

Upcoming News and Events

Congratulations to the Athens Chamber Awardees!!!



2022 Ambassador of the Year - Jennifer Browning

Congratulations to Jennifer Browning for being named 2022 Ambassador of the Year!

Jennifer has been an Ambassador with the Athens Chamber since 2021 and became heavily involved in 2022. She was, and still is, a vital part of the Chamber team assisting in all events, activities, ribbon cuttings and you name it! If she was missing in Chamber photos it was likely due to being behind the camera. We are grateful for her willingness to serve on the 2023 Chamber Board and share her many talents.

2022 Newcomer of the Year - 6 Forks Farm

Congratulations to 6 Forks Farm for being named 2022 Newcomer of the Year! John and Lindsay DeVivo joined the Athens Chamber of Commerce after moving from the metroplex and adopting a regenerative farm to table lifestyle and business model. They quickly became involved of every aspect of the community at every opportunity and have made a name Athenians know well. They are especially known for their catering, woodfire pizza and generosity to all those they encounter.





2022 Comeback Award - Elder Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Athens

Congratulations to Elder Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Athens for receiving the Come Back Award in recognition of your return to the Athens Chamber of Commerce to positively impact your community and drive local business. Ashton Elder Romero accepted the award at the Gala on Saturday. Thank you for coming back to the Chamber in full force to include title sponsoring all Chamber endeavors and even joining the 2023 Chamber Board.

2022 Heart of Athens Award - Athens Animal Rescue Shelter

Congratulations to Athens Animal Rescue Shelter in recognition of the positive impact your nonprofit organization has had on your community and your dedication to serving all those in need. Monika Allen accepted the award on behalf of the shelter as Executive Director Jennifer Miller was ill and departed prior to the award presentation. Athens Animal Rescue Shelter is a no kill shelter always striving to educate, advocate and support our community. Always adopt, don't shop!



2022 Chairman Award - Republic Services

Congratulations to Republic Services in recognition for the positive impact your business has had on your industry as well as your dedication and investment in your local community. Mr. James Murphy and Mr. Gene Keenon accepted the award at Saturday's Gala



from Athens Chamber Chairman Johnny Johnson who detailed the devotion and behind the scenes investment Republic Services had made throughout the year and immense support of not only the Chamber but also every other aspect of the community.

2022 Small Business of the Year - Cornerstone Payments

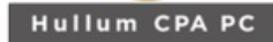
Congratulations to Cornerstone Payments for being named 2022 Small Business of the Year! Owner and operators Rick and Kristen Brown accepted the award at the Chamber Gala in recognition of the positive impact their business has had on industry as well as their dedication to their local community. They support all things local and have helped so many businesses and nonprofits prosper to include the Athens Chamber of Commerce.



2022 Large Business of the Year - First State Bank

Congratulations to First State Bank for being named Large Business of the Year! Vice President - Loan Officer J. Armando Rincon accepted the award in recognition of the positive impact First State Bank has made on industry as well as their dedication to local community. First State Bank is a leader in their industry and continues to think outside the box while holding true to the core values that established them with their customers and community.

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1ST ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S COALITION RESPITE CARE BENEFIT Featuring

JAY ALLEN
FROM THE
VOICE



WESLEY
PRUITT
BAND



SATURDAY | Henderson County
MARCH 04 | Regional Fairpark

GATES OPEN AT 5 PM

AFTER WATCHING HIS MOTHER SUFFER FROM ALZHEIMER'S, JAY ALLEN WROTE THE SONG "BLANK STARES". HE HAS BECOME DEDICATED TO RAISING MONEY FOR ALZHEIMER'S. THE SONG HAS SINCE RAISED OVER \$100 MILLION AND JAY DOESN'T SLOW DOWN IN HIS DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS EFFECTED BY THIS DISEASE.

