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Monday-October 14, 2013

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Local and State News

◆ FORGETY KICKS OFF RE-ELECTION BID

State Rep. John Forgety kicked off his re-election campaign last Thursday evening at a reception hosted by Dr. and Mrs. John Gernert. A host of Republican party leaders, elected officials, and supporters attended. In the photo, L-R: Curtis Johnson, Speaker Pro Tempore; Glen Casada, House Republican Caucus Chair; Rep. Forgety; State Sen. Mike Bell; and Wayne Oldham, member of the State Executive Committee.



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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The Israeli military says it has discovered an underground tunnel dug from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip into Israel. Military officials say they believe militants had intended to use the tunnel to attack or kidnap Israelis.
 - ◆ Ranchers in South Dakota fear they may lose everything after a freak storm dumped up to four feet of snow, killing as many as 100,000 cattle.
 - ◆ People in Georgia, Alabama, and 14 other states found themselves temporarily unable to use their food stamp debit cards this past weekend after a routine test of the backup systems by vendor Xerox resulted in a system failure.
 - ◆ Federal prison guards are still showing up for work during the government shutdown, even though they are not getting paid. Ironically, the inmates they are supervising are still being compensated for the prison jobs they do.
 - ◆ Newly-installed speed cameras in Chicago have caught more than 200,000 violators during the past 45 days. The city will only issue warnings to those drivers until October 21st.
- FOOTBALL SCORES:** East Hamilton 24, MCHS 12...Carter 47, Central 22...and Meigs County 49, Lookout Valley