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Thursday-March 22, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL TID-BITS

Athens City Council members voted at their Tuesday night meeting to authorize the city to enter into a contract with Wilson Construction Group for construction of a restroom facility at the Athens Downtown Market Park. The city will be responsible for \$188,583 of the total cost of \$326,708.

Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reported there were 4 robberies in February, 54 thefts, 14 burglaries, 10 assaults, 2 motor vehicle thefts, and 2 sex offenses. There were 72 traffic accidents with 23 injuries. Police issued 731 citations for moving violations in February.

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 40 calls in February. Fifteen calls involved vehicle accidents, two involved vehicle fires, one call was to a residence, and there were 14 false alarms.

◆ ANOTHER "SHAKER" RATTLES AREA

Another of those frequent earth quakes was recorded in McMinn County Tuesday night at 9:12 p.m. The 2.1 quake was centered 4 miles east northeast of Niota or about 5 miles south of Sweetwater. A 1.6 quake was recorded on Feb. 22nd 2 miles southeast of Niota.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Mitt Romney has been endorsed by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Bush said primary elections have been held in 34 states, and now is the time for Republicans to unite behind Romney.

◆ Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul says he has rejected protection from the Secret Service because he believes charging taxpayers for his personal security is a "form of welfare."

◆ Authorities in Nashville say two men, one of them a former prison guard, have been arrested in a plot to break-out Tennessee's lone female death row inmate. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation says there was no imminent danger of an escape by Christa Gail Pike. Pike was 20 when she was sentenced to death in 1996 for the murder of a fellow Knoxville Job Corps student. New Jersey police arrested a man who has frequently visited Pike in prison. A former correctional officer at the Tennessee Prison for Women, Justin Heflin, was also arrested.

◆ The Broncos' attempt to trade quarterback Tim Tebow to the New York Jets was completed Wednesday evening after hitting a potential snag almost as soon as it was announced earlier in the day. Tebow's contract specifies any team that acquires the quarterback has to kick back \$5.06375 million to the Broncos in advanced salaries from the 2012, 2013 and 2014 seasons, but Jets management noticed the stipulation only after agreeing to the deal. Both teams will split the money.

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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between March 13th and 15th:

B.J.'s Snack Bar - 91

The Pork Barrel Mobile Unit - 90

Pizza Hut - 88

Taco Bell - 79

China Wok - 73

Obituaries

Alton Carter, age 80, of Englewood died Tuesday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

Nancy Thornburg Feezell, age 71, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband Sam L. Feezell. They were owners of Athens Insurance Agency. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral and Cremation Service with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home.

Students Share Tornado Stories

Seventeen Tennessee Wesleyan College students will share stories of how the April 2011 tornadoes personally affected them in the TWC spring production, "Hit or Miss." The outdoor presentation will focus on how last year's tornadoes changed TWC students' lives. "Hit or Miss" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. nightly March 22 through 24 and March 29 through 31 in the Quad located in the center of the TWC campus. Admission is free. (The photo shows TWC students rehearsing "Hit or Miss.")



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