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Peoples Bank of East Tennessee is proud to announce its inclusion on American Banker Magazine's Best Banks to Work For list for 2024. Out of more than 4,500 banks nationwide, PBET ranked #43 in the Top 90, a recognition that reflects the bank's commitment to creating an outstanding workplace focused on employee well-being, growth, and satisfaction. This prestigious annual ranking, developed in partnership with Best Companies Group, celebrates banks with exemplary workplace environments, including competitive benefits, a welcoming culture, and unique perks that promote a healthy work-life balance. The ranking is based on an independent employee survey, as well as a review of PBET's benefits, policies, and workplace culture. "It is with great excitement that we share this outstanding news," said Jeremy Callias, President and CEO. "Our team's feedback reflects the values we strive for every day. Employee morale, culture, and benefits will continue to be top priorities for us. We believe our people are at the heart of everything we do, and they are truly the reason for our continued success." Employers cannot require employees to take the survey or reward/sway employees for favorable answers. This standard is heavily enforced by American

Banker Magazine for accurate employee feedback. With this in mind, Peoples Bank had an overall participation rate of 63% and scored an overall positive rating of 91%. Peoples Bank of East Tennessee is proud to be recognized alongside other distinguished institutions and remains dedicated to cultivating a workplace culture that their employees can take pride in. Since their founding, they have been committed to serving their community with integrity and a dedication to helping individuals and businesses succeed. As an employer of choice, they provide their team with a welcoming, growth-focused environment and a workplace they can genuinely enjoy.

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Obituaries

Earl Ray Tinnel, 72 of Sweetwater, went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 15. Earl was the caretaker of his family and friends, always looking after everyone. He will be fiercely missed. The family will have a graveside service at 2:00pm on Friday, November 22 at Edgemon Cemetery (3030 Co Rd 532, Ten Mile, TN 37880). Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

Raymond E. Henry, 89 of Athens, passed away on Saturday, November 16. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20, at Oak Grove Baptist Cemetery in Riceville. A Remembrance Service will be held at 4:00 PM at Double C, 1084 TN Highway 30 West in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Raymond E. Henry.

Ronald Slifer, age 81, resident of Athens and native of Quakertown, PA, passed away on Saturday, November 16. There will be no formal services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Ronald Slifer.

Jeffery Eddington, 60 of Riceville, passed away Sunday, November 17. Graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 23 in Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home on Saturday, November 23. A complete obituary will be added soon. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah in charge of arrangements.

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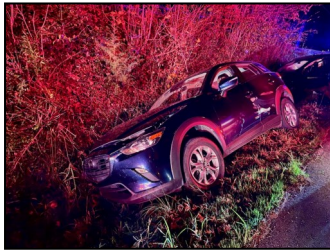
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Two-Vehicle Collision on Highway 39E



A 2020 Nissan Versa and a 2019 Mazda collided Friday evening around 6:30 p.m. on Highway 39E near County Road 576 in Englewood. Both drivers declined medical transport from AMR at the scene.

The McMinn County Sheriff's Department and Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to the incident, with THP Sgt. Ben Harrison leading the investigation.

Photos courtesy of Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens City Council will meet in regular session tonight at 6pm at the Athens Municipal Building. Major items on the agenda include the swearing-in of new council members and the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor. Council member Frances Witt-McMahan will be recognized for her service. Click or Tap [HERE](#) for the complete agenda of tonight's meeting.
- The McMinn Senior Activity Center (205 McMinn Ave., Athens) will host its Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring unique holiday gifts and a pecan fundraiser. Pecans will be \$12 per pound of large half-shelled pecans. Santa will also be available for free photos, with donations benefiting the Center's services for at-risk seniors.
- Etowah Carnegie Library will be closed Tuesday, November 19th and Wednesday, November 20th for a scheduled software update. Normal business hours will resume on November 21st.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure: The area to be affected is THOMPSON ST. from Shoemaker St. to W. Madison Ave. This closure will be on Thursday, November 28, from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The purpose of this closure is for the Keith Memorial UMC Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk. From the Office of the Public Works Department 423-744-2745.



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Georgia Stifles Tennessee, Reignites Playoff Hopes with 31-17 Victory



Facing near-elimination from the College Football Playoffs, No. 12 Georgia surged to a 31-17 win over No. 7 Tennessee, rallying from a 10-0 second-quarter deficit. Carson Beck led the charge with 347 passing yards, three total touchdowns, and zero turnovers, while Georgia's defense delivered a second-half shutout.

The Bulldogs, rebounding from a loss to Ole Miss, are back in the CFP conversation, boasting wins over three Top 25 teams. Tennessee, meanwhile, is on the playoff bubble, with just one marquee victory and only UTEP and Vanderbilt left on the schedule. Beck's performance was bolstered by strong pass protection, veteran tight end Oscar Delp's two touchdown receptions, and a balanced receiving corps. The Vols struggled to pressure Beck, recording zero sacks despite their typically formidable defensive front.

For Tennessee, the loss is a severe setback, jeopardizing their playoff dreams. They must now hope for decisive wins and favorable outcomes elsewhere as the CFP committee deliberates. Meanwhile, Georgia's road to redemption continues, with the Bulldogs eyeing a strong finish and a potential playoff spot. However, while Tennessee suffered a crushing defeat, their hopes for playoff contention might not be completely extinguished. On Monday, Bob Hodge of The Sports Source offered this take on the Vols after their Georgia loss.

"Here's my theory for Tennessee's playoff chances: If everything stays the same for UT, if they win the rest of the games this season, and Notre Dame loses, they might still have a chance to get to the playoffs. The easiest path for Tennessee (to enter the CFP) is to get Notre Dame out of the way." **Bob Hodge on Monday, Tyler & Will, 99.1 The Sports Animal**
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The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures:

- White Street from College Street to Bank Street
- Madison Ave from Church Street to Green Street
- Washington Ave from Church Street to Green Street
- Hornsby Street from Church Street to Green Street
- Jackson Street from College Street to Highway 30
- Long Street from Washington Ave to Madison Ave.
- Baxter Street from Washington Ave to Highway 30

These closures will be on Friday, November 22, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour and traffic control signage, pedestrians, and work crews. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. The purpose of this closing is for 2024 Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

New Info on Hamlett's Capture



Officials released new information on the capture of Nicholas Wayne Hamlett on Friday. Hamlett was accused of killing Steven Lloyd on Oct. 18, near the Cherohala Skyway in Tellico Plains. Lead investigator Det. Jason Fillyaw said there was a financial motive. Hamlett was picked up on the side of the road in Chapin, South Carolina and taken to a local hospital after weeks on the run from

law enforcement. The good Samaritan did not know who he was. Hospital staff however recognized him and called police. Officials believe Hamlett had been using someone else's identity for several years. Hamlett is also being investigated in several states for identity theft scams. Hamlett was transported back to Monroe County last Thursday night. Law enforcement has charged Hamlett's wife in South Carolina with being an accessory after the fact. Taylor Ann Fiber, was arrested for lying to police. She was released on a \$30,000 bond. Photo is of Taylor Ann Fiber.

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