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GEORGETOWN/SCOTT COUNTY EMS

Three injured in ambulance, SUV accident

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Three people were injured Saturday when a Georgetown/Scott County Emergency Medical ambulance collided with a SUV at the intersection of Showalter and Broadway about 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The ambulance was enroute on an emergency call when the collision occurred. The ambulance had its lights and siren engaged occurring to the official accident report and

‘Video review concluded the ambulance had a green light at the time of the collision.’

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Lt. Robert Tackett
SC Sheriff's Office

witnesses. The ambulance was occupied by three personnel and two were taken to the hospital for injuries. There was no patient in the ambulance, said Sgt. Everett Humphries of the Scott County Sheriff's Office who investigated the accident. The SUV had a lone occupant who was taken to the hospital. The condition and identity of the SUV driver was not released by authorities. Sarah Bowman

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NEWS-GRAPHIC PHOTO BY MIKE SCOGIN

The collision was at the intersection of Showalter and Broadway.



NEWS-GRAPHIC PHOTO BY PETER WILSON

State Representative Vanessa Grossl talks to two local students at Trinity Assembly of God's back to school event on Saturday. Local organizations and the church gave out backpacks and connected students and their families with area resources at the event.

Schools back in session

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School is right around the corner in Scott County, with a handful of administrative changes in the public school system. Scott County Schools (SCS) will begin classes for the 2025-26 school year on Aug. 13, Director of Community Education Renee Holmes said, and a few district leaders have been hired or shifted roles throughout the past months. "Dr. Brent Allen has been named Assistant Superintendent of Operations for Scott County Schools," a press release

from SCS reads. "Allen will continue in his role as Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP) as he supervises district operations including facility planning, building and grounds, communication, staffing, and safety." Allen assumes the role of recently retired Assistant Superintendent Dwayne Ellison, who worked in SCS for 26 years, the release states. A new Director of Nutrition has also joined SCS, a press release reads. "Scott County Schools has named Kristy Collins as the new director

of nutrition," states the release. "Collins is currently a culinary pathway teacher and Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional lead at Scott County High School where she has served as a family and consumer science teacher since 2004." Greg Brandenburg has been named Director of Maintenance for SCS, according to a press release. "Brandenburg started with Scott County Schools 30 years ago as a school custodian and has served as a team leader in the maintenance de-

partment for more than 20 years," the statement reads. "In his new role, Brandenburg will oversee facility maintenance and new and seasonal construction projects. This department is responsible for HVAC, electrical, and plumbing throughout the district. The buildings and grounds of Scott County Schools include more than two million square feet under roof and nearly 1000 acres." Another new administrator, Harper Rowlett, will serve as Director of Special Education for SCS, stated a release. "This is a homecoming

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GMWSS addresses water pressure, access concerns

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Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service (GMWSS) shared its plans to address water pressure concerns across northern Scott County. GMWSS General Manager Chase Azevedo went before the Scott County Fiscal Court Friday, Aug. 8, to go over short-term and long-term plans and address citizen

concerns. Several residents in the Burton Tank water zone, which generally covers the northwestern part of Scott County around Stamping Ground, have expressed concerns regarding water pressure and line connections, Azevedo said. One resident, Jamie Phelps, is trying to build a home on the Long Lick Pike property he purchased about four years ago, but was told the

water line could not be tapped, he said. "At the time when I bought it, when I checked into everything, (GMWSS) was allowing new connections," Phelps said. "Since 2021 until now, there have been several other people (who have) built, put in water connections and

whatnot. "Even though it runs through my property, the main water line, (GMWSS) is not allowing any new connections." In the meantime, Phelps has to haul water from the city a couple of times a week, he said. Other Stamping Ground residents rely on hauled water and other alternative collection methods for their homes, neighbors said. "People still have cis-

tern water, you know, rain water," one neighbor said. "To me, it's no different than it being in a tank underground." Pressure issues in the Burton Tank water zone can be traced back to development in the late 90s and early 2000s, Azevedo said. Scott County Fiscal Court helped fund water lines throughout the county to supply drinking water to residents outside city limits, intended to meet immedi-

ate needs, he said. "I can tell you with certainty, in looking at that, that those lines were put in for the existing customers at that time, and then some planned growth," Azevedo said. "There's no way that two to three inch, four inch, six inch lines (are) going to provide for ultimate buildout and unlimited demand throughout the county."

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Coming up:
Property Transfers
Friday

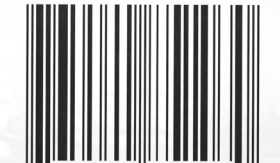


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