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Athens Announces Traffic Changes for Signal Installation, New All-Way Stop

The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced two upcoming traffic changes that will affect motorists in the city.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Nov. 10 and continuing through 5 p.m. on Nov. 13, contractor crews will be installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Old Riceville Road and West Madison Avenue. The project area includes the intersections of Old Riceville Road with West Madison Avenue and Rocky Mount Road. Drivers should expect intermittent lane closures with traffic reduced to one lane, as well as temporary full closures. No lane closures will occur during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes, including the Dennis Street overpass, and should allow extra travel time due to potential delays.

In a separate traffic notice, Public Works announced that the intersection of Shoemaker Street and Thompson Street will become an all-way stop effective the morning of Nov. 18. Stop signs currently located on Shoemaker Street will be supplemented with new stop signs on Thompson Street.

Drivers are urged to watch for the new traffic control devices and use caution in both areas. For more information, contact the Athens Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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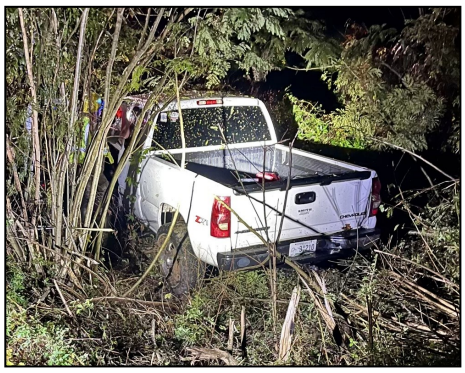
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Driver Uninjured After Truck Leaves Roadway in Englewood



A driver escaped injury Sunday night after a 2001 Chevy Silverado left the roadway and traveled down a steep embankment on Highway 39 East at County Road 446 in Englewood. The crash occurred around 9:30 p.m.

Englewood Rural Fire Department, Englewood Police Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Jaylon Skipper responded to the scene and investigated the incident.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

Community News You Can Use

- Registration is now open for the City of Athens Youth Basketball League for Pre-K through 6th grade. Games will begin in January and be played on Saturday mornings at Athens City Primary and Intermediate School gyms. The cost is $80 per player. Registration is available online at **secure.rec1.com/TN/athens-tn/catalog**, by phone at 423-744-2704, or in person at the new Athens Parks and Recreation office located at 122 Regional Park Drive. For more information, call 423-744-2704.
- Tennessee Wesleyan University has received a $190,000 FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant to fund campus safety upgrades, including enhanced ID card access systems for residence halls and academic buildings. The project will also add remote lockdown capabilities for emergencies, with improvements expected to be completed by spring 2028.
- The Alexander Keith Chapter, NSDAR, will host an America 250 Semiquincentennial grave marking ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Rev. Jesse Dodson and his wife, Ruth Dodson, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at Eastanallee Baptist Church, 482 County Road 725, Riceville. The event will be held rain or shine, and attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

