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Injured man found in ditch still in critical condition, Family seeks answers; Sheriff's Office asking for public's help

According to the Humphreys County Sheriff's office, on Monday, January 11, at 3:30 p.m. the Humphreys County Sheriff's Office received a report of a body lying in a ditch along the west bound lanes of U.S. Hwy. 70 west of the Humphreys/Dickson county line.



Upon arriving at the scene, deputies found an adult male partially clothed semi-conscious and in a very critical medical situation. The victim was transported to the hospital, where he still remains in critical condition with multiple severe injuries.

The victim is believed to have been in the ditch for several hours, before an alert passer by spotted the young man and called 911. The detectives are treating this incident as an attempted criminal homicide. Initially, investigators thought the victim's pickup truck may contain clues and answers to this situation, being a 2005 silver Toyota Tacoma, which was missing and presumed stolen, however, it was recovered on January, 13 in Dickson County.

"He had to have been there for hours," Sheriff Chris Davis said. "He was clothed from the waist down. He was wet, (having) went through the creek, which is nearby. He had

significant injuries. He looked like he had injuries just basically all over his person, (and) his head area. Very significant trauma to the head, and different areas of his body. If anyone stopped, pulled over, saw him walking, anything, we need that information," Davis said.

The victim's name is not being released out of respect for his family, who are afraid of retaliation, due to his past. "This gentleman has had a little bit of... past... drug use and stuff like that, but you know the way we feel about it, everybody is somebody's somebody and we are going to investigate it to the best of our ability. He does... have children, he does have a family, and that's why we are so desperately seeking help from our citizens," Davis said.

Davis reported the man is in his mid thirties and is sedated, unable to communicate with investigators, and is still in very critical condition.

The victim's family is seeking answers. Sheriff Davis stated, "As Law Enforcement we are asking you, the public, or any-



RESCUE SCENE - Emergency personnel retrieving a badly injured man from a Highway 70 East ditch near the Humphreys/Dickson County line on Monday, January 11. The Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help. (See Story.)

one, who was in the area and may have seen anyone stopped or suspicious vehicles or person's near the county line on Monday January 11th, ...at any time... , to please contact the Sheriff's Office and speak with a detective."

"We need your help!" Davis concluded.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Humphreys County Sheriff's Office at (931) 296-2301 Ext. 100 or email tips to CID@HCSOTN.com.

County Commission Meeting: Albemarle Expansion Pilot Project recommended for Industrial Board approval

By Ward Phillips, Publisher

The Board of Humphreys County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in The Rawlings Building in Waverly. County Executive Jessie Wallace was presiding with all 14 Commissioners present.

Following a prayer, worded by Commissioner Johnny Whitfield and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag as directed by Executive Wallace, the Commission approved their previous meeting's minutes.

Executive Wallace reported that three of the four Commercially Licensed Drivers available for the County's

convenience centers were infected by Covid-19 and a broken down truck were the reasons the centers had been overly full. He expressed his hope of their speedy recovery and said, the centers should be back to normal soon.

There were no citizens' petitions or grievances brought before the board.

The meeting's agenda held seven resolutions, all of which had been previously recommended for approval by the Administrative Committee in their meeting on Monday, January 4.

Of most was noted a resolution asking the County Industrial Board to approve and participate in an agreement with Albemarle Corporation

for payments-in-lieu of taxes in connection of a chlorine and sodium hydroxide production facility located in New Johnsonville.

Albemarle proposed the project of adding infrastructure and equipment for its current location with the goal of improving the safety and efficiency in the manufacturing of the chemical butyl lithium. The Executive Director of the Humphreys County Economic Development Council, Ted Moore presented the proposal before the Administrative Committee on January 4. That proposal asked that Albemarle be extended a reduction in what, otherwise would be, their ad valorem real and personal property taxes for its



Ted Moore

capital investment of approximately \$29.5 million for the project. Over a 5-year period the tax abatement will total approximately \$200,000.00.

The resolution passed in the January 4 Administrative Committee vote by an 11-1 vote; with Commissioner Eddy Rochelle opposing and Commissioners Tim Daniel and Chris Dellinger absent. It passed in the Full Commission meeting, with all Commissioners present, on January 11 by a 12-1-1 vote; Commissioner Eddy Rochelle opposed and Commissioner Kay Hampton having abstained.

The resolution grants the Commission's approval and endorsement to the Industrial Board to negotiate an agreement and submit it back to the Commission for final approval. The resolution states, in part, "We endorse the project... that we encourage and support Albemarle in this eco-

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Johnsonville State Historic Park Receives Ripple Effect Award

Award Highlights River Champions within the Tennessee River Watershed's Seven-State Span.

New Johnsonville, Tenn. – Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful (KTRNB) recently announced the winners in the 2nd annual Tennessee River Ripple Effect Awards presented by Yamaha Rightwaters™. This year, the awards were expanded to recognize winners of nine categories in three regions that touch Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina.

The goal of the awards is to inspire new river champions through sharing the winners' success stories, thus the concept behind the 'Ripple Effect' title.

The 2020 recipient for Government Department/Law Enforcement Agency – West Tennessee is Johnsonville State Historic Park.

Johnsonville State Historic Park will receive a glass trophy that resembles a rippling river. The awards are sponsored by Yamaha Rightwaters™, a sustainability initiative of the international watercraft company, Yamaha.

"Yamaha Rightwaters is fighting to protect our most precious and essential natural resource – water," said Martin Peters Yamaha Marine Division Manager, Government Relations. "It embodies all of Yamaha's conservation initiatives and becomes a platform for many plans the company has in store to improve our water resources. "We are proud to partner with Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful in their efforts to preserve and protect this amazing resource so that future generations can continue to enjoy the Tennessee River for decades to come."

"The Tennessee River is a precious resource that impacts everyone living within its watershed and beyond, so it's only fitting that our award recipients come from so many different walks of life," said Kathleen Gibi, Executive Director for Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful. "We're proud to recognize this year's recipients, who have demonstrated good stewardship of our waterways even through a pandemic."

Nominations for the 3rd annual Ripple Effect Awards were made available Monday, January 4, 2021 and will remain open for submissions until October 2021. Nominations may be submitted at www.KeepTNRiverBeautiful.org/awards.

"Yamaha Rightwaters has made these awards possible, and we are so grateful to them for helping us tell the stories of these amazing champions for the Tennessee River," said Gibi.

Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful is a 501c3 nonprofit and is the first Keep America Beautiful affiliate to focus solely on a river.

For more information, visit www.KeepTNRiverBeautiful.org or e-mail Kathleen Gibi at kathleen@keeptrriverbeautiful.org.



STARTING THE NEW YEAR WITH A CLEANER RIVER - Chemours employees kicked off a weekend cleanup event for Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful on Friday, January 8. A total of 2,011 lbs. of litter, tires, and trash was picked up along the shoreline of Johnsonville State Historic Park. Pictured from left: Kathleen Gibi, executive director of Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful; Ranger Noah Sinz, Johnsonville State Historic Park; and Chemours employees, Cathy Purcell, C.J. Hilton, plant manager, Grey Collier and Charlie Muck. (See more photos and related article on Page 9.)

OBITUARIES

- James Wesley "Wes" Boone
- Peggy Joyce Hughey Forrest
- Marcia Jean Hatley
- Alton Ray Hesson, II
- Frank Stanley James, Jr.
- Robert Lester Thomas
- Hazel Lee Mitchell Gower Thompson
- Christine Bishop Wilkins
- Zygmund Wisneiwski

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