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Friday, April 22, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

- ◆ Former Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Chattanooga claiming violations of his First Amendment rights and accuses Athens City Manager, C. Seth Sumner of retaliating against him for speaking out about activities involving the city manager. The six-count federal complaint comes from a so-called feud between Couch and Sumner over the police chief's claims that Sumner interfered with his authority as chief, pressured him to investigate an elected city official, retaliated against him for going to other elected officials with suspicions about Sumner and that Sumner fired him in retaliation. Couch was fired in October of 2021 by Sumner after a special City Council meeting into ongoing problems between the two city officials. Couch is seeking \$2 million in compensatory and punitive damages. The award could be tripled to \$6 million due to certain guidelines that would apply if Couch wins the case.
- ◆ A 43-year-old Cleveland woman was killed in a wreck Wednesday on Interstate 75 in McMinn County. The Tennessee Highway Patrol said a Texas truck driver was stopped in the left lane at mile marker 52 NB due to TDOT construction. According to the THP's report, Patricia Graves driving a Nissan Versa failed to stop for traffic, and hit the truck in the rear. She was pronounced dead on the scene.
- ◆ Governor Bill Lee called off the execution of a Tennessee inmate after an "oversight" in lethal injection preparation. Nearly an hour before Oscar Smith, 72, was scheduled to be executed (Thursday, April 21), the governor's officer released the following statement: "Due to an oversight in preparation for lethal injection, the scheduled execution of Oscar Smith will not move forward tonight. I am granting a temporary reprieve while we address Tennessee Department of Correction protocol. Further details will be released when they are available".

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Meigs County FFA final greenhouse sale will be at the Meigs County High School Saturday, April 23rd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. They will have a variety of vegetables, herbs, annuals, and perennials.
- ✓ Registration for a free Youth Girls' Volleyball Clinic will be on May 9th and 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Athens Middle School for grades 4-8. The clinic is offered by the City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department. The Program Coordinator is Brianna Baker.
- ✓ The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26th at the Ag-Central Farmers Co-op located at 920 Congress Parkway North, Athens. **Community News Continued on Page 2**

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Markets reversed course and moved sharply lower as several Federal Reserve officials commented on moving rates higher. Fed Chair Jerome Powell noted that a 0.50% rate hike is on the table for May. Yields climbed higher today. The U.S. 10-year yield is now at 2.90%. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 368.03 to 34,792.76. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 65.79 to 4,393.66, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 278.41 to 13,174.65.

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Sunday: Sunny/Partly cloudy. High 81.
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Obituaries

♦ **Imogene Harrod Torbett**, age 88, of Riceville, passed away at Hospice of Chattanooga Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ There will be Arthritis Exercises on Mondays and Wednesdays at the following locations: First Baptist Church in Athens from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Etowah Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and the U.T. Extension Office from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The classes are free and the instructor will be Sarah Kite of the U.T. Extension Agency. To reserve a spot, call 423-745-2852 in Athens or 423-781-7632 in Etowah.

✓ Saturday is the last day to submit an application for the McMinn Car Care Ministry's April 30th event. The services are for those who are widowed, single parents, or living on a fixed income, and include oil changes, vehicle inspections, and information about how to best manage your money. To make application for this service, call 423-263-0160.

Church News & Events

- The Etowah Christian Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Community Easter Service on Sunday evening, April 24 at First Baptist Church Etowah beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program will feature the Etowah Town Band, choirs from area churches as well as congregational singing. A community benevolence fund offering will be received to help support the work of the ECMA.

- Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene will celebrate homecoming Sunday, April 24th beginning at 10 a.m. The Robinsons will provide a special concert and the speaker will be Rev. Ron Dewitt, District Superintendent. A covered dish lunch will be served following the morning service. Everyone is invited to attend.

- 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.

- Calvin Freeman and the White Dove Singers will be at Cooke Ministry Center today at 7 p.m. for a gospel singing.

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