

Community mourns 321 victims

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The community is still mourning the loss of two Boone residents.

A two-vehicle accident on 321 just south of Boone claimed 45-year-old Terrie Whitt and 67-year-old Thomas Edward Younce last week. Troopers still don't know what caused Younce to cross the centerline, hitting Whitt's vehicle head-on, but a medical problem is a possibility. Troopers hope an autopsy will yield some answers. In the meantime, the community is coming together to support the families of the victims.

Whitt worked at Woodlands Barbeque where, according to owner Jim Houston, she was more than just a server and bartender.

"She was the heart and soul, one of them, of this place. The young ones liked her, the veterans liked her and then the customers. It's just a tragedy."

Whitt had worked at Woodlands for over 15 years and was on her way to work when the accident occurred. To honor Whitt and help her family, Houston and his fellow Woodlands employees are creating a fund.

"What we're trying to do is, Terri had two young boys. This is for them."

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