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Wednesday, October 05, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Pelley Ouster Suit Dismissed

On August 18, 2022, Athens City Council Member Dr. Adolphus "Dick" Pelley, and other Petitioners, filed a Petition to oust Bo Perkinson as Mayor of the City of Athens. As a part of his suit, Pelley asked the Circuit Court for McMinn County, to immediately suspend Perkinson from his role as Mayor prior to any final hearing on the merits of the ouster petition. On September 16, 2022, Circuit Court Judge Michael Sharp heard several hours of testimony from Council Member Pelley. Judge Sharp denied Pelley's request for an immediate suspension stating, "there is no adequate evidence" for the immediate suspension of Mayor Perkinson. On September 23, 2022, Attorney Van Irion, who represents Council Member Pelley and other Petitioners, filed a Notice of Non-Suit with the Circuit Court. This non-suit is a request by Council Member Pelley and the petitioners to dismiss the suit against Mayor Perkinson. Mayor Perkinson stated, "while I am pleased that Council Member Pelley saw his error and has voluntarily dismissed his suit against me, the ouster suit was damaging to our community as a whole. The timing of the filing of the suit, with both myself and Dr. Pelley on the ballot for the election of City Council members in November, is troubling. The City Council, the administrative staff, and the other dedicated employees of the City of Athens work diligently to provide services and opportunities for the citizens of Athens and McMinn County. This lawsuit by Dr. Pelley was an unnecessary embarrassment for the City of Athens." The disposition of court costs, fees, and other sanctions against Dr. Pelley and the other Petitioners will be decided by the Court in the coming weeks.

Community News You Can

- ✓ Local author, Steve Croy, will discuss his latest book, "The Way of the Snake" at the Meigs Decatur Public Library on Saturday, October 8th at 1 p.m. This event is free and open to all.
- ✓ BEAUTIFICATION AWARD: Congratulations to James (Jim) Nelson and family for being the recipients of the Main Street Athens Beautification Award for the 4th quarter of 2022!

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◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Angela Hamby. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

♦ **Shirley Jean Runyon**, formerly of the Cumberland Hills community near Athens, passed away October 1st in Sandy Springs, Georgia. She was born in Athens. Aside from a short time spent in California in the late 1940's Shirley lived her entire life in Athens until she moved to Sandy Springs in 2015 to be close to her family. She began her career at Athens Stove Works, which later was acquired by White-Westinghouse, Electrolux and eventually the Frigidaire Corporation. She worked over forty years at the same location in Athens, retiring at age 62 as manager of the parts department. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 6th at Smith Funeral Home with a funeral service immediately following and burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremations Services of Athens is in charge.

A former McMinn County High School student was killed in a car crash in Cleveland last Thursday. Evan Stoops, age 20, was driving a Kia Soul on the Georgetown Road when he lost control, swerved onto oncoming traffic and hit a dump truck. No charges have been filed so far.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks were higher. Global equities responded with gains as well. Interest rates moved lower. The 10-year Treasury yield pulled back toward 3.6%. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 825.43 to 30,316.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 112.50 to 3,790.93, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 360.97 to 11,176.41.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! WYXI RADIO, the parent company of the Morning Fax, was born on October 5, 1966.

Beautification Award

This award is to recognize business owners within the Downtown Main Street District who exemplify innovative and extraordinary efforts to enhance the visual image of their properties through renovation, façade improvements, landscaping, lighting, window design, historic preservation, and the overall aesthetic appeal. This building is located at 102 N White Street. The family story: "Our beautiful building was built in 1927 and has a rich history. While starting out as a department store, Farmers Bank took over the building and occupied it until the 1980's. Once Farmers Bank vacated, Edward Jones has leased the front office space ever since. The Nelson family has owned the building for over 29 years. In February of 2021, a professional inspection was completed and determined that several updates were needed. Renovations included: new roof, new windows, rejuvenation of the marble and brick exterior, and the accent lighting around the top exterior of the building put the final touches on the structure. Updates were completed by May of 2021. Let's all work together to complete the "Friendly City Masterplan" in the years ahead. (Family story submitted by Elizabeth Loftis, Daughter of Jim Nelson) Please help us celebrate this family and thank them for their investment in Downtown Athens! Submitted by Lisa Dotson - Main Street Athens



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