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Athens, Tennessee

CASA Corridor of East Tennessee Announces Date of 2025 Red Shoe Gala



Save the date of Friday, December 5th for the 13th annual Red Shoe Gala to support the mission of CASA.

This formal affair will be held at The Barn at Faith Farms in Athens, Tennessee and will feature hors d'oeuvres, the best red shoes contest and a silent auction with decorated trees for the season. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to the sounds of live music by Kinslee Melhorn.

Guest speakers for the evening will be Judge Jace Cochran from Rhea County, Tennessee. Judge Cochran is a long time supporter of CASA and sees the services CASA provides to children in our community

each week in his court.

Tasteful Gatherings will provide catering for the evening and tickets are \$100.00 per person.

CASA Corridor of East Tennessee is a non-profit organization which began advocating for abused and/or neglected children in 2007. The mission of CASA is to recruit, train and supervise citizen volunteers to speak out for the best interest of children who are involved with juvenile courts in McMinn, Meigs and Rhea Counties. The agency works to preserve the rights of each child, to a safe and permanent home.

CASA recruits and trains diverse volunteers to act as advocates for the best interest of children involved in court proceedings primarily as the result of child abuse.

CASA has served approximately 6,000 children in this area since its inception and has made a difference in so many young people's lives thanks to countless hours of court appearances by advocates and through donations by grants and private funds.

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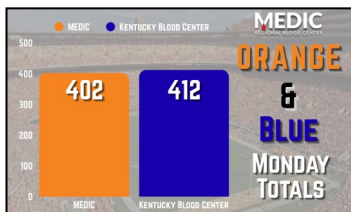
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Blood Donation Rivalry Begins with Close First-Day Results



Day one of the annual blood donation challenge between the Medic Regional Blood Center and the Kentucky Blood Center has come to a close, with the competition already proving tight. After the first day of collections, Kentucky holds a narrow lead with 412 donations, while Medic follows closely with 402.

Organizers say community support is crucial as the weeklong drive continues, and they encourage donors across the region to help boost Medic's numbers as the friendly rivalry moves forward.

"It was a great first day," said Kristy Altman, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations for Medic Regional Blood Center.

The competition continues throughout the week as both centers work to increase blood supplies while fueling the Tennessee-Kentucky matchup spirit. Go Vols!

CITY OF ATHENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPT: The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following traffic notice: The area affected is ELIZABETH STREET from Highway 30/White Street to Charlotte Street. There will be intermittent closures of both lanes of traffic on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Additionally, the contractors for the McMinn County Health Department building project will be doing low charge blasting due to rock in the project site. Residents are advised there may be audible bursts throughout the day. The purpose of this notice is for McMinn County Health Department building project.

Gas Prices Steady Nationally; McMinn County Among Lowest

The national average for regular gasoline stayed flat this week at \$3.08, exactly the same as this time last year. Thanks to abundant crude oil supplies, prices have remained quiet throughout November, and analysts expect costs at the pump to stay steady—or even dip slightly—as Thanksgiving travel ramps up.

Gasoline demand saw a small increase from 8.87 million to 9.02 million barrels per day, while total domestic supply decreased to 205.1 million barrels. Production rose to 9.9 million barrels per day, according to new Energy Information Administration data. Crude oil prices also slipped, with WTI closing at \$58.49 a barrel. U.S. crude inventories climbed by 6.4 million barrels, though they remain about 4% below the five-year seasonal average.

Electric vehicle drivers saw a slight bump, too, with the national average for public charging nudging up one cent to 38 cents per kWh. Tennessee continues to be one of the least expensive states for gasoline at \$2.68, and McMinn County sits even lower at \$2.59, placing local prices among the most affordable in the nation. *Source: [AAA Fuel Prices](#)*



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Englewood Rural FD Teaches Fire Safety to Englewood Elementary Students



The Englewood Rural Fire Department recently visited Englewood Elementary School to provide hands-on fire prevention education to students, offering demonstrations and safety lessons aimed at preparing children for real-life emergencies.

Capt. Josh Roach led the first portion of the program, teaching students the fundamentals of fire safety and explaining how to stay safe during an emergency. Firefighter Gavin Garringer followed by showing students a full set of turnout gear, helping them understand what firefighters look like and wear when responding to a fire.

In another session, Firefighters Zack Morrow, Angel Jimenez and Shawn Ocombe instructed students on how to safely escape a burning building. Their lesson focused on life-saving techniques that students can use to protect themselves in the event of a fire.

Rounding out the program, Firefighter Devin Jenkins guided students through the equipment carried on a fire truck, explaining how each tool is used during fire suppression efforts.

The Englewood Rural Fire Department expressed its appreciation to Englewood Elementary for the opportunity to teach fire safety. *Photos provided by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD*

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

11-17-25

Pamela Liner, 33 of Athens, charged with simple possession, casual exchange of fentanyl, Bond \$6,000.

Lisa Allen, 47 of Athens, charged with aggravated criminal trespassing, vandalism, disorderly conduct, drug paraphernalia, simple possession-casual exchange, and public intoxication.

Angela Moore, 48 of Decatur, charged with state violation of probation.

Roberto Garcia, 58 of Athens, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000.

John Davis, 26 of Knoxville, charged with DUI and implied consent laws, Bond \$2,000.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information gathered using Public Sources.

Obituaries

Glenda Jo Starr Hall, 89 of Brooksville FL, passed away on Thursday, November 13 at her daughter's home. Glenda loved God, her family and all children. She spent most of her life taking care of her family and working with kindergarten children in Sweetwater and Athens. She also taught a 2nd grade Sunday School class at First Baptist Church of Athens. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM Thursday, November 20 at Sweetwater Memorial Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

Doyle D. Barnett, 89, a lifelong resident of Englewood, went to be with his Lord on Monday, November 17, 2025. He served four years in the Air Force; he was employed at Bowater Paper Mill, and retired after 44 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Englewood and was an avid fisherman. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2025 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home with Pastor Russ Maples officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble, Thursday, November 20th at McMinn Memory Gardens for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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