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Friday-March 15, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ THE ARMADILLOS ARE COMING!

You've probably seen photographs of them in books and maybe actually seen one at a zoo. We're talking about armadillos, which are beginning to make an appearance in East Tennessee.



Scientists say in recent years, the strange-looking armored mammals have moved eastward and northward and have now been confirmed in Tennessee. Scientists have collected road-killed armadillos on Interstate 24 in Hamilton County and three have been found in Marion County. The critters extend their range about four miles a year.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency will be distributing USDA commodities in McMinn County on Thursday, March 21st, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the National Guard armory. You must have a card in order to receive commodities. Eligibility is based on total household income.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Because of a series of anti-American statements by Afghan President Hamid Karzai, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan warned his troops to be ready for increased violence. Karzai stated that his comments were meant to help reform and not destroy the relationship. The Afghan leader accused the U.S. of colluding with the Taliban on suicide attacks to keep the country unstable and give foreign forces an excuse to stay beyond their 2014 mandate.

◆ Over 180 manatees have died in Florida due to a deadly toxin in the Red Tide algae bloom. The manatees inhale the toxins from the Red Tide algae bloom when they surface for air.

◆ Pope Francis urged the Catholic Church in his first public Mass to stick to its roots and shun modern temptations, warning that it would become just "a compassionate non-governmental organization" if it forgot its true mission. He said the Church should be more focused on the Gospels of Jesus Christ.

◆ If you didn't bother filing a federal tax return for 2009, you might want to right now. The Internal Revenue Service says it has \$917 million in unclaimed tax refunds from 2009, and the deadline to claim them is April 1st.

◆ In Mansfield, Ohio, Reba Williams was presented her high school diploma this week. She is 106 and finished school in 1925.

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Friday-March 15, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Church News & Events

- Women at the Well will host its annual banquet tonight at 6 at Eastanalee Baptist Church. For information, call 745-0010.
- The Southern Gospel quartet Gold City will be in concert at Pope Ave. Baptist Church in Athens this Sunday at 6 p.m.
- Revival services will be held at the Agape Center AOH Church of God March 17-21. The March 17th service begins at 6 p.m. The March 18-21 services start at 6 p.m. Pastor Terance Pitchford from Knoxville will be the revival speaker.
- Women at the Well will be conducting the services at South Liberty Church, 505 County Road 655, this Sunday at 6 p.m.
- Christ Community Church on South Congress Parkway in Athens will have its annual Prom Ministry Event tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be free prom attire for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom.
- First Baptist Church of Athens will present an Easter drama titled *Bow The Knee* on Thursday and Friday evening, March 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and no tickets or reservations are required. The community is invited to attend.

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Jada Nichole Ray was born March 3rd at ARMC. She weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her parents are Rachel and William Ray, Jr., of Decatur.

Abigail Marie Axley was born March 3rd at ARMC. She weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces and was 18¼ inches long. Her parents are Ben and Jennifer Axley of Athens.

OBITUARIES: **Teddie Jean Wilson**, age 73, of Athens died Wednesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. She was retired from Robinson Enterprises. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Myrtle Marion Curtis Williams, age 94, of Riceville died Thursday at her daughter's home. She retired from Athens Mfg Company. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 6-8 p.m. at Ziegler.

LC Renfro, age 89, of Kingston died Wednesday in Sweetwater Nursing Home. He was a former employee of Roane Elec. Co. and was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with receiving of friends from 6-8 p.m. at Laycock.

John Alexander Hall, age 72, of Athens died Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home with receiving of friends from 5-7 at Laycock.

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