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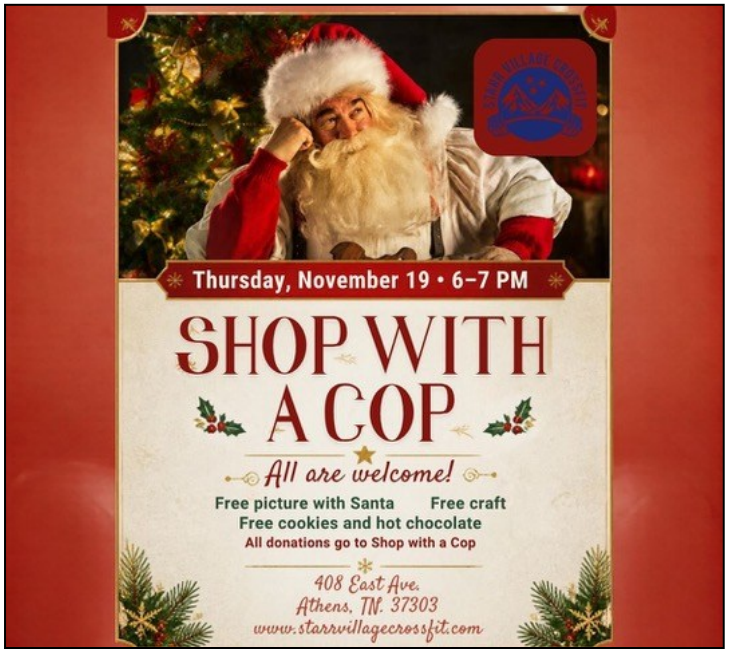
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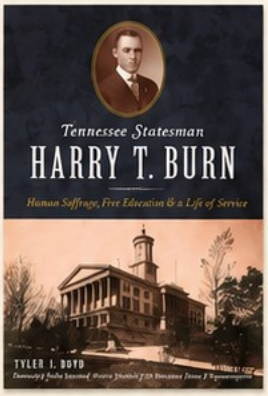
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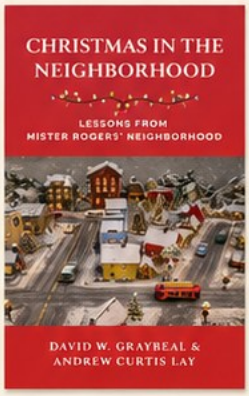
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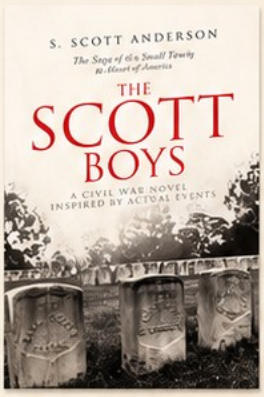
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ACT Announces Cast for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

Athens Community Theatre has announced the cast for its upcoming production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, scheduled for Jan. 28-31, 2027, as part of the ACT Dessert Theatre season.

Directed by Christen Webb, with music direction by Michael Webb and choreography by Ethan León, the musical stars Rev Alexander as Charlie Brown, Emily Duggan as Sally Brown, Lauren Duggan as Linus, Gracie Atkinson as Snoopy, Ava Watson as Lucy, and newcomer Elijah Worden as Schroeder. Additional cast members include Amelia Lauterbach as Woodstock, Scarlett Duggan and Lauretta Brown as Baby Woodstocks, and an ensemble featuring Rowan Powers, Tallulah Borwick, Taylor Kimball, Owen Harris, and Avery Stamey.

Based on Charles Schulz's beloved Peanuts comic strip, the musical follows Charlie Brown and friends through a series of heartwarming and humorous adventures, featuring songs such as "My Blanket and Me," "The Kite," and "Happiness."

Performances will be held Jan. 28-30 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale Dec. 4 and are $20 for adults and $15 for students.





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McMinn County Arrest Report

November 03, 2026

William Cooey, 60, of Athens, charged with violation of the sex offender registry.

Michael Ginn, 56, of Athens, charged with domestic assault. Bond $1,000.