ALL MONEY RAISED FROM THIS BENEFIT STAYS IN HENDERSON COUNTY BENEFITING THE ALZHEIMERS COALITION OF HENDERSON COUNTY

Alzheimer's Coalition of Henderson County Benefit Concert featuring Jay Allen and The Wesley Pruitt Band

Saturday, March 4th

The 1st Annual Alzheimer's Coalition Respite Care Benefit Concert featuring Jay Allen and The Wesley Pruitt Band is right around the corner! This amazing event will be held at Henderson County Regional Fair Park on Saturday, March 4th beginning at 5 PM. What a wonderful, family friendly concert for everyone to enjoy in our hometown benefiting a good cause. Be sure and come out for local food trucks and the concert everyone will be talking about! The Coalition is a nonprofit organization seeking sponsorship for this fundraiser to achieve their goal and support the families and loved ones suffering from this degenerative disease. All proceeds stay right here in Henderson County. They have reported a steady influx of requests to provide RESPITE care and give families a much-needed break as they care for their loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. According to Alzheimer's Association statistics, over 4.5 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's and that number is

projected to increase. You can find more information and statistics [HERE](#).

So, how can you help? YOU can be part of the team by sponsoring this event at your preferred level.

Sponsorship Levels Found [HERE](#)

You can also get your tickets before they are gone! You can purchase your tickets at both First State Bank locations, Allen Family Dentistry, the Alzheimer's Coalition office by Gibson Pharmacy, Elder Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Athens or through Eventbrite [HERE](#)

To find more information and details please visit www.alzhenersoncotx.org or give them a call at (903) 904-5070. You can also check them out on [Facebook](#).



TBD - Grand Opening for Jud's Texas Market
TBD - Job Fair and Business Expo at TVCC - Tentative April 20th
TBD - Official Ribbon Cutting for Los Arquitos Cocina Mexicana

2.8.23 - *February Chamber Luncheon @ Tilo's Cuisine and Bakery*
12:00 PM

2.9 - 2.11 - Henderson County Performing Arts Center production of Christmas Bells TICKETS @ www.HCPA.org

2.9.23 - Paint & Sip with Daniel Matchael at East Texas Arboretum
6:30 PM

2.10.23 - Ribbon Cutting Celebration for HWY 55 Burgers Shakes & Fries @ 10:45 AM

2.10.23 - Lacavores Food Truck Friday @ TVCC (Held every Friday)

2.11.23 - *ACPA Father/Daughter Dance at El Agave*

2.12.23 - Super Bowl Party at The Texan with Smokey B Barbecue

2.12.23 - Super Bowl Party at Freelancer's Cafe with Taco Perez and the BIG screen

2.13.23 - Cardinal Pride Luncheon

2.14.23 - Valentine Dinner by Smokey B Barbeque, Dancing and Brandon Rhyder concert at The Texan

2.18.23 - *FIRST EVER Official ESPORTS Tournament* at Freelancer's Cafe - \$1700 prize payout!

2.22.23 - Ribbon Cutting at UT Health East Texas Home Health @10AM

2.23.23 - Jewelry Class (Repurpose) @ East Texas Arboretum 6:30 PM

2.25.23 - Ribbon Cutting at The Whistlestop in Trinidad @ 10:45 AM

2.28.21 - Athens Day at the capitol in Austin, TX

3.4.23 - Alzheimer's Coalition of HC Benefit Concert with Jay Allen

3.6.23 - Athens Chamber Ambassadors Meeting @ 12 PM
3.7.23 - Athens Kiwanis Pancake Day
3.8.23 - March Athens Chamber Luncheon (Always held the 2nd Wednesday of every month)
3.15.23 - Henderson County Professional Women's Network Luncheon @ Athens Country Club 12 PM
3.22.23 - HBET Meeting
3.30.23 - Grand Opening of CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Francis ER
3.30.23 - Senior Fest
4.1.23 - ACPA Luau Gala
4.28 - 4.29 - Henderson County First Responders PRCA Rodeo
4.29.23 - Maggie's House 3rd Annual Shoot Out Child Abuse Shotgun Shoot
5.16.23 - Farm & Ranch Tour
5.26.23 - Athens Old Fiddler's Reunion Cornhole Tournament
5.26th-28th - Athens Old Fiddler's Reunion
7.21 -7.22 - Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree
11.16.23 - Ladies Night Out
11.25.23 - Shop Small Saturday
12.1.23- Light Up Athens
12.2.23 - Athens Holiday on the Square Christmas Parade

*Please send your events to the Athens Chamber of Commerce.

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