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Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Wreck Hwy 30 and Co Rd 527 Etowah

A 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser and 2008 GMC Truck collided at the intersection of Hwy 30E and Co Rd 527, Etowah, Monday around noon. The driver of the Chrysler was entrapped which required extrication and then transported by AMR to Etowah City Fire Dept to be airlifted by LifeForce to UT Hospital in Knoxville. Etowah City Fire, Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department responded along with Investigating THP Officer Whitney Stooksbury. Etowah City Fire Chief Adam Hafley was in command of the scene. The passenger of the Chrysler was also injured and transported to UT Hospital Knoxville by AMR.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Community News You Can Use

✓ The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will conduct its annual Agency Workshop on Thursday, January 26th at 10 a.m. at the McMinn County Higher Education Building located at 2345 DENSO Drive, Athens. Any 501(c)3 non-profit agency interested in applying for funding from the 2023 Campaign and becoming a United Way Partner Agency must attend. The 2023-24 Application for Funding will be available at this time. For more information about the fund allocation process and to RSVP to the meeting, please contact Paige Zabo by calling 423-745-9606 or via email at: paige@unitedwaymm.com

✓ "A Song for the Cure," a fundraiser for Relay for Life sponsored by Mars Hill Presbyterian Church will take place this Saturday, January 28th, at The Arts Center starting at 7 p.m. The evening will consist of several solo and duet performances with Johnny Coffin as Emcee. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

✓ **REMINDER:** The NEST Breakfast is **TODAY, January 25th** beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the event space at The Lite House located at 3 West College Street. Jennie DeCook with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center is the guest.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Women at the Well student, Sheri Mortimer. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

Obituaries Continued

♦ **Elder Ovit G. Pursley, Sr.**, age 82, passed away at home in Knoxville, Tennessee, Tuesday January 17th after a long illness. At the time of his passing, Elder Pursley was enjoying his retirement and served as an Associate Minister at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Knoxville. He was born in Leesburg, Florida, the seventh of 16 children. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He served three years in the U.S. Armed Forces including one tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967. He joined Union Carbide (K-25) in Oak Ridge in 1975 and later retired from Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc. (Y-12) in September of 1993. He accepted his call into the Christian Ministry and became licensed in the ministry on September 23, 1979. He then accepted the role of Pastor of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Niota in 1980 and was ordained into the Christian Ministry in 1981. A Home Going Celebration service will be Saturday, January 28th at 1 p.m. in the chapel of M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home with visitation from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be Tuesday, January 31st at Oak Grove Cemetery Leesburg, Florida with military honors. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge. Masks are still required.

♦ **Emma Odom**, age 102, of Etowah, passed away Wednesday, January 18th. She was the oldest living member of the North Etowah Baptist Church. Graveside services were held Saturday, January 21st. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah was in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Linda Jean Hyde**, age 62, of Delano, passed away Monday January 23rd at Tennova Healthcare Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a native of Athens and a longtime resident of Polk County. A funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Friday, January 27th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 11 to 12 p.m. Friday prior to the funeral service. Interment will follow in Grassy Creek Cemetery in Copper Hill. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Isaiah Edgar Walden**, age 24, a native of Meigs County passed away January 20th in Lenoir City. He was employed at Target and was an Assistant Manager at Regal Pinnacle Cinemas. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm Thursday, January 26th at Good Samaritan Funeral Home with funeral to follow at 7. Interment will be Friday, January 27th at 11 a.m. at Ironsburg Cemetery, Coker Creek. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home at 9:30 am and proceed to Ironsburg Cemetery. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **John Wesley "Johnny" Renner**, age 73, passed away Monday, January 23rd at his home. He was a native of Greeneville, and a former resident of Riceville and current resident of Calhoun. He was a former employee of Bowater having retired after 41 years and was a veteran of the National Guard. He received his associate degree from Cleveland State Community College as part of the very first graduating class. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, January 27th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday prior to the service. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 28th at Calhoun Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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