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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Arrested for DUI After Early Morning Crash on I-75

A 21-year-old male was arrested for DUI and other charges early Thursday morning following a crash on Interstate 75 southbound at the 58-mile marker.

The incident occurred just after midnight when a late-model Honda Civic left the roadway and struck a tree in the median. The driver, found to be intoxicated, was evaluated by AMR before being transported to the McMinn County Justice Center.

Responding agencies included the Tennessee Highway Patrol, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, Niota Rural Fire Department, and AMR. Chad Gates was in command at the scene, and THP Trooper Freeman is leading the investigation.



Photo credit: David Prater, Niota Rural Fire Dept.

◆ Tomorrow on *Hope From the Well*, host **Julie Tillis** invites Robin Nation to the program to discuss "the Armor of God." *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

The Athens City Schools Board of Education will hold their July Work Session TODAY, July 23, at the ACS Administration Building beginning at noon.

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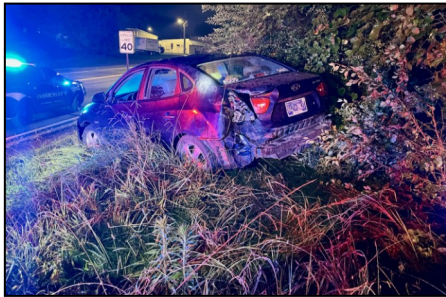
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Driver Crashes into Mobile Home, Then Wrecks Again in Englewood



Around 9 p.m. Monday, the driver of a 2007 Hyundai GST crashed into a mobile home in Madisonville before continuing into Englewood and

wrecking again at the intersection of North Amhurst Place and Tellico Street.

The driver was treated at the scene and transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens.

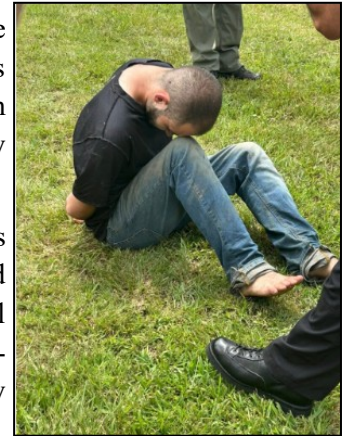
Responding agencies included Englewood Police, Madisonville Police, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Englewood Rural Fire Department. The accident is under investigation by THP Trooper Scott Freeman.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

Suspect Arrested After Multi-County Theft Spree

A man accused of multiple vehicle and property thefts across Meigs and McMinn counties was arrested Monday afternoon, July 21.

Dustin Cody Miller was taken into custody around 3:00 p.m. following several back-and-forth pursuits, according to McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy.



Earlier in the day, the Meigs County Sheriff's Office had asked for the public's help locating Miller, who was last seen near the Decatur/McMinn County line. Authorities say the stolen vehicles were left unsecured with keys inside. Miller faces multiple charges related to theft in several East Tennessee counties.

Source: Sheriff Joe Guy - Facebook

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AACA Opens Registration for Fall Art Classes



The Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is now accepting registrations for a variety of hands-on art classes for all ages and experience levels. From ceramics to painting, the fall lineup includes both one-day workshops and multi-week courses, all held at The Arts Center in downtown Athens.

Ceramics Offerings

Kids ages 9–13 can join *Kids Ceramics with Patricia Shook* on Saturday, August 2 to craft a textured clay mug (\$35, includes materials). For adults, Shook will lead several beginner-friendly pottery classes including *Date Night Pottery*, *Get Your Hands Dirty: Pottery Wheel*, and *Build a Mug*, with sessions scheduled throughout August and September (\$75–\$85 per class).

Those seeking more in-depth instruction can register for Shook's *Handbuilding Pottery* (Tuesdays, Sept. 16–Oct. 28) or *Pottery Wheel* (Thursdays, Sept. 18–Oct. 30). These seven-week classes cost \$175–\$200 and include all materials.

Painting Class

For aspiring painters, *Beginning Acrylic Painting with Chris Ingram* runs Thursdays, August 7–September 11, for ages 16 and up. Students will learn core techniques while creating their own acrylic artwork. The six-week course is \$200, all supplies provided.

Participants must register at least three days prior to class start dates. Online registration is available at:

athensartscouncil.org/classes, though in-person and phone registration is also accepted without fees. For more information, call 423-745-8781 or visit The Arts Center at 320 N. White Street.

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New 4-way stop coming to intersection of Miami and Matlock



The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced a traffic change at the intersection of Matlock Avenue and Miami Street.

Beginning the morning of Wednesday, July 23, stop signs will be installed on Matlock Avenue, converting the intersection into a 4-way stop.

Previously, only Miami Street had stop signs. Motorists are urged to be alert for the new signage and use caution when approaching the area.

For questions, contact Athens Public Works at 423-744-2745.

Foundation House Ministries Celebrates Ribbon Cutting in Downtown Athens

A ribbon cutting ceremony was recently held to welcome Foundation House Ministries and its Good Foundations Thrift Store as a new



member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. Located at 225 SE Washington Avenue in downtown Athens, the nonprofit organization provides mentorship and support for expectant mothers facing crisis pregnancies and beyond.

Chamber members, community leaders, and supporters gathered for the celebration, including representatives from local businesses, government, and civic organizations. The event marked the official opening of the thrift store, which helps fund the organization's outreach efforts.

Foundation House Ministries aims to empower women through practical support and mentoring, helping them build stable and healthy lives for themselves and their children.

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