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Tuesday, August 29, 2023 (SEE PAGE 3 IN TODAY'S EDITION) Athens, Tennessee

Whiting Loses Appeal

An Athens Man, Glenn Whiting, who complained that city officials retaliated against him when he painted a downtown Athens building with a complaint written with stencils, against former Athens Mayor Chuck Burris and former city manager Seth Sumner, has lost his appeal to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. Glenn Whiting claimed the city condemned a separate building owned by his father-in-law and mother-in-law and ordered it demolished in retaliation for his constant complaints at city council meetings and in the painted message. Now that he has lost his appeal, he will have to tear down the dilapidated Pope Avenue building. Whiting painted the sign on the side of the downtown building in 2019, criticizing city officials because of a police investigation into a stolen car as well. Whiting was represented by Knoxville attorney Van Irion.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equity markets were higher The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 213.08 to 34,559.98. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 27.60 to 4,433.31, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 114.49 to 13,705.13.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Resource Agency will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible Meigs County residents on Wednesday 6th September, starting at 8 am. Distribution will be at the office in Decatur. You must have a sheet in order to receive commodities on this day. All you have to provide is proof of income for all household members or proof of category eligibility to get your commodity sheet. Eligibility will be based on total household income not in excess of the State-established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the appropriate household size or category eligibility. In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, SETHRA is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

✓ County Road 119, Old Highway 30 West, will be closed Monday, September 4th for Bridge Construction between County Road 166, Mine Road and County Road 105, Rogers Creek Road (Bridge near McKinney Excavating). This bridge construction will begin Monday, September 4th. The road will be closed approximately 6 to 8 weeks. The road should reopen on or around the 3rd week in October depending on the weather or any additional unforeseen delays.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**Dillard Waymon Masingale**, age 81, of Athens, passed away Sunday, August 27th at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. He was born in Cleveland and was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a member of the Athens Church of Christ. He was a member of the Dirty Dozen + 1 Englewood Rams Football Team of 1959. He was the owner of Foster Lumber Company of Niota and Masingale Logging until his retirement. A funeral service will be at 11:00 am, Thursday, August 31st at Athens Church of Christ. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be at Smith Funeral Home 5:00 -7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 30th. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Daniel James "Danny" Williams**, age 66, of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, August 27th. He was a member of South Liberty Church of Christ. He was known as "Uncle Danny" to so many people. Danny grew up in North Athens, graduated from McMinn County High School, and attended Cleveland State Community College. He was in transportation most of his life. He loved to farm and work with his beef cattle. Danny was a master craftsman who loved to build things from wood. He was a kind, generous man who would help anyone in need. Danny was a man of strong beliefs and loved by everyone who met him. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 29th at South Liberty Church of Christ. Funeral services will follow at 5:00 PM. Interment will follow directly after services at South Liberty Cemetery. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Niota Train Depot on September 23rd from 1:00-3:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

♦**Patricia Ball Coleman**, age 56, of Etowah, passed away Sunday, August 27th. She attended McMinn Central High school, class of 1985 and graduated from Miller Motte with a surgical tech degree. She was a member of Cambria Baptist Church. She enjoyed traveling when she could, loved her family and pets dearly, and would help anyone in need. A funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦**James Gordon Gann**, age 86, of Etowah passed away on August 26th after a lengthy illness. James was a member of Etowah Church of Christ. He served in the US Air Force and the Army National Guard. He retired from Shelter Insurance. He also worked at 1st National Bank. There will be no formal visitation. There will be a graveside service on August 30th at 9am at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Stephen Nathaniel Cates**, age 33, passed away on Friday, August 25th. Stephen was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was an avid Georgia Bulldogs football fan. He loved being outdoors and tinkering with anything he thought he could fix. He loved animals of all kinds. He loved to play and spoil his nieces and nephews with toys and love. He was an employee of Kendall Vegetation Services of Lawrenceville, GA. Visitation will be Wednesday August 30th from 5-8 p.m. at Good Samaritan Funeral Home with the funeral at 8. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Denso Veterans Group Donates To American Legion

Last Thursday an employee-led, veterans-focused business resource group at DENSO donated \$200 to the local American Legion post to help fund the replacement of the 30-by-60-foot American flag that waves 150 feet above I-75 near the Athens exit. The DENSO Veterans Network gave to American Legion Bill Rodgers Memorial Post 68, which is fundraising to update the veteran's memorial where the large, well-known flag is located. "This donation helps the American Flag continue fly high in our community," said Matt Scott, a veteran himself and member of the DENSO Veterans Network. "When you see the flag waving from the interstate, you know you are home. We are grateful for the American Legion, the City of Athens and McMinn County's commitment to honoring former service members through the memorial." The DENSO Veterans Network doesn't only contribute to local veterans causes. The group also supports DENSO veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, guardsman and their families in various ways, including through mentorship, fellowship, career networking and leadership and skills development programming. DENSO in Athens is where more than 1,500 team members work together every day to manufacture leading automotive technology that contributes to green, safe and seamless mobility future for all.

Pictured in the Photo Below: Front row Dolores Anderson, American Legion, Dick Pelley, American Legion, Matt Scott and Eddie Franks, Denso Veterans Group; Middle row left to right, John Devine, Denso Veterans Group; Susan Peglow, Local Veterans Administration; Lanny Tinnel, Denso Veterans Group; Back Row, Katie Beth Nolen, Andrew Croy, Bonita Montgomery, & Gary Plemons, Denso Veterans Group. Photo & story submitted by Denso Veterans Group.

