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Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

♦ SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PACT FOR GREENE

If all goes according to plan, Robert Greene will become the new Athens School Director about the middle of July. The Athens School Board met yesterday and voted unanimously on a contract for Greene. The contract will be presented to Greene this Friday. It calls for a \$116,000 salary package and gives him 180 days to establish residency in Athens. Greene is a former Meigs County School Superintendent and is the deputy state Education Commissioner.

◆ PETITION UPDATE FOR ATHENS COUNCIL RACE At this point, five people have picked up petititions to run for the November 2nd election for Athens City Council. Four of the five seats on the council are open. Incumbents Dick Pelley, Hal Buttram, Bo Perkinson and Shane Jackson have picked up petitions, along with Frances Witt-McMahan. The deadline for submitting the petitions is August 19.

♦ HOLĬDAY TRAFFIC FATALITY REPORT

The Tennessee Department of Safety says nine people were killed in traffic crashes on state roadways during the 4th of July holiday period. Of the nine fatalities, six were vehicle occupants (five were not wearing their seat belts), two were motorcyclists, and one was a pedestrian. One of the fatalities was alcohol-related.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

• U.S. prosecutors say a failed plot to set off bombs in the New York subway system last year was part of a larger al-Qaida terrorist conspiracy that planned a similar attack in England.

• Stock prices climbed for the second day in a row on Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 10,018.28; up 274.66.

• Republican Sen. John McCain says he plans to vote against confirming Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan.

◆ Leslie Van Houten has been turned down for parole for the 19th time. Van Houten, who is now 60, was a young Charles Manson follower who participated in the murders of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca 41 years ago. Those murders took place the day after Manson and his followers killed actress Sharon Tate and four other people.

• Three more units of the Tennessee National Guard's 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment are scheduled to arrive back in Tennessee tomorrow, including Sweetwater's Troop I, 1st Squadron. The 278th is coming home from Iraq six months earlier than expected.

• NBA star LeBron James plans to announce which team he will sign to play with during a national TV appearance on ESPN. The date and time have not been announced.





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Rollover Wreck at Athens Exit

Greg Pilcher, 44, of Athens, was injured when his pickup truck rolled over on I-75 at the southbound on-ramp at exit 49 shortly after 12 noon Wednesday. The occupant was trapped inside and had to be extricated by Athens Firemen and rescue personnel. He was taken to Athens Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. (Photo by Sam Natter)



Community News You Can Use

- Ten people attended a gathering at Riddle and Wallace Soda Shop on Tuesday to express their opinions about holding a referendum on whether the mayor of Athens should be elected. The meeting was called by Councilman Dick Pelley. Pelley asked those present to help collect signatures on a petition to put the referendum on the November ballot. Pelley says a total of 336 signatures are needed. If the referendum is on the ballot and is approved, it would then have to be passed by the State Legislature.

- The Athens Police Department will have another Community Hot Dog Cookout from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Westside Elementary School. Athens City Council members will be there to meet and speak with citizens. The Athens Fire Department will be there with their "smoke house" to teach children how to escape a burning building. There will be free hot dogs and soft drinks.

OBITUARY: Mary Barnett Lusk Moore, age 86, of Englewood died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Sunrise Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.



Greeks Summer Sale beginning today !!!

50% off so many items...Vietri lamps, crystal, linens, selected pieces of Spartina...too much to list.

ifts Downtown On the Square 10am-5:30pm (M-F) Sat. 10-2 Closed Wednesday's -- July thru Labor Day 745-2642

