATION: Malakoff Community Center,
503 N. Terry Street, Malakoff
Setup starts at 9:30 AM. Vendors need to bring their own tables/tents/whatever they need to set up

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Henderson County Go Texan

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BBQ COOK-OFF CONTEST

APRIL 25, 2026



Details Coming Soon!



Both your individual tax return AND first quarter estimated tax payment are due. by April 15.
Here is what you need to know.



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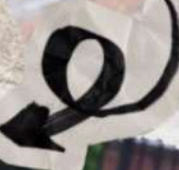
The estimated tax payment rule: You are required to withhold or prepay throughout the 2026 tax year at least 90 percent of your 2025 total tax bill, or 100 percent of your 2026 federal tax bill.

* A quick look at your 2025 tax return and a projection of your 2026 tax obligation can help determine if a quarterly payment might be necessary in addition to what is being withheld from any paychecks.

Things to consider

- **Underpayment penalty:** If you do not have proper tax withholdings throughout the year, you could be subject to an underpayment penalty. A quick payment at the end of the year may not be enough to avoid the penalty.
- **W-2 withholdings have special treatment.** A W-2 withholding payment can be made at any time during the year and be treated as if it was made throughout the year. If you do not have enough to pay the estimated quarterly payment now, you may be able to adjust your W-2 wage withholdings to make up the difference.
- **Self-employment taxes.** In addition to paying income taxes, self-employed workers must also pay Social Security and Medicare taxes. Creating and funding a savings account for this purpose can help avoid the cash flow hit each quarter to pay your estimated taxes.
- **Use your refund.** An alternative option to pay your first quarter estimated tax is to apply some or all of your tax refund.
- **Pay more in the first quarter.** By paying a little more than necessary in the first quarter, you can be in a position to adjust future estimated tax payments downward later this year if your tax obligation trends lower than you originally thought.
- **Not sure if you need to make a quarterly payment?** Take a quick look at your tax return to see the amount of tax you paid last year. Divide this amount by the number of paychecks you receive each year and compare to your most recent paycheck. Is enough being withheld from each paycheck? Talk to your employer if you decide you need to adjust your withholdings to cover next year's tax bill.

*If your income is more than \$150,000 (\$75,000 if married filing separate), you must pay 110 percent of your 2025 tax obligation to avoid an underpayment penalty on your 2026 tax return.



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APRIL 9 - 19, 2026

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2026

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- March 14 KAB Home & Garden Show
- March 28 Concert: Bob Seger Tribute benefiting The Help Center
- April 11 Concert: Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band
- April 17-18 The 95th Annual Athens Old Fiddler's Reunion
- April 25 Concert: Jimmy Buffett Tribute benefiting the Alzheimer's Coalition
- May 8 Comedy Show: Jason McAdam's First Time Hurts
- May 9 Concert: Ricki Derek & The Vegas Six
- May 16 Dueling Pianos: The Eighty Eights
- June 28 Forever & Always Bridal Expo
- July 18 Concert: Garth Brooks Tribute Band
- August 22 Concert: Alan Jackson Tribute Band
- August 29 Dueling Pianos: The Eighty Eights
- Sept. 19 Concert: Kenny Chesney Tribute Band
- Oct. 16-17 Greater Athens Chamber Jamburgeree
- Nov. 7 Dueling Pianos: The Eighty Eights
- Nov. 14 Concert: Tom Petty Tribute Band
- Dec. 5 Keep Athens Beautiful Yuletide Market

APRIL 11, 2026
FLEETWOOD X



• SATURDAY •

DOORS 6PM MUSIC 7-9PM

The Eighty Eights

DUELING PIANOS

May 16, 2026

Doors 6:00PM
Music 7:00-9:00PM





APRIL CHAMBER LUNCHEON



04.08.26 @ 11:30A-1P

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(PRIOR TO April 6)

\$25 at door

(check-in begins at 11:30)

