

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Pelley Files Suit Against Mayor Community News

An ouster petition was filed recently by Athens City Councilman Dr. Dick Pelley (pictured below, left) in an effort to have Athens



Mayor Bo Perkinson removed from office. Pelley says that Mayor Perkinson will not allow him to speak at city council meetings by calling him out on numerous points of order. Pelley said that he represents the citizens of Athens and deserves to be heard. Mayor Perkinson (pictured below, right)

countered that and said there have been procedures in place for many years that allows a council member to place items on the agenda. He says that Dr. Pelley does not follow those procedures, which are based on Robert's Rules of Order and approved by the city council. Judge J. Michael Sharp held a hearing on the



petition last Friday at the McMinn County Justice Center and ultimately sided with Mayor Perkinson saying there was not enough evidence to remove him from office. The judge will tentatively hold another hearing on the matter on September 29th. Broadcast reporter Karen Aguilar from WRCB TV-3 News in Chattanooga covered the hearing last Friday. A video interview with both men and more details are available <u>HERE</u>.

Community News You Can Use

✓ There will be a community revival at Athens City Middle School Auditorium now through September 23^{rd} at 7 p.m. nightly. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited.

 \checkmark The Athens City School Board of Education September work session is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd beginning at noon at the administration building.

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session today, Tuesday, September 20^{th} at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County courthouse.

Wreck on Hwy 39 at Eureka Trails: Recently, the driver of a 2017 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling east on Hwy 39,

Englewood close to Co. Road 432 when a bicyclist crossed into the path of the motorcycle on the highway crossing at Eureka Trails. The bicyclist was transported to Sweetwater Hospital by AMR. Englewood Rural Fire responded to the accident. THP Sgt Kyle Millsaps investigated the accident.



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Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department





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Obituaries

• Susan Alice Roberts Lewis, age 77, of Ten Mile, passed away Wednesday, September 14th at her residence. She was a native and lifelong resident of Meigs County. She worked for many years as a CNA with Decatur Health Care. She participated with the Women's Ministry with the Bledsoe Correction Facility and the McMinn County Justice Center. She conducted a radio broadcast "Harvest Time Ministries" from 2006 to August of 2022. A Celebration of Life will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 21st at Highway to Heaven Church at 1413 Knoxville Avenue in Athens, with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• Linda Rose Henderson Fleming, age 79, of Athens, passed away September 19th at Spring City Care and Rehabilitation Center in Spring City. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens.

TODAY IN HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 20th

1519 - Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan began a voyage to find a western passage to the East Indies. He sailed along the eastern coast of South America and then west. The voyage eventually became the first expedition around the world and offered proof that the world is round.

1873 - Financial chaos forced the New York Stock Exchange to

close on this day. It remained closed for 10 days. **1878** - Author Upton Sinclair was born. He wrote the novel "The Jungle," which described the plight of immigrant workers in the Chicago stockyards.

1924 - Singer Gogi Grant was born. Her biggest hit record was "The Wayward Wind."

1973 - Singer Jim Croce died in a plane crash in Louisiana. He was 30.

National and World News

◆ Hurricane Fiona battered the Dominican Republic on Monday with torrential rain and winds as strong as 85 miles per hour, one day after triggering a total power outage in neighboring Puerto Rico where at least one person died. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said The Category 1 hurricane will likely become a Category 3 as it moves north of Hispanola. The Turks and Caicos Islands are now under a hurricane warning. The Bahamas could experience tropical storm conditions Tuesday morning. ◆ Once again, President Biden's comments regarding Taiwan raise questions about U.S. policy. He was asked during an interview on "60 Minutes" whether U.S. forces would defend Taiwan if it is attacked by China, and the president said "yes." This marks the fourth time he has made a similar statement regarding the island territory. Each time, White House officials have rushed to clarify the president's statements, explaining there was no change in U.S. policy. China criticized the president's latest comment.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equity markets rebounded late in the day. Major equity indexes ended in the green. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield moved higher to 3.49% levels. The 2-year yields moved higher to 3.94% levels. Energy prices also stabilized with WTI crude oil prices flat around \$85 levels. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 197.26 to 31,019.68. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 26.56 to 3,899.89, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 86.62 to 11,5.5.02.

