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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Uninjured After Deer Collision in Englewood



The driver of a 2009 Hyundai Accent was not injured Wednesday evening after a deer ran into the vehicle at the intersection of County Roads 550 and 545 in Englewood.

Responding to the scene were the Englewood Rural Fire Department and the Etowah Rural Fire Department. The crash was investigated by Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Dean Conk.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

March Events Set at Living Heritage Museum

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum has announced its lineup of events for March at its location, 522 W. Madison Ave., in Athens.

On **March 14**, the museum will host a Heritage School Rustic Style Flag Painting Class led by Program and Events Coordinator Charlene Such.

A Heritage School program titled “Learn All About Mushrooms” will be held **March 21**, featuring Amber Passamonte of Rivers Ridge Farms.

On **March 26 at noon**, the museum will present “History for Lunch: Part 2 — Bill of Rights and Selected Amendments,” led by Brett King.

The month will conclude **March 28** with a Heritage School session on Folk Medicine, presented by Shelley Morgan of Mt. Medicine Farm.

For more information about these programs, call the museum at 423-745-0329.

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Athens Community Theater present *Proof* at The Arts Center



Athens Community Theatre (ACT) is pleased to present the Tony Award-winning play by David Auburn, *Proof*, directed by Autumn N. Lowry, March 26 - 29, 2026.

The cast stars ACT alums Alexandra Lauterbach as Catherine, Michael Webb as Hal, and Dave Siklosi as Robert. We're pleased to welcome Nora McNabb, making her ACT debut, as Claire.

Proof is directed by Autumn N. Lowry, who adapted (along with writing partner J. Brad McKenzie) and directed *A Christmas Carol*. Lowry is a longtime ACT performer.

In *Proof*, we meet Catherine, a troubled young woman on the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, who has spent years caring for her brilliant and famous but unstable father. Over the long weekend that follows his death, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness—or genius—will she inherit?

Proof closes the Athens Community Theatre 2025 - 26 Dessert Series. Show dates and times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 26 - 28, at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 PM.

Tickets go on sale Friday, February 13, and patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as ACT events tend to sell out on, or before, the performance date.

Athens Community Theatre Dessert Series presents patrons with experimental, thought-provoking, and sometimes decadent theatre that is definitely better after dinner. Unless otherwise noted, all ACT Dessert Series Productions take place in the Willson Family Theater in the Peggy Dow Performance Center at The Arts Center.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Ashley Gammy, 33, of Englewood, charged with assault against a first responder, theft of property, public intoxication, public indecency, Bond \$34,500.

Brady Glandon, 50 of Sweetwater, charged with failure to appear for driving on a suspended license, Bond \$4,000.

Kimberly Wilson, 29 of Athens, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000.

Demetrius Fischer, 52 of Philadelphia, charged with violation of probation for possession of paraphernalia, and driving on a suspended license, Bond \$209.

Derek Benoit, 50 of Etowah, charged with domestic assault, and resisting stop. Bond \$50,000.

Michael McClure, 49 of Athens, charged with driving on a revoked license, Bond \$3,000.

Elizabeth Marsh, 49 of Athens, charged with shoplifting, theft of property, failure to appear for simple possession of fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$1,000.

Soledad Alaska, 41 of Dayton, charged with assault, Bond \$2,000.

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

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Inmates Earn Culinary Certification in Cleveland



Pictured front row left to right: **Chelse Falana**, CSCC Workforce Development Coordinator; **Seth Rakestraw**, **Robert Barber**, **Cody Appling**, **Tray Powell**, **Joshua Saffles**, **William Sullivan**. Middle row left to right: **Alicia Zuidema**, Southeast TN Development District, **Brandon Loach**, **Sean Schafer**, **Demetrius Osborne**, **Geoffrey Treece**, **Jeffrey Grady**, **Tami Durrigan**, CSCC Adult Education Lead Instructor. Back row left to right: BCSO Chief Deputy **John Stone**; **Brandon Gaines**, City Fields Workforce Development Director; **Kezmond Pugh**, Culinary Instructor, BCSO Officer **Nathan Ledford**; **Kailee Parris**, City Fields Workforce Development Coordinator; **Officer Jean Casseus**, BCSO Adult Education Administrator; **Dr. John Squires**, CSCC Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Inmates at the Bradley County Justice Center completed a Culinary Bootcamp through Cleveland State Community College, earning ServSafe Food Handler certification. The program, supported by the Sheriff's Office, Adult Education, City Fields, and funded by the Southeast Tennessee Development District, aims to provide job skills for future employment. *Source: Andrea Byerly, CSCC*

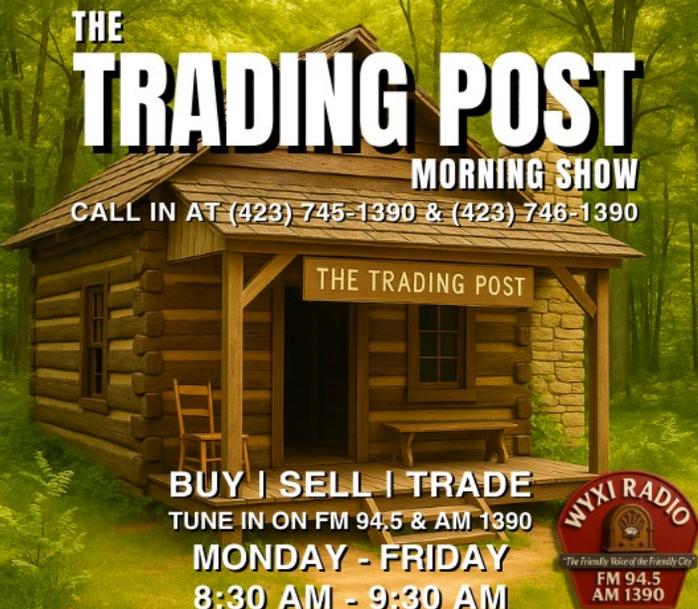
Obituaries

Paulette Lewis, 79 of Chattanooga, passed away on Saturday, February 28, in a Marietta, GA hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements to be announced. Arrangements entrusted to M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Booker Woods, 87 of Georgetown, TN, passed away Sunday morning at his home surrounded by his family. Survivors and funeral arrangements to be announced. Arrangements entrusted to M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home- Cleveland, TN.

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