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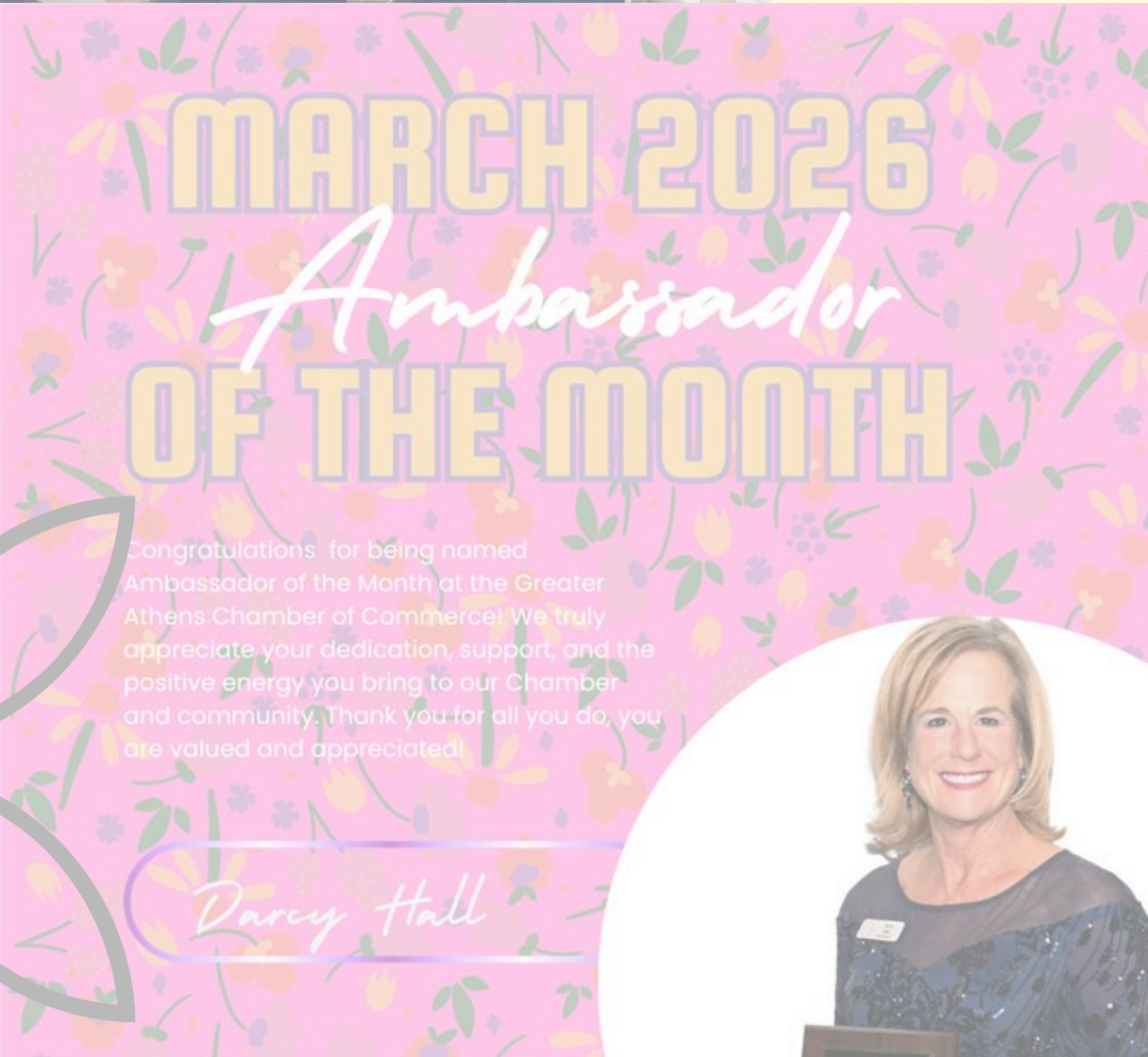
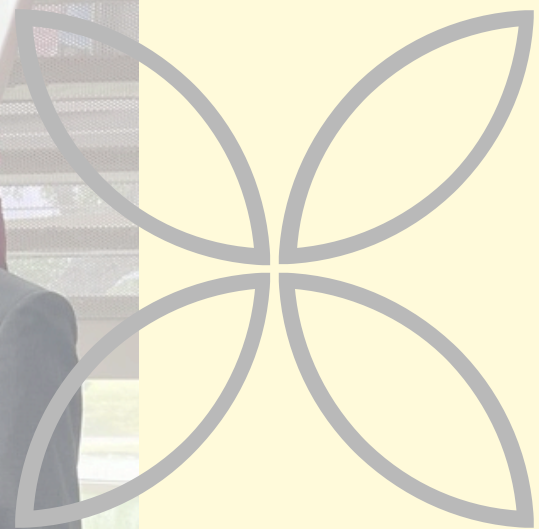


Register for luncheon with
\$5 discount ahead of time:

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MARCH 2026

Ambassador

OF THE MONTH

Congratulations for being named Ambassador of the Month at the Greater Athens Chamber of Commerce! We truly appreciate your dedication, support, and the positive energy you bring to our Chamber and community. Thank you for all you do, you are valued and appreciated!

Darcy Hall



March Small Business of Month **Callaway's Coffee & Bistro**

Creates a welcoming space where the community gathers over coffee and meals, building connections, supporting relationships, and adding to local charm.

Owner Kimberlee Callaway (left)



Nominees: Athens Gutter Co. & Stage Notes Academy of Performing Arts

March Med. Business of Month **Cain Center YMCA**

Supports the community through programs focused on youth development, healthy living, & connection, offering a place where individuals can grow & stay active.



