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Athens, Tennessee

Jeep Cherokee Wrecks on Hwy 39E

Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments were dispatched around 5 am Tuesday to a wreck on Hwy 39E, near Englewood when a 2015 Jeep Cherokee ran off the roadway hitting a driveway culvert. AMR transported the driver to Sweetwater Hospital with minor injuries. THP Officer Harrison McSpadden investigated the accident.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



Incidents and Arrests

◆ State authorities continue to investigate the deaths of two individuals whose bodies were found in a burning Etowah house, early Monday. The investigation is to confirm their identities and the causes of death.

Saturday: A Knoxville couple have been charged with 12 drug charges when McMinn County deputies stopped them for a faulty brake light, on Highway 11 at County Road 135.

McMinn County deputy Caleb Latham stopped a 2008 Dodge truck due to the faulty light issue. The driver, Thompson Barjeto, and a passenger, Kierra Yarbrough, both denied being on probation or parole, however Deputy Hawkins discovered both were on probation, Barjeto was in fact on probation for robbery. And aggravated burglary in Washington County but Barjeto said he was not aware of that. After obtaining consent to search, deputies discovered his license was suspended for failure to pay fines in Florida last July. With consent to search, deputies reported finding containers of what appeared to be fentanyl, heroin, ecstasy, cocaine, a green leafy substance, and several blue M30 pills thought to be fentanyl. Deputy Hawkins told deputies Latham and Benton he had seen Yarbrough toss baggies into a ditch and over a fence. Officers agreed the individual packaging appeared that they were bagged for resale. "M30s" imitate Oxycodone obtained from a pharmacy, but when sold on the street the pills routinely contain fentanyl. Thompson Bajebro and Kierra Yarbrough were each charged with six counts of possession of illegal drugs for resale, and tampering with evidence.

Sunday: An argument at a church resulted in a fight between two attendees. Brandon Strickland, a minister at Dream Life Ministries, County Road 266, reportedly told McMinn County Deputy Sarah Gray that Christopher "Alex" Rodgers assaulted another member, Trevor "T.J." Stewart when Rodgers threw water on him in the restroom. Stewart reportedly said that he had told Rodgers he wasn't supposed to have his phone on during church time. Stewart told Deputy Gray that Rodgers told him to stop running his mouth and being a snitch. Stewart said that when he turned around, Rodgers punched him in the face, apparently causing bruising and swelling. Stewart chose to file charges. Rodgers was arrested in the men's restroom on domestic violence assault, according to the report.

Wes Hall, Reporter

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Obituaries

♦ **Gregory Alan Hall**, age 42, of Greenback, passed away Monday, March 6th after a long battle with health issues. Greg was born in Athens and was a 1998 graduate of Lenoir City High School. He attended Pellissippi State Community College. He was a courier for Quest Diagnostics. Greg is survived by his father, Wesley Lynn "Wes" Hall (Judy), of WYXI Radio and the Morning Fax, his mother Nancy Ann Jones Hall Horton, North East, Maryland (David), brothers David and Dan and close friends Jason and Kara Collins as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. Family and friends will gather at 2 pm, with memorial services following on Sunday, March 26th at Highland Park Ruritan Building, 860 Hwy 321 North, Lenoir City. (Across From Wal-Mart, next to Food City).

♦ **Linda Fay Joyner Conner**, age 75, passed away March 16th. She was born in Athens and lived in Washington County. She graduated from McMinn County High School in 1965, and graduated from The University of Tennessee in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Mathematics. Her career was a long and successful one. She was the head bookkeeper for the Washington County Board of Education for five years, handled accounts payable for the local Tex-Tenn Corporation for five years, accountant and record keeper for Neil Holdings for fourteen years, and thirteen years as owner/manager of Boones Creek Home Video. At her request, no service will be held. Tetrick Funeral Services, 3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN 37604 (423) 610-7171 is in charge of the arrangements.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Etowah Chamber Annual Banquet is March 28th at McMinn Central High School beginning at 6 pm. The Tim Hughes Quartet will be featured. Tickets may be purchased from the Depot Offices or online [HERE](#)

✓ TWU professor Dr. John Seitz will moderate a discussion on Russia's War with Ukraine on March 28th at 6pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. He will give a brief history of the conflict, focusing on the last year of the invasion, and discuss what might come next. Dr. Seitz is a historian of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union.



WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 0.25%, bringing the fed funds rate to 4.75% - 5.0%. On the banking crisis, the Fed remains ready to continue to use its liquidity tools to support the banking sector as needed. While it acknowledged that recent turmoil in the banking sector may lead to tighter credit conditions and a slowdown in economic activity, it continues to see the U.S. banking system as "sound and resilient." The market fell and Treasuries rallied. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 530.49 to 32,030.11. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 65.90 to 3,936.37 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 190.15 to 11,669.96.

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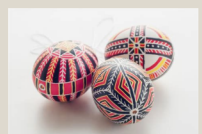
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