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Woman Killed Walking on I-75

According to a Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) preliminary report, Leashia Hughes, from Cleveland, was allegedly walking in lane 2 (right lane), northbound on I-75 around 10 p.m. last Wednesday, January 11th when she was killed after being hit by a vehicle traveling north. This happened a short distance past the 49 exit. The driver is not facing any charges at this time. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help pay for funeral expenses. To donate, click/tap [HERE](#)

Fleischmann Named Chairman

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann has been named the chairman of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee for the 118th Congress. The Congressman stated in a release: "The work of the Energy and Water Subcommittee is incredibly important to our nation's long-term energy security and national security. I am excited to find bipartisan common ground to advance important initiatives like modernizing our nation's nuclear stockpile and advancing groundbreaking nuclear fusion research." "In this new role, I will continue fighting as Tennessee's only appropriator in the House of Representatives for fiscal responsibility and our state's priorities in Congress." Fleischmann represents Tennessee's 3rd Congressional District, which includes McMinn County.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following closures: The areas to be affected are the SIDEWALK, PARKING SPACES 155, 156, 157, and 158 on WHITE STREET from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue. There will also be an INTERMITTENT closure in the RIGHT-HAND LANE of N. WHITE STREET during the construction period. These closures will be effective until Friday, May 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour and traffic control signage, pedestrians and work crews, equipment, and construction material. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. Pedestrians are advised to use alternate sidewalk routes and avoid the construction zone. The purpose of this closure is for building renovations.

✓ 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@unitedwayymm.com

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

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TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT Markets took a breather after Goldman Sachs announced its worst revenue and earnings miss in a decade. The U.S. 10-year yield moved above 3.5%. European and Asian shares were mixed. Energy prices were higher, with oil trading above \$81/barrel. At the closing bell: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 391.76 to 33,910.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 8.12 to 3,990.97, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 15.96 to 11,095.11.



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Obituaries

♦ **Carl M. Hutsell**, age 94, of Athens, passed away Monday, January 16th. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He served in the United State Navy aboard the USS Appalachian which was the flag ship for the atomic bomb test in 1946 at Bikini Atolls in the Marshall Islands. He was associated with Mayfield Dairy Farms for 45 years until his retirement, where he served as Vice President of Marketing. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 20th at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Clifford Ronald Elkins**, age 85, passed away January 16th. Clifford was a Veteran of the United States Air Force having served two tours of duty in Vietnam and retiring with over 20 years of service. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 19th at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. A private committal service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Grant Carl Kamps**, age 83, of Sweetwater, passed away on Monday, January 16th after a lengthy illness. He was employed at Excello-Textron for over 60 years until his retirement. Per his wishes, no services will be held at this time. Companion Funeral and Cremations Services of Athens is in charge.

Chamber Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus, located in Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured left to right are: Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat; Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley, Susan Blue, Elise Howell, Mary Thurman, and Kevin E. Kellogg with Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus; Holly Goines, Chamber Board; Victor German. Back: Jason Eby; Megan Church, Chamber Diplomat; Robin Manis; Stephanie Devine; Emma Bird; Paul Semenoff, Chamber Diplomat; Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Mike Dannel, Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus; Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; David Spellman, Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Todd Watson, Chamber Board; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat; Charlie Barnard. Contact Elise Howell at 423-381-0008 or themetcc.org for more information. Photo submitted by Julie Simbeck



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