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Thursday-February 3, 2011

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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ QUARRY GETS THE GO-AHEAD

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has issued a permit for a rock quarry to be located near Calhoun. The controversial quarry is being developed by East Tennessee Materials. The company hopes to be open by spring.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks Department has added an additional Daddy Daughter Dance due to the overwhelming number of people who want to attend. The fourth dance will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at McMinn High School. Tickets for the Friday night, Saturday night, and Saturday 4 p.m. dance have all been sold. Tickets are available for the fourth dance at the Parks Department office at Athens City Hall.

✓ The McMinn/Meigs Agriculture Roundtable will meet at 6:30 a.m. Thursday at Shoney's in Athens. Guest speakers will be the McMinn County High School FFA. Breakfast is Dutch Treat.

✓ Today is the deadline for purchasing tickets to the Etowah Chamber of Commerce's 49th Annual Banquet to be held next Thursday, Feb. 10. The speaker is will be Dr. Dale Henry. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by calling the Chamber at 263-2228.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Thousands of supporters and opponents of President Hosni Mubarak battled in Cairo's main square Wednesday, throwing stones, bottles, and firebombs at each other as soldiers stood by without intervening. One person was killed when he fell off a bridge and 596 have been injured. The White House issued a statement condemning the violence and calling for restraint.

◆ A massive storm barreled toward the Northeast on Wednesday, paralyzing big cities and small towns with deep snow and thick ice, stranding motorists, closing airports and shutting schools across the Midwest. Chicago got two feet of snow and a foot or more fell on parts of Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, and upstate New York.

◆ Stock prices see-sawed between modest gains and losses on Wednesday, a day after the Dow Jones closed at its highest level in 2½ years on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Dow closed at 12,041.97; up 1.81 points.

◆ WikiLeaks, the Website that has been leaking U.S. government secrets, has been nominated for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

◆ The red swimsuit that helped make "Charlie's Angels" actress Farrah Fawcett a 1970's icon is going on display at the Smithsonian in Washington.

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ETOWAH MAN HURT IN WRECK

Carl Lowary of Etowah was transported by Rural Metro to Woods Memorial Hospital after a two-vehicle crash in the rainy weather Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Highway 163 and County Road 750. The wreck involved Lowary's car and a 1960 Ranchero driven by Barry Doss of Dayton. Doss had just purchased the Ranchero and was on his way back to Dayton. He said he was stopped at the stop sign waiting to turn left onto Bowater Road when the car tried to make a left turn onto County Road 750 and clipped the front end of his vehicle and then clipped a power pole.



Photo by Jay Thomson

Obituaries

James Elvin "Jimmy" Pickel, age 54, of Charleston died Monday at his home. He was a teacher with the McMinn County School System for 24 years and a former baseball coach for the McMinn County and Bradley County school systems. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Harry Gantt Williams, Jr., of Nashville died last Friday at his home. He was the husband of Nancy Mahery Williams, formerly of Athens, and the father of Patti Greek of Athens. A memorial service was held Tuesday in Nashville. Friends of the family may sign the guest register at www.jerrysmithfuneralhome.com.

MEIGS HIGH BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

There will be a cookout this Saturday from 12 noon until 2 p.m.; at the AMVETS just south of Decatur. BBQ Chicken or Ribs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Slaw. The cost is \$6 a plate and proceeds benefit the Meigs High School baseball program.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - February 3

- 1809** - German composer Felix Mendelssohn was born. His best-known song is the familiar "Wedding March," which comes from the orchestral overture, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."
- 1811** - Newspaper editor Horace Greeley was born. He supported free homesteading in the west as a cure for the industrial ills of the east and was popularly quoted as advising, "Go west, young man."
- 1894** - Painter and illustrator Norman Rockwell was born. He was best-known for the covers he produced for the Saturday Evening Post magazine.
- 1913** - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect. That's the Amendment which created the income tax.
- 1959** - The "music died" on this day when singers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. Richardson (AKA the Big Bopper) were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

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