Nominees: Anderson's Gibson Pharmacy & Henderson County Child Abuse Task Force

March Large Business of Month **Kiwanis Club**

Serves the community through youth programs, scholarships, and events that bring people together, continuing a strong tradition of service and hosting its largest Pancake Day ever.

Nominees: Athens Independent School District & Veterinary Medical Center of Athens



March Community Champion **Marisa Gunstanson**

Recognized for her dedication to others and consistent involvement, always showing up to support and make a difference.

Nominees: Jarett Stephenson, Brian Miller, Pam Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Jenn Browning, & Dr. Suellen Syler



APRIL NOMINATIONS

SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

&
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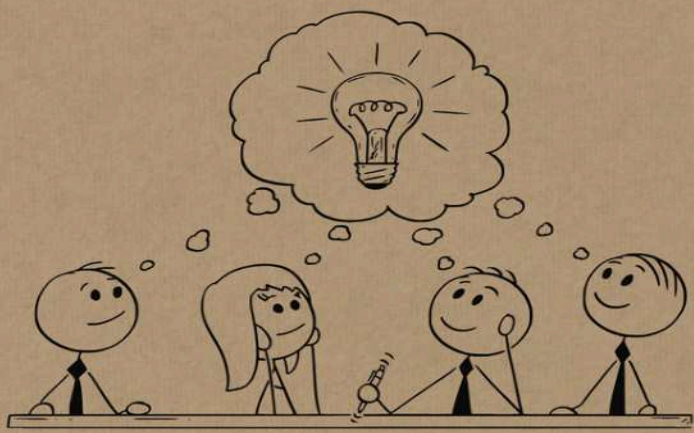
DO IT



AMBASSADOR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2026

COME JOIN US!



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COFFEE WITH THE CHAMBER

MASE STAYS

April 11th

MASE STAYS

Saturday

6542 FM 1616
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9 am - 11 am



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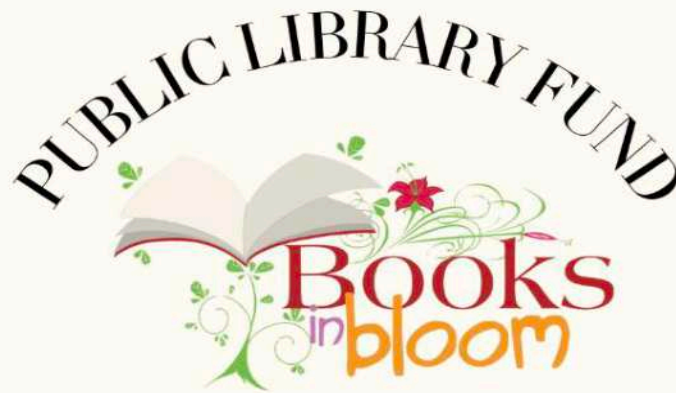
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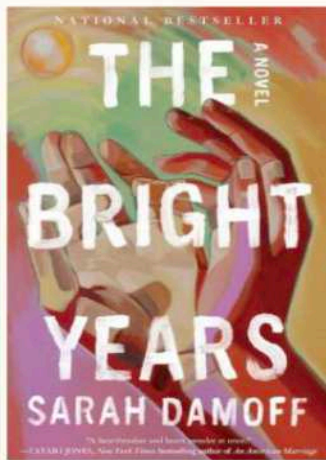
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Luncheon Benefiting the
Henderson County
Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
Featuring Author Sarah Damoff



A Texas family is met with losses and surprises of inheritance, but they're unable to shake the pull back toward each other in this big-hearted family saga.

ATHENS COUNTRY CLUB
\$65 PER PERSON
\$500 PER TABLE OF 8
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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY
April 17, 2026

ON THE SQUARE
 1200 PM TO 1:00 PM **STEWART FAMILY**
 1:30PM TO 2:30 PM **HAYWIRE BLUEGRASS**
 2:45 PM TO 3:45 PM **LEAH SAWYER BAND**
 4:00 PM TO 5:30 PM **THE WESTERN FLYERS**

THE TEXAN THEATER
 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM **OPEN MIC**
 2:30 PM TO 4:30 PM **WORKSHOP/JAM**

SATURDAY
April 18, 2026

ON THE SQUARE
 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM **TVCC JAZZ BAND**
 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM **BART CANNON**
 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM **ARMADILLO RACES**
 1:30 PM TO 3:30 PM **LAYTON MYERS**
 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM **THE JACOB AUSTIN BAND**

THE TEXAN THEATER
 9:30 AM TO 5:00 PM **FIDDLE CONTEST**
 12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM **CAROLYN WILLS BOOK SIGNING**
 5:00 AM TO 5:30 PM **TEXAS MUSIC OFFICE**
ATHENS MUSIC FRIENDLY CITY
 5:30 AM TO 6:30 PM **LONE STAR FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Free Admission

FRIDAY STREET DANCE
 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM
JODY NIX & THE TEXAS COWBOYS

SATURDAY STREET DANCE
 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM
CRAIG HOWELL BAND

95th Annual

ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS REUNION

[HTTPS://ATHENSFIDDLERSFOUNDATION.ORG](https://athensfiddlersfoundation.org)

LONE STAR FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIP

95TH ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS REUNION & CONTEST - EST. 1932

Thank you for joining us for a toe-tappin' day of Fiddling fun.



