

Upcoming News and Events

Henderson County Business and Education Taskforce Meeting - Wednesday, March 29th

HCBET

Henderson County Business and Education Taskforce



Groups

- Economic Development Corporations
- Local ISDs and Higher Education
- Local Business and Manufacturing
- Chambers of Commerce

Objective

1. Bring all ISDs, Higher Ed and Business Leaders together.
2. Create an environment of open and direct two way communication between Education and Business.
3. Foster a skilled workforce to meet current and future local workforce requirements.
4. County-wide approach to Workforce development.
5. Additional meetings that include representatives from the Chandler and Cedar Creek Chambers of Commerce.

Tips

Relationships are the key to success and that is what we want to build. Our success will be measured by how many local youth we retain here in Henderson County to live, work, play and to raise their families.

The Henderson County Business & Education Taskforce meeting will be held Wednesday, March 29th at 9:30 AM. The location will be the Henderson County Senior Center at Henderson County Fair Park.

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Athens, TX 75752

All four subcommittees will come back together at this meeting. It's never too late to get involved! If you desire to be part of this county-wide initiative, please reach out by email to athenstxchamber@outlook.com.



CHRISTUS
 TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES
 Health System



CHRISTUS Mother Frances Opening Expanded Clinic, Emergency Care Center

Join us for a ribbon-cutting event and blessings of the new CHRISTUS emergency care center in Athens. This event signifies the completion of the clinic expansion, a new 24-hour emergency center and extended services. At more than 10,000 square feet, the emergency square feet, the emergency center

will house new exam rooms, trauma rooms, a full-service imaging center, a new helipad, and a laboratory for easier access to test results. The clinical staff will include board-certified emergency medicine physicians and registered nurses, as well as radiology and laboratory technicians.

WHEN: Thursday, March 30, 2023
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WHERE: 1509 S. Palestine Street
Athens, TX 75751



Join us for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Jud's Texas Market on **Friday, March 31st at 10:00 AM!** This fantastic new convenience store will be a one stop shop for your needs in the event that you are traveling north on 175 and we are excited to celebrate the grand opening on Friday!

6096 US HWY 175W
Athens, TX 75751

A poster for a ballet performance. On the left, a ballerina in a white shirt and black pants is shown from behind, with her arms raised in a graceful pose. The background is dark with a red floor. Text on the poster includes:

**BALLET
MAGNIFICAT!**

Proceeds will benefit
Abundant Life
Pregnancy Resource Center
www.abundantlifeprc.com

March 31, 2023
7:00PM - 9:00PM
@ Life Fellowship
8881 CR 3918 Athens, TX

Event sponsored by:

Get your tickets for [HERE!](#)

Don't miss the opportunity to see Ballet Magnificat!, Prodigals Journey. You won't want to miss this opportunity to attend a world renowned, professional

ballet right here in Athens! Ticket sales and additional donations given at checkout will benefit Abundant Life Pregnancy Resource Center in Athens.

Athens Christian Preparatory Academy Presents

ALOHA!

Athens

April 1, 2023

6:00-10:00pm | The Nightingale

Come for Dinner, Polynesian Dancers, Fire Performers,
Steel Drummers, Live & Silent Auction, & much much more!

For Tickets and Sponsorship Visit Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alo-ha-athens-tickets-551751161577>

For More Information:
903.224.5088



Athens Christian Prep is bringing Hawaii to Athens on April 1 & they want YOU to be a part of it with a SPECIAL CHAMBER discount. More information can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/551751161577> or contact Jennifer Browning at 903-224-5088 or acpafundraisingevents@gmail.com.
****Enter CHAMBER in the discount code**

for \$20 off and contact Jennifer for special Chamber Sponsor level discounts.**

ACPA is raising money for a new campus to house their growing student body. As a nonprofit private school all funds will support this initiative and support the students to have a safe and suitable learning environment.



Celebrate all things fishing at Fishing Fools Day on April 1st from 10 am to 2pm at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center! Whether it's your first time and you want to learn the basics, you're a long-time fisherman but want to try something new like fly fishing or bow fishing, or maybe you'd like to practice/show off your skills in the casting obstacle course. Learn more about Inland Fisheries techniques such as electrofishing and the fish we're hoping to catch. Tacos Perez and Tom's Coffee will be selling food and coffee for visitors. Kick off the event with our family fun run on a special route up the hatchery ponds and down our wetland land trail!

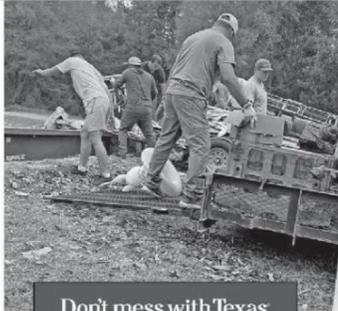
There is still time to register for the Fun Run. Click here to register:
<https://raceroster.com/.../fishing-fools-day-family-fun-run>

Keep Athens Beautiful

Spring Cleanup



April 1, 2023



Don't mess with Texas
TRASH-OFF
April 1, 2023

Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup kicked off on March 1 and runs through May 1. What does that mean? Spring Cleaning! To Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and volunteers, spring cleaning means it's time to spruce up the entire country. The Keep Athens Beautiful Spring Cleanup and the statewide "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-OFF" will take place Saturday, April 1, 2023.