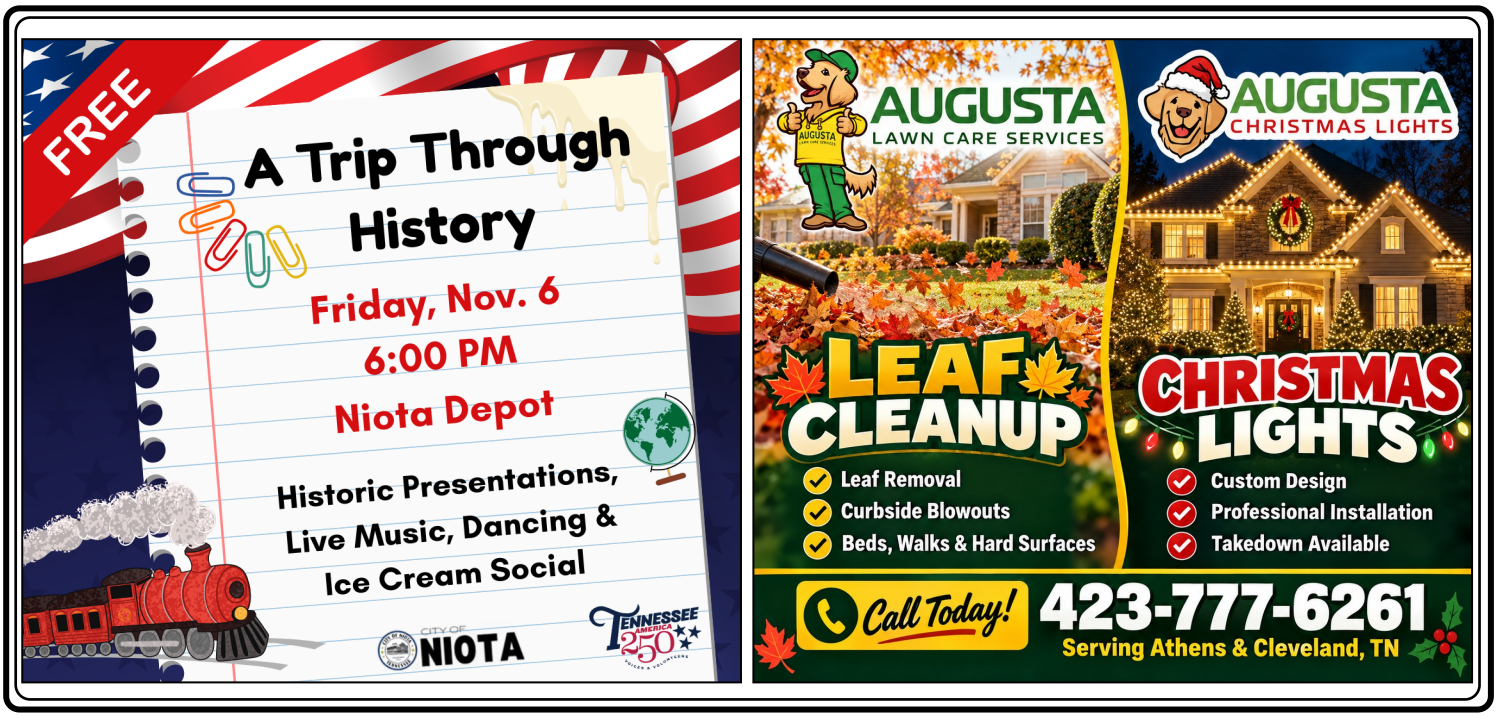
William Holcomb, 60, of East Ridge, charged with state violation of probation for violation of the sex offender registry, and violation of conditions of community supervision. Bond $40,000.

Michael Carver, 40, of Athens, charged with failure to appear for driving on a revoked license second offense. Bond $16,000.

Joyce Quarles, 47, of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for bringing contraband into a penal facility. Bond $1,000.

Angela Moore, 49, of Decatur, charged with state violation of probation for bringing contraband into a penal facility.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.



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Obituaries

Raymond "Ray" Douglas (Blackie) Colbaugh, 90, passed away on Sunday, November 1. Raymond served two years in the US Army, worked at ALCO Chemical as an electrician until he retired. When he wasn't working, Ray took flying lessons, got his pilot license and enjoyed flying. He lived in Chattanooga most of his adult life but moved back to Decatur, TN in 2020. At the age of 88, he decided to build a new home for himself and his daughter in Decatur, TN and just had the yard work completed at the end of October. He was very proud of his new home. At his request, there will be no formal service at this time. **Companion Funeral Home of Athens** and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

John "Buck" Lee Clark, 75, of Sweetwater, passed away on Sunday, November 1. John was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Community Baptist Church. He loved fishing, and even use to make his own fishing lures. There will be no formal services at this time. **Companion Funeral Home of Athens** and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

Mary Jane Horner Bohannon, 83, of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, November 3, at Etowah Health Care. She was a member of Faith Baptist Tabernacle. After receiving her B.S. at the University of Tennessee School of Nursing, Jane became a longtime caregiver and educator, teaching Nursing at TN College of Applied Technology in Athens until her retirement. She was an avid lover of all things nature and outdoors. A graveside service will be conducted, 2:00 pm, Monday, November 9 at Jefferson Memorial Garden in Jefferson City, TN. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, November 8 at Smith Funeral Home in Athens. **Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens** is honored to serve the family of Mary Jane Horner Bohannon.

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