SATURDAY APRIL 18TH 2026
9:30 AM - 6:00 PM




THE HISTORIC TEXAN THEATER
209 E TYLER ST, ATHENS, TX

On behalf of our directors, committee members, sponsors, and the entire host community, we welcome you to the Lone Star Fiddle Championship.

For close to a century, this event has brought neighbors side by side and spotlighted top fiddlers from across the nation, lifting up the incredible fiddlers of today, and cheering on those who are just getting started.

To our competitors, families, volunteers, sponsors, and loyal fans the Athens Old Fiddlers Foundation thanks you for tuning up, showing up, and keeping this grand tradition alive and thriving.

Now tighten those bows, tap those boots, and let the music ring! 

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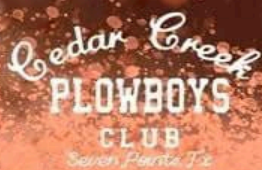
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**TUESDAY,
MAY 19**



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*Departs from
225 Lovers Lane*

8:00 AM – COFFEE & DONUTS

8:30 AM – TOUR DEPARTS

NOON – BBQ LUNCH & PROGRAM

TICKETS: \$15 – INCLUDES TOUR AND LUNCH



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61st Annual
FARM & RANCH TOUR
Tuesday, May 19, 2026



A Tradition Worth Celebrating



61st Annual
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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Athens First Methodist Church

Join us for an exclusive tour of local farms and ranches,
filled with history and expert insights.



8:00 AM – Coffee & donuts
8:30 AM – Tour departs on busses
Noon – BBQ lunch & program

Tickets: \$15 – Includes tour and lunch

For tickets visit athenstxchamber.org/farm-and-ranch-tour
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Presented by the Greater Athens Chamber of Commerce,
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Athens Tractor & Equipment and First State Bank
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61st Annual Henderson County Farm & Ranch Tour
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Business: _____ Contact: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

\$1000 Venue Sponsor (1 available)

Business sign displayed at event and at all entry points to the venue, Digital Ad, Vendor Booth, opportunity to place marketing and items in attendee goodie bags, social media recognition, program listing, stage recognition, Business Table Display, Logo on website, 8 lunch tickets with reserved seating

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\$200 Sponsor

Business sign displayed at event, Logo on website, & 2 lunch tickets

***Additional Lunch Tickets: \$15.00 each**

Will you be joining the Tour? _____ Yes How Many? _____
 Will you be joining us for Lunch? _____ Yes How Many? _____

***Logos for signs must be provided by the sponsor in digital format by Thursday, May 7.**

****Please email to athenstxchamber@outlook.com.**

***Signs will be displayed at eye level around the venue for marketing for the duration of the event.**

****Buses will depart from the First Methodist Church at 8:30 am and return at Noon.**

***BBQ Lunch will be catered and served at the AFMC Activities Bldg.**

Thank you for your support!
Please return your completed form to the Greater Athens Chamber of Commerce
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www.athensTXchamber.org

Upcoming Events

****Designates Chamber event****
Others are done by organization listed.



APRIL 2026

- April 17–18 – 95th Annual Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion
- April 19 - Bluegrass concert by The Purple Hulls at First Baptist Church (6 PM)
- April 23 - Cain Center YMCA Boys and Girls Soccer Clinic (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm)
- April 24 - Books in Bloom @ Athens Country Club (Noon)
- April 24 - May 3: Disney's Moana Jr. at SNAPA
- April 25 - Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band at The Texan benefitting The Alzheimer's Coalition of HC

MAY 2026

- May 2 - Barbecue & Blooms at the East Texas Arboretum (Noon - 3 PM)
- ****May 6 - Chamber Hispanic Business Alliance Networking/Speakers at Tilo's (6 - 8 PM)**
- ****May 13 - Chamber Luncheon at Cinco de Mayo (11:30 AM - 1 PM)**
- ****May 19 - 61st Annual Henderson County Farm & Ranch Tour at Athens Methodist Church (8 AM - 1:30 PM)**
- May 26 & 27: Auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at SNAPA