How can you be a part of this community spring cleanup? By forming a Clean Team and spending 1-2 hours Saturday morning, April 1st, collecting unsightly litter. We at Keep Athens Beautiful are asking you to do this to help clean up our community.

Keep Athens Beautiful President Peggy Rhodes is heading a search committee for new board members. Members will need to have an interest in upkeep and beautification of Athens, will serve on committees, and help in development and operations of special events.



Keep Texas Beautiful
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
K A B . O R G



For more information on the Spring Cleanup or Keep Athens Beautiful, please call Carol Morlan at 908-675-7961

Head to the East Texas Arboretum for the Spring Plant Sale on Saturday!

Spring PLANT SALE



APRIL 1
SATURDAY
8-3

GREAT VARIETY OF PLANTS
CASH/CHECK/CREDIT
CARD ACCEPTED



Call for Nonprofits to participate in Henderson County Nonprofit Alliance

As requested, the Athens Chamber has been brainstorming ideas to offer a networking platform specifically for nonprofit agencies in Henderson County. Much like the HCBET, this group will be organic in nature, and is not intended to have a chair or head of the group. The objective is to provide platform for information, leadership and resources available in our community. In order for nonprofits to participate they must be in good standing with the IRS and serve Henderson County. The Athens Chamber of Commerce will exhibit those nonprofits who desire in the April Chamber Luncheon setting on **Wednesday, April 12th at The Texan Landmark Venue**. As an added bonus, Smokey B Barbecue will cater the luncheon for all to enjoy at the \$17/person luncheon rate. Attendees can RSVP via the Eventbrite link [HERE](#).

Agencies are asked to please complete the Google Doc located at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBLogIAMOPTctjka4H4TUPwK38FCRUfUlkhfaH79KjzXNrw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please feel free to share this link with all nonprofits serving Henderson County!

Job Fair at TVCC sponsored by AEDC - 4.19.23

The date is set for the 2023 Henderson County Job Fair and Business Expo at TVCC sponsored by the AEDC. This opportunity is FREE to businesses and a great way to engage students right on campus. This year has added features to include training sessions on resume writing, interview skills and other related topics as well as opening the job fair to the entire community! The 10 AM to 12 PM time frame will be reserved for college level students, whereas 12 PM to 2 PM will be for everyone in the entire community. How do you get your business registered? Just complete the information via the link below and reserve your space today!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7eiyxdnSgzThVqlpTHLbbT2BGDyb9DQaUjiH1obm4htzOKw/viewform?usp=sf_link



TBD - Official Ribbon Cutting for Los Arquitos Cocina Mexicana
TBD – Ribbon Cutting for Elio’s Mexican Restaurant in Malakoff
TBD - Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for Sports Clips
TBD – Ribbon Cutting and Official Grand Opening for Reigning
Jewels Fine Jewelry new storefront

3.29.23 - HBET Meeting at Henderson County Senior Center 9:30 AM

3.30.23 - Grand Opening of CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Francis ER @ 9 AM

3.31.23 - Ribbon Cutting for Jud's Texas Market @ 10 AM

3.31.23 - Ballet Magnificent benefitting Abundant Life Pregnancy Resource Center @ 7 PM

4.1.23- Fools Fishing Day at Texas Freshwater Fisheries

4.1.23 – KAB Spring Clean Up

4.1.23 - ACPA Luau Gala

4.4.23 - East Texas Crisis Center "Clothesline Project" on the square

4.8.23 - Athens Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt at Kiwanis Park 9 AM
SHARP

4.12.23- April Chamber Luncheon @ Texan Landmark Venue 12 PM
(Always held the 2nd Wednesday of each month)

4.13.23 - "Guys and Dolls" performances begin at the Henderson County Performing Arts Center (Shows April 13,14,15, 16, 20,21, and 22.)

4.14.23 - Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Biomerics

4.15.23 - East Texas Arboretum Spring Style Show Brunch

4.15.23 – Deaf Day @ Texas Freshwater Fisheries

4.17.23 – GolfWell Golf Tournament Benefitting Hope Springs Water

4.19.23 - Job Fair & Business Expo at TVCC

4.22.23 - DEA National Prescription Take Back Drug Day

4.25.23 - Open House & Ribbon Cutting for Reigning Jewels Fine Jewelry and Karaboo's Bakery
4.26.23 - East Texas Senior Expo
4.28.23 - Books in Bloom
4.28.23 - Authentic Jewels Trunk Show at Reigning Jewels Fine Jewelry
4.28 - 4.29 - Henderson County First Responders PRCA Rodeo
4.29.23 - Building Athens Together Membership Drive & Fish Fry
4.29.23 - Maggie's House 3rd Annual Shoot Out Child Abuse Shotgun Shoot
4.29.23 - Athens Farmer's Market @ TVCC
5.2.23 - E for All sponsored by Woodforest National Bank
5.5.23 - Ribbon Cutting for Cinco De Mayo Restaurant @ 9:30 AM
5.5.23 - Fat Friday at the East Texas Arboretum
5.6.23 - Bass & Badges @ Texas Freshwater Fisheries
5.6.23 - Opening Day of Athens Farmer's Market Season @ TVCC every Saturday to follow through October 23
5.13.23 - C.A.S.T. For Kids @ Texas Freshwater Fisheries
5.16.23 - Farm & Ranch Tour @ First United Methodist Church
5.22.23 - TVCC Foundation Golf Tournament
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
10.7.23 - Dinner in the Dark Sponsored by Athens Lions Club
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 at athenstxchamber@outlook.com.

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