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Monday around noon a 2018 Ford Ute overturned several times on Highway 307 near Athens sending the driver to Sweetwater Hospital with injuries. Englewood and Athens Rural Fire, AMR, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department and the THP all responded with THP Officer Ethan Jones investigating the accident.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept.



Fleischmann Pushes Nuclear Power

◆ Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, Co-Chairman of the Advanced Nuclear Caucus and Fusion Energy Caucus, helped introduce a bipartisan resolution expressing Congress' commitment to embracing and accepting nuclear power as a clean baseload energy source to achieve a reliable, secure, and green electric grid. "Nuclear power is essential to reach our clean energy goals and secure energy independence. Since coming to Congress, I've been excited to see growing bipartisan support to invest in nuclear energy. America needs a robust domestic nuclear sector for our national security, energy security, and for future generations to have access to abundant, cheap, clean energy," said Rep. Fleischmann. "I am proud to join this resolution showing Congress' strong support for nuclear power. Only by working together, in a bipartisan way, can we grow America's nuclear energy sector." Fleischmann represents McMinn County and the Oak Ridge area in Congress.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT Markets were higher. Despite the ongoing uncertainty around the regional and global banking sector, confidence has been instilled into the system in recent days. Equity markets were higher, led in part by the financials sector. Bond yields rebounded. The 2-year yield was up around 0.25%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 316.02 points to 32,560.60. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 51.30 to 4,002.87, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 184.57 to 11,860.11.

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Obituaries

◆ **Michael Hilton Walden**, age 67 of Sweetwater, passed away on Monday, March 20th at his residence. He was a native of Sweetwater and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He owned and operated his own trucking company for over 30 years before retiring from Transport One. A funeral service will be at 2 pm Friday, March 24th at Ziegler Funeral. Interment will follow at Cole-Roberts Cemetery in Ten Mile. Visitation will be from 12 pm-2pm Friday. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **James "Pete" Barnett**, age 92 of Sweetwater, passed away Sunday, March 19th. He was a dozer operator for Wright Brothers Construction for over 20 years. He truly loved his profession, co-workers, and employer. He spoke fondly of Wright Brothers as well as Robert and James Wright up until his death. A celebration of life will be Saturday, March 25th at 2 pm at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. Visitation will be from 12-2 pm prior to the service with burial to follow at Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Barbara Jean Brakebill Kerl**, age 81 of Niota passed away Saturday, March 18th at her residence. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She managed the McMinn County Farmers Market, and was known to give away tomatoes to those who could not afford to buy them. No one ever came out of her home without a warm hug and full belly. A funeral service will be at 7 pm Saturday, March 25th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The graveside will be at 10 am Sunday, March 26th at McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Saturday before the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

◆ **Cecil Franklin Baker**, age 88 of Athens, passed away Thursday, March 16th in Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville. He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County and former resident of Danville, Ky. He was always involved in furniture manufacturing including, Carver Furniture, Athens Furniture, Charisma Furniture, Jackson in Danville, Ky., and retired from Jackson Furniture of Danville, Ky. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force where he was a mail clerk. Graveside services will be at 3 pm Sunday, March 26th in McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 1-2:30pm at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Carrie Lee O'Daniel**, age 87 of Decatur, passed away, Monday, March 21st at her residence. She was a native and life long resident of McMinn County. She was a former employee of Athens Stove works having retired after 29 years of service. She was an avid Baseball fan and was a big fan of the Atlanta Braves. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and also enjoyed working in her garden. A funeral service will be at 2 pm Friday, March 24th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, March 23rd from 5-7 pm at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

◆ This week on "Hope From the Well," the guest will be musician Laurel Taylor. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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