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Athens, Tennessee

Save the Date: Red Shoe Gala - December 6th



Save the date of Friday, December 6th for the 12th annual Red Shoe Gala to support the mission of CASA. This dressy casual affair will be held at The Barn at Faith Farms in Athens, Tennessee and will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, refreshments, 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 big band Christmas music by Sweet Georgia Sound. Guest speakers for the evening will be former CASA clients Annemarie Rainwater and Kaliyah Williams. Rainwater was a CASA client until she was adopted by her forever family at age 17 and is a graduate of MTSU with a degree in social work. She has been with DCS for two years and currently serves as a CASA board member. Kaliyah went into the McMinn County foster care system as a toddler and was adopted by CASA advocates Judith Williams and Marshal Arnwine along with her sister Jaya. She began volunteering for CASA at the age of six for the annual CASA Awareness Walk/5k.

Tasteful Gatherings will provide catering for the evening and tickets are \$100.00 apiece. 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 before juvenile courts of 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 5,300 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. To purchase tickets to the 2024 Red Shoe Gala and for more information, go to www.casacorridor.org or contact (423) 746-9037.

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Obituaries

Gilbert Glenn Hayes, 89 of Englewood, and formerly of Saline, MI passed away peacefully on November 6, 2024 at his home in the care of Hearth Hospice and surrounded by loving family and his dog Winston, after his battle with cancer. He served his country in the U.S. Army, based out of Ford Hood, TX and Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, CO. Following his service, he worked in Saline, MI where he fine-tuned his mastery carpentry skills. In his later years, his woodworking skills became a labor of love. Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with this announcement and arrangements.

Daniel Chesanow, 86 of Athens, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and pets on Thursday, November 14, 2024. He graduated from the inaugural class of the master's degree program in hospital administration at Ohio State University. Service to others was a cornerstone of Dan's life. As a member of the Lions Club, Dan restarted the KidSight Outreach program in Athens. He was also a Claxton Community Volunteer Emergency Services member. Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with this announcement and arrangements.

Tammie Lynette Simpson, 64 of Englewood, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at her home. She dedicated over 20 years of her career to Crescent Hosiery Mills. Tammy was a devoted member of Light of Life Faith Ministries International. She had a passion for cooking and also loved football, especially cheering for the Dallas Cowboys, and enjoyed playing softball. Homegoing Services will be held Sunday, November 24 at Light of Life Ministries in Athens, Tenn. at 2:30 p.m. Family will receive friends 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Moore Cemetery in Niota. Services of loving memory entrusted to M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Cleveland, TN.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, email it to:
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Athens Has New Mayor & Vice Mayor

The Athens City Council met in regular session last night and held a swearing-in ceremony for new council member John Duggan and re-elected member Jordan Curtis. After the swearing-in ceremony, the council voted Larry Eaton to be the new Mayor and Jordan Curtis as Vice Mayor. Former council member Frances Witt-McMahan was recognized for her service on the city for the past four years. The oaths of office were given by Athens Municipal Judge Derek Green. (COA images and Facebook Photo follow)



Top Left: Jordan Curtis sworn-in for a second term. Top Right: New member John Duggan sworn-in with wife Brittany and his mother Wilma and four daughters in the background. Bottom: Frances Witt-McMahan with former Mayor Steven Sherlin presenting her with an appreciate of service plaque.

Former TWRA Officer Pleads Guilty to Misusing State Funds



A former Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) officer, Travis Buchanan, pleaded guilty on Friday to theft after misusing state funds for personal gain over several years.

The investigation began in February 2023 when TWRA officials detected discrepancies in gasoline purchases for Buchanan's state-issued truck. An audit revealed that his fuel expenses exceeded what was needed based on the vehicle's mileage and fuel efficiency. Surveillance footage later showed Buchanan using a state credit card to buy excess fuel, which he stored in gas containers in his truck.

Buchanan, who served with TWRA for 19 years, was indicted in September 2023. He was sentenced to six years of probation and ordered to pay \$46,000 in restitution. Buchanan also forfeited his state pension and is permanently barred from working for the State of Tennessee. *Source: WVLT*

RED SHOE GALA

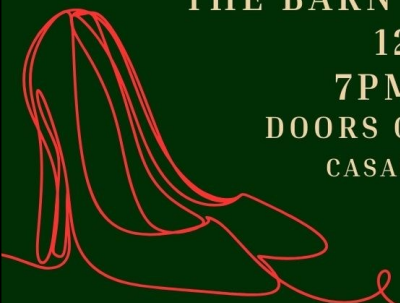
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Athens Ribbon Cutting



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member Re/Max Freedom, located at 911 Congress Pkwy N, Athens. Shown here are Chamber and business representatives, the staff of Re/Max Freedom, and the owner/Broker/Realtor of Re/Max Freedom, Tina Mathis. *Photo Courtesy of Julie Simbeck with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.*

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Utilities Board Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the AUB headquarters on the New Englewood Road.
- There will be a meeting of the McMinn County Properties Committee on November 21 at noon in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Court-house. The purpose of the meeting is to review the new Health Department plans.
- The Etowah Carnegie Library will continue to be closed on Wednesday, November 20th for a scheduled software update. Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, November 21st.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Thomas Holland, 59 of Etowah, was arrested by the THP for False Reports. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Roy Henry Luke, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Theft of Property. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Michael Shock, 61 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of a Schedule VI substance and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Sidhartha Reddy, 35 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for Vandalism over \$1,000. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Margaret Helms, 36 of Lenoir City, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$3,200.

Justin Lauback, 36 of Niota, was arrested by the Calhoun PD for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$6,000.

Andrew Jackson, 29 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Tamara Jackson, 36 of Athens., was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Clara Gorman, 48 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for DUI. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Debbie Dillion, 47 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Theft of Property. Total Bond: \$1,000.

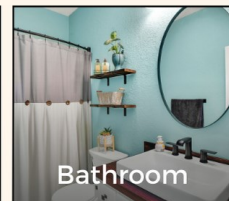
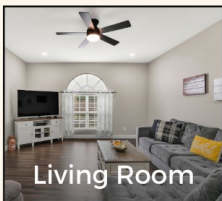
Ezekiel Jones, 22 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Samantha Boyd, 22 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$3,000.

Ashley Gammy, 32 of Englewood, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$1,500.

Kali Lawrence, 33 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

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