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State & Local News

◆ BRUSH FIRES KEEP RESPONDERS BUSY

Numerous brush fires occurred over the weekend. A large one on Saturday was located behind Central High School on County Road 503 and involved about four acres. Fire fighters from Englewood, Etowah, and Claxton RFD's responded along with the Tennessee Division of Forestry. The photo by Jay Thomson shows responders "knocking it out." Another fire was reported on County Road 519 and involved units from Christianburg Volunteer Fire Department. Another brush fire was reported on the Bowater Road with Polk County fire units backing up McMinn County units.



WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ Malaysian officials are looking at video footage and questioning immigration officers and guards at Kuala Lumpur's international airport, concerned that a security breach may be connected to the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

~ International intelligence agencies joined the investigation into two passengers who boarded the missing Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 jetliner with stolen passports. Malaysian authorities said radar showed the plane may have turned back before vanishing.

~ Interpol says that no one from Malaysian Airlines or any other country checked their database of stolen passports, prior to the departure of the missing airliner.

◆ Police were called to the University of Massachusetts campus Saturday night after thousands of drunken and unruly people began rioting after a "Pre-St. Patrick's Day Blarney Blowout" went awry. Four officers were injured and 70 arrests were made.

◆ Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky came out the favorite for the second straight year among Republican conservative voting for the candidate they would like to see in the White House next. Paul, a potential 2016 White House contender, won 31 percent in the annual straw poll taken at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

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WEATHER

Monday - Sunny. High in the mid to upper 60's.

Monday night - Mostly clear. Low in the low 40's.

Tuesday - Mostly sunny. High in the upper 60's to low 70's.

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CRASH CLOSES HIGHWAY 30

A two vehicle wreck around 8 p.m. Saturday on Highway 30 near the Etowah Air Evac base, closed the busy state road for several hours. A 2001 Chevy Colorado and a Ford F-150 hit head-on. The Ford was on the wrong side of road. It was registered to a Charles Frye, but the driver was not identified and was flown to the U.T. Medical Center. The Colorado was driven by Roger Watson who was not injured. His 12-year-old son was taken to the Air Evac base and flown to U.T. Medical Center with serious injuries. The Etowah Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded to the scene. The Tennessee Highway Patrol investigated the wreck.

TDOT LAUNCHES YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has launched the Yellow DOT program which is designed to assist first responders in indentifying vital medical information for senior drivers. The program features yellow stickers that are placed in the bottom left side of the rear window of vehicles and yellow envelopes containing a photo, medical history and prescription drug information for glove compartments. The program will allow emergency personnel to make the most of what is known as the "golden hour," the first hour after an injury or medical emergency during which medical treatment can dramatically increase a patient's chances of survival. A list of Yellow DOT sign-up locations can be found at: tdot.state.tn.us/yellowdot/docs/YDP-EnrollmentSites.pdf

Obituaries

Reba Nell Moore Brewster, age 84, of Sweetwater, died last Thursday at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. She was retired from Johnson Controls and had worked at Vestal Manufacturing and Yale Lock Company of Lenior City. Funeral services were held Sunday with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Marie Winton, age 56, of Athens, died last Wednesday. She was a former employee of Duracell of Cleveland. Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church with M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Debbie A. Mullinax, age 56, of Englewood, died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home. Internment will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Mars Hill Cemetery.

Edith Inez Newman, age 90, of Delano, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bordwine.

Mary Stephens, age 91, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.

Leeora Price, age 83, of Reliance, died Saturday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Ollie Mae Frisbie, age 82, of Niota, died Sunday at her home. Ziegler Funeral Home will announce arrangements.



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