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## AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

Friday, June 13  
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### Studio Blaine Marketing & Media joins Athens Chamber!

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, [Studio Blaine Marketing & Media](#), located in Athens. Blaine Studio spans across graphic design, web design, and social media marketing, ensuring that brands not only look great but also perform effectively in the digital world.



Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Paul Semenoff & Hugh Willson (Chamber Diplomats), Matthew Aird, Maggie Aird (Owner, Studio Blaine Marketing & Media), Misty & Gracie Aird, Rhonda Wilson, Julie Cardin (Chamber Board). Back: Stephanie Devine, Doug Bailey (Chamber Diplomat), Sabastian Mayfield, Garret Frye (Fleischmann Field Rep.), Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Mike Stevenson, Sandra Kinney (Athens Main Street).

### Community News You Can Use

- Isaiah 117 House of Monroe-McMinn County is [requesting assistance](#) from local concrete professionals to assess and provide quotes for repairing damaged sidewalks and driveway areas. Those able to help are encouraged to reach out via email or direct message. Community support is appreciated!

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- McMinn County Schools [recently announced](#) that on Thursday, June 12, they will be celebrating the career of Mr. Lee Parkison, Director of McMinn County Schools, as he prepares for retirement. They ask that you join them for a drop-in reception in honor of his service and leadership in Education. The reception will take place between 4:00pm—5:30pm at the McMinn County Schools Central Office at 3 S. Hill Street in Athens. **Please RSVP to the MCS Personnel Dept. at (423) 745-1612 ext. 1324**

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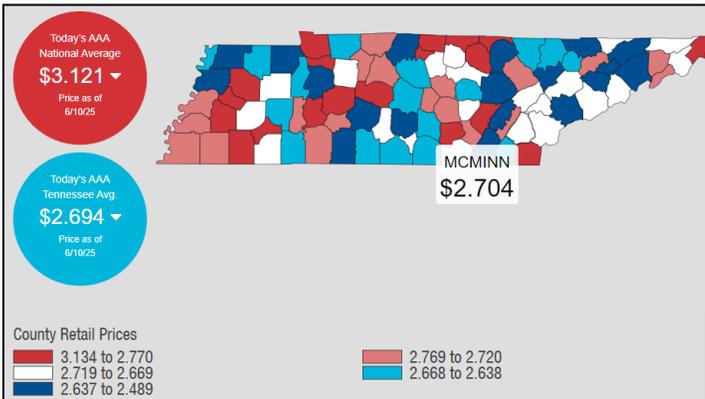
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Athens, Tennessee

## Tennessee Gas Prices Among Lowest in the Nation



Tennessee now ranks third in the nation for the lowest average gas prices, according to AAA. The current statewide average is \$2.70 per gallon—four cents lower than a month ago and 33 cents below the average at this time last year.

Only Oklahoma (\$2.69) and Mississippi (\$2.63) have cheaper averages.

“Tennessee’s average gas price is holding steady again this week with unseasonably low gas prices,” said Stephanie Milani, public affairs director for AAA – The Auto Club Group. “Demand for gasoline is helping to keep gas prices

low to begin the summer driving season. It’s giving those who are traveling a nice savings in their road trip budget.”

AAA reports that Knoxville drivers are paying around \$2.66 per gallon, which is slightly cheaper than Nashville (\$2.74) and Memphis (\$2.72), but a bit higher than Chattanooga’s \$2.62 average.

Among East Tennessee counties, Rhea County currently has the lowest average at \$2.56 per gallon, while McMinn County matches the state average at \$2.70.

Gas prices can be tracked and compared at AAA’s [website](#).

Source: [AAA Fuel Prices](#)

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Athens, Tennessee

## Athens Co-ed Softball Registration Open



The City of Athens Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the 2025 Co-Ed Adult Softball League, which kicks off June 24 at Athens Regional Park. Teams and individuals ages 16 and up are welcome to participate.

The cost is \$400 per team or \$30 for individual free agents. Free agents will be assigned to teams after the registration period closes. Games will be held every **Tuesday night from June 24 through August 19** at **Athens Regional Park**. Registration opened May 23. For more details or to register, visit [athenstn.gov/parks](http://athenstn.gov/parks) or call (423) 744-2704. See more info on the City of Athens Facebook Page [HERE](#).

## Athens Hosts Successful Senior Softball Classic



The City of Athens and its Parks and Recreation Department recently welcomed 47 teams from 17 states and Ontario for the ISSA Great Smokey Mountain Senior Classic at Athens Regional Park. Over seven days, athletes competed in more than

130 softball games across all five fields at the park.

The event, held from May 30 to June 5, brought hundreds of visitors to the area, offering a boost to local tourism and community engagement. Thanks to ideal weather and strong organization, the week was a success for both players and spectators.

City officials extended their appreciation to the visiting teams and praised parks staff for their hard work in making the tournament a memorable experience in the "Friendly City." *Source: [City of Athens Facebook](#)*

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**James Evans**, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for DUI (3rd offense) , Driving on Revoked License (2nd Of-fense), Violation of Probation, State Violation of Probation, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Total Bond: \$17,086.80

**Jessica Croft**, 34 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$500.

**Hector Vidal**, 54 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespassing. Total Bond: \$1,500.

**Damien King**, 18 of Englewood, was arrested by the MCSO for underage consumption, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and evading arrest. Total Bond: \$3,000

**Kay Bridge**, 73 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for DUI. Total Bond: \$1,000.

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

**All information gathered from public sources.**

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## Obituaries

**Daniel Glen Cagle**, 64, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2024. He was a native of Highland, California, and moved to Tennessee in 1978. Daniel was formerly employed with Tennessee Packaging as a truck driver. His hobbies included restoring antique cars, fishing, attending grandson's ball games, and enjoying time with his dogs. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 14, from 4:00-7:00 PM at 772 County Road 319, Niota. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Daniel Glen Cagle.

