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Athens, Tennessee

City Council Files Petition to Remove Pelley



The City of Athens, Tennessee, has initiated legal proceedings to remove City Council Member Adolphus "Dick" Pelley from his position. The petition, filed by City Attorney Christopher M. Caldwell, alleges misconduct during Pelley's tenure, including violations of his oath of office and city regulations.

The allegations center on Pelley's involvement in the Veteran's Park Project, where he is accused of bypassing official procedures, exerting undue control over the project, and exposing the city and its residents to potential risks and liabilities. Additionally, Pelley is alleged to have shared confidential city information with a private citizen over several years, leading to multiple lawsuits against the city.

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Community News You Can Use

- Athens City Schools is inviting everyone to the Scholastic Family Night Book Fair at Athens City Middle School on Thursday, August 29 from 5pm - 6pm. Immediately following the Book Fair is the PTO Family Night Annual Title 1 Meeting from 6 pm - 7 pm.
- The Mid-East TN Community Chorus (METCC) in association with the Hiwassee Bruderhof Community is preparing for its fall and winter concerts. Everyone is welcome to sing or play with the METCC. Rehearsals will be Mondays at 7 p.m. at TWU and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Hiwassee College. If you are interested, register [HERE](#)

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On Thursday, Direct Primary Care Associates, PLLC, located at 620 Congress Parkway N, in Athens, hosted an "Ice Cream Social". This event, open to the public, invited members of the community to get their questions answered about DPCA and their practice. This event also welcomed

Dr. David Byrd to their staff of medical professionals. DPCA offers a membership-based payment model that allows patients to have a direct access relationship with their healthcare provider without any insurance needed. They offer 24/7 Primary Care, Complete Care, as well as Preventive and Follow-up Services. They have a pharmacy that offers FREE delivery of medication to your doorstep, labs and more. Individual and Family Plan prices are listed on their website with individual plans priced at \$35/ month if under 18, \$79/month over 18. The Family Max Plan is listed for \$228 per month which includes 2 adults and 2 or more children under 18. If you missed the event, but still want more information on DPCA, head over to their website directprimarycareassociates.com or contact the Athens office at (423) 405 - 1990.

Obituaries

Beverly "Bev" Borgus Whitaker passed away on Sunday, August 25. A memorial service will be conducted, 1:00 P.M., Saturday, August 31, 2024 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am-1:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. Following the service, the family warmly invites everyone to join them at their home on Watts Bar Lake in Ten Mile for a meal and a celebration of Bev's life. Smith Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Athens in charge of arrangements.

William Riden, age 80, passed away on Monday, August 26. Arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William Riden.

Michael "Mike" Eugene Burnette, age 71, passed away on Monday, August 26. Arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene Burnette.

Lewis M. "Demmy" Partain, 89, of Athens, passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 24th, his 58th wedding anniversary. Demmy retired from TVA, and went back to work selling cars at L&M Motors until he was 75. The family will have a graveside service at McMinn Memory Gardens on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11 am. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

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Featuring: Sarah Philpott, author

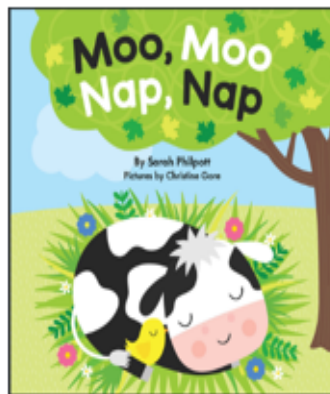
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Dexter Thomas Band Closes Out Sounds of Summer



Friendly City Festivals announces the 12th and final concert of the 2024 Sounds of Summer series will showcase The Dexter Thomas Band Friday August 30.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion on 106 South Jackson Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for an entertaining evening featuring the best of the 60s and 70s rock, R&B and funk!

Since its beginnings in 1995, The Dexter Thomas Band has been performing high-energy shows throughout the South in a wide variety of venues. The 12-piece band features a dynamic combination of male and female lead vocals which creates their signature sound. Nine members of the band have music degrees and individual members have performed outside of the band both nationally and internationally.

