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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ SEN. BELL CALLS S.R. 305 A "DISASTER"

State Senator Mike Bell says the repaying project on Highway 305 from Congress Parkway to I-75 has turned into a "disaster." Bell says he has been swamped by calls from citizens complaining about the project, which has ground to a halt. Bell contacted TDOT and was told that the contractor was trying to use a new process called "full depth reclamation" to repair the road's foundation, which has deteriorated. The process has not worked, so TDOT instructed the contractor to stop what they were doing. Instead, TDOT says that section of Highway 305 will be repaved starting on Monday, weather permitting. Bell says TDOT told him they will deal with the problems with the road's foundation next spring.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 12th annual Pickin' for a Cure CottonFest will take place Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. at the Etowah Community Center. Musicians include Reliance, Shadow Ridge, Valley Grass, Fishers of Men, and the Miracle Lake Singers. Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds go to fight pancreatic cancer.



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State & National News

The GoFundMe campaign created to help drug-addicted homeless veteran Johnny Bobbitt was apparently "predicated on a lie." Thousands of people were duped into contributing to the campaign that Bobbitt, and the couple, Kate McClure and Mark D'Amico, allegedly conspired to concoct a story to tug at the hearts and wallets of kindhearted individuals. The GoFundMe campaign was highly successful and brought in over \$400,000, but the money was squandered by McClure and D'Amico on gambling, numerous luxury handbags, a New Year's trip to Las Vegas and a BMW. Bobbit filed a lawsuit against McClure and D'Amico in August, accusing them of withholding the funds from him. All have been charged with second-degree theft by deception and conspiracy to commit theft by deception.

CHRISTMAS COMES TO ATHENS TONIGHT

The annual Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas celebration takes place in Downtown Athens starting at 5 p.m. today. Activities include ice skating, carriage rides, food trucks, children's crafts, a trackless train, a Holiday Christmas movie, a photo booth, and pictures with Santa. There will be entertainment on two stages, one at Market Park Pavilion and one on the Courthouse Square. There will be a lighting of the Christmas Tree at 6:30 p.m. The tree is slightly over 26 feet tall. Streets in Downtown Athens will be closed to vehicle traffic from 3:30 until 10 p.m.

"Soups and Sounds" at Dominion Senior Living Info. from **Beltone** regarding hearing loss, devices & care for devices Date: November 29th at 6pm - Chili & Fixins Please RSVP by Nov. 16th to Chesney Moss at 423-405-2847 or email ChesneyM@DominionAthens.com 2090 W. Madison Ave., Athens



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Orders accepted through Sunday, November 18th

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Obituaries

- Betty Jo Presley Palmer, age 70, of Englewood, died Wednesday at her home. She was a former employee of Scottie's in Etowah. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler.
- Dennis L. Darga, age 66, of Athens, died October 30th at his home. A memorial gathering is planned for next Tuesday, November 20th, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the family home, located at 1700 Shady Drive in Athens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is assisting in the arrangements.

Roy Clark 'Hee Haw' Host Dies

• Roy Clark, guitarist and singer and one of the legends of country music has died at the age of 85 at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma of complications from pneumonia. Clark was a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry and served as a co-host of the TV show Hee Haw for almost 25 years.

FOOTBALL: Meigs County plays South Greene in the quarterfinals of the TSSAA Class 2A playoffs tonight in Decatur. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. The Tennessee Volunteers play Missouri in Knoxville on Saturday. Kick-off is at 3:30 p.m. T.V. coverage will be on CBS.

Church News & Events

- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will have its Fall Festival Saturday from 7 a.m., to 12 noon. They will be selling breakfast biscuits with tenderloin, ham, or sausage, baked and canned goods, fried apple pies, yard sale items, etc. The church is on the top of the hill at the intersection of County Roads 700 and 703.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church will have a Community Thanksgiving Dinner at 6 p.m. on November 17th.
- The Athens Church of the Nazarene on West Madison Avenue is having revival services through this coming Sunday. Service times are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Special singings will be held each night.
- Boyd Memorial First Church of God will have a free Community Wide Thanksgiving Meal on Saturday, November 17th, from 4 to 6 p.m. All the community is invited.
- East Athens Baptist Church will celebrate their 90th anniversary this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- Glorybound Church in Madisonville will have Cross Connection singing in the evening service this Sunday at 6.
- The Etowah Christian Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving Service will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at North Etowah Baptist Church.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ will host their annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22nd, beginning at 1 p.m. You are invited to join them. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.





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Union McMinn **Baptist Church**

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Monday, November 12th through Friday, November 16th 5:30-7:30 p.m. nightly Saturday, November 17th, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 18th, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 19th, 9:00—11:00 a.m.