**Charles Daniel Williams**, age 56, of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing, and being on the water, hiking with his four-legged best friend, Grizz. He was a loyal friend and would give the shirt off his back to help anyone in need. A Celebration of Life will be held in Ringgold, GA on Saturday, June 21, 2025. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Williams Family.

**Don Melton**, 82, of Etowah, passed away Monday, June 9, 2025. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Etowah. He was a hard worker and enjoyed working in his yard. He was a loving husband and father and dearly loved his grandchildren. The family has requested that private services be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements

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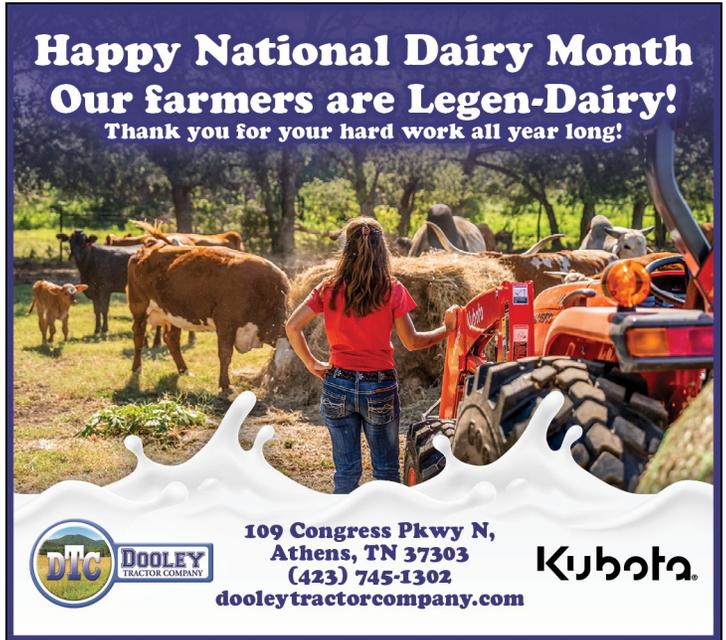
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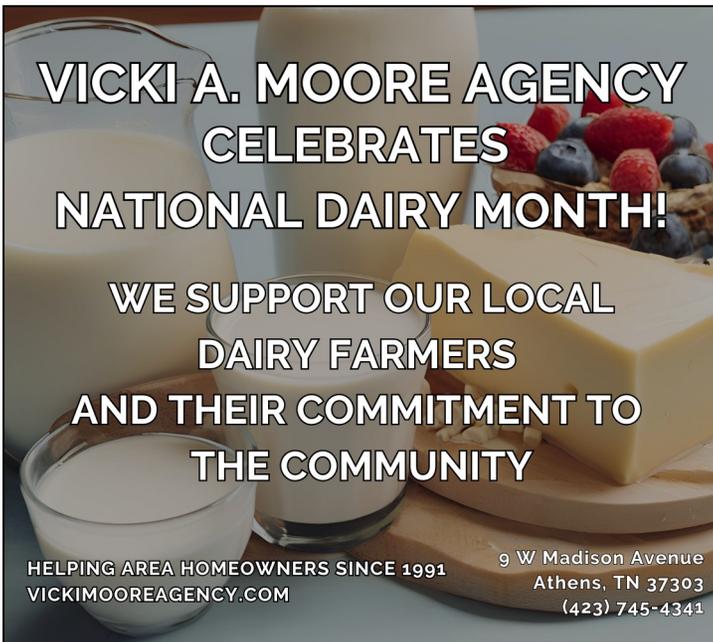
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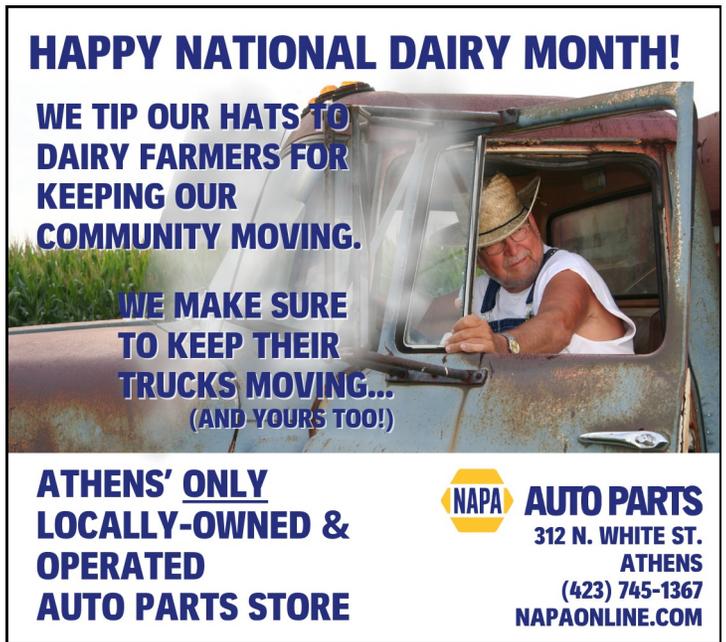


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