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Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

BEAVERS GETS BOOTED FROM BALLOT

Dennis Beavers, a candidate for the State Senate seat being vacated by current State Senator Mike Bell, was removed from the ballot at a special called meeting of the McMinn County Election Commission Wednesday night. Todd Watson, Chairman of the McMinn Election Commission, issued the following statement: "The Tennessee State Election Commission received an inquiry regarding the residence of state senate candidate Dennis Beavers. After reviewing evidence, the McMinn County Election Commission voted 4 -0 to remove Mr. Beavers from the ballot. Article II Section 10 of the Tennessee Constitution states "No person shall be senator unless he shall be a citizen of the United States, of age thirty years, and shall have resided three years in this state, and one year in the county or district, immediately preceding the election. No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be eligible to any office or place of trust, the appointment to which is vested in the executive or the General Assembly, except to the office of trustee of a literary institution." The Commission learned that Mr. Beavers was a candidate for City Council in Blountsville, Alabama and also voted in the 2020 November general election in Alabama. The Commission determined Mr. Beavers did not meet the 3-year residency requirement. The Commission did not seek out this information nor take pleasure in this action. However, the Commission felt it had a duty to fulfill, and followed the Tennessee Constitution to the best of its understanding.

♦ HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS LIFE IN ETOWAH

A fatality was reported in Etowah early Thursday morning when a house on Athens Pike caught fire around 2:30 a.m. Units from the Etowah City and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. Etowah Police Chief Scott Hicks says that the victim's name will not be released until an autopsy has been performed and several state agencies conclude an investigation.

Community News You Can Use

Peoples Bank of East Tennessee recently made a contribution to

the Athens Area Council for the Arts Capital Campaign in support of arts and culture in our region. AACA is in the process of expanding their programs by renovating three additional buildings next to headtheir quarters on White North Street. In the photo: (L-R)



Tom B. Hughes, III, Executive Vice-President of Peoples Bank handing a check to AACA Executive Director, Lauren Brown. Also shown are Scottie Mayfield (Left), Capital Campaign Chairman and Art Kimball (Right), AACA Board President.





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More Community News

✓ World Tai Chi Day will be celebrated Saturday, April 30th at 10 a.m. at the Athens Regional Park Lake. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Sarah Kite at 423-745-2852 for more information.
✓ Fifth Friday Spring Fling originally scheduled for today, Friday April 29th, has been changed to Thursday, May 5th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Check future Morning Fax publications for location, street closures, food and special activities.

✓ Arthritis Exercise Class will be Monday & Wednesday, May 2nd and 4th at First Baptist Church of Athens from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; at Etowah Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and at U.T. Extension Office on Denso Drive from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Instructor is Sarah Kite and the class is FREE.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REDORT: U.S. equity markets closed higher, led by the technology sector. The Nasdaq Index closed up over 3%. Treasury yields moved modestly higher with the U.S. 10-year yield back up to 2.83%. The U.S. dollar continues its upward momentum.

At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 614.46 to 33,916.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 103.54 to 4,287.50, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 382.60 to 12,871.53.

Church News & Events

- The Men of Valor will have a fish fry on Saturday, April 30th at Pocket Park on North Jackson Street in Athens from noon until all the fish has been sold. For info call Tyson King at 865-556-4401.

- Valley Road Baptist Church will have homecoming Sunday, May 1st at 11 a.m. A fellowship dinner will be served after the service. Everyone is invited.

- Jones Chapel United Methodist Church offers Celebrate Recovery every Sunday from 4:45 to 6 p.m., with worship, groups, and a to-go meal.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God.

- The Meadow Fork singers will be at Cooke Ministry Center today at 7 p.m. for a gospel singing.