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(c)3 subsidiary of Willsonthropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, McMinn County Tourism Board Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Dynasty Spas and Pools, TVA, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Mayfield Dairy Farms, DENSO, Humana, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, Pendleton's Playground, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, Warren Jackson CPAs and Athens Kiwanis Club. Special thanks to The Morning Fax, The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Athens for social media and advertising support.

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The court filing states: “ (Pelley) while sitting as a City Councilmember has shared confidential information via e-mail over the course of some four plus years with a singular citizen of McMinn County, Tennessee. Specifically, Respondent has shared via “forwarding” nearly two hundred or so e-mails with said individual. In addition, over thirty or more of said e-mails were “confidential” in nature and labeled as such...” “(Pelley) ’s reckless disregard has provided said singular citizen with access to information that has led to multiple lawsuits against the City of Athens and its employees. (Pelley) ’s acts have aided a singular citizen’s agenda while costing the taxpayers... tens of thousands of dollars, or more, as the City of Athens has either paid directly or through increased insurance premiums for the defense of said lawsuits, most of which have been dismissed or have resulted in very little in the way of violations. Respondent’s acts constitute both a violation of his oath of office and the municipal code as he clearly intended to benefit himself or the singular citizen from McMinn County through financial/monetary gain.”

The petition requests Pelley’s immediate suspension and eventual removal from office, pending a court hearing.

McMinn Athletics

It was a big week for McMinn County High School Athletics and continues on into this week as well. Last Thursday during High School Football, The Cherokees defeated the Bradley Central Bears 16 - 3 in the 101st meeting of the two teams. They look to continue to bring in the W’s against Cleveland High as both teams collide in the first home game for the Cherokees of the 2024 season. The game takes place on Friday 8/30 with kickoff at 7:00 pm in Athens.

Moving onto McMinn Soccer, The Lady Cherokees picked up a win on the road against Soddy Daisy 3 - 2 on Thursday. This came after a Tuesday 4-0 Loss to Knoxville Catholic and was followed up with a 4-1 loss to CAK on Friday. The girls managed a 3-3 tie against the Tennessee Vikings on Saturday and finished the weekend’s games with a 4-0 loss at Knoxville Central on Sunday bringing their W-L Record to 1-3-1. Their next scheduled game will take place at home on Thursday, 8/29 against Walker Valley with a 7:00 pm kickoff time.

With McMinn Volleyball, their most recent match took place on Thursday, August 22 with a 3-1 win over Sequoyah. Their next games are scheduled at home vs. Grace Christian Academy from Knoxville TONIGHT at 6:30 and vs. Cleveland on Thursday at 6:30 pm.



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Obituaries (cont.)




John Peyton Frew, 91, of Cartersville, Georgia, passed away at his home on Friday, August, 23. He was born in Akron, Ohio, but moved with his family to Atlanta, Georgia, when he was 11. While he was a student at Decatur Boys High School, John started his part time broadcasting career at an Atlanta area radio station while also working part time at his dad's paint factory in Decatur, Georgia. John soon realized the paint factory wasn't his passion but working in radio was. He worked part time while in school at numerous locations throughout Georgia including Savannah, Valdosta, and Clarksville. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1955 with a degree in Journalism and was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant and was stationed in Germany. After serving our country he was a full time newsman and Disc Jockey at WQXI in Atlanta, going by the radio name of "George T.

McEntyre." In 1966, John and his wife Julia, to whom he was married in 1961, built and operated WYXI Radio in Athens, Tennessee. After moving to Athens, Tennessee, John had been in the south long enough to know he liked having grits for breakfast and he found the local restaurant didn't have grits but the next week the restaurant served him grits for his breakfast. The family operated their Tennessee radio station until 1979, when they sold the radio station and moved back to Cartersville, which was Julia's hometown. John along with his wife Julia and daughter Julie purchased WYXC in Cartersville, operating it until 1999 when they sold the radio station and retired. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd William and Elizabeth Hobson Frew; His wife, Julia Neel Frew and his son-in-law, Johnny E. Massey. He is survived by his daughter: Julie Neel Frew-Massey; his granddaughter Juliet Laura Massey and his Maltese dog Ruby all of Cartersville. Graveside Services will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 1pm at Oak Hill Cemetery, Cartersville, GA with Rev. Jack Pennington officiating. Owen Funeral Home, 12 Collins Drive, Cartersville, GA 30120 770-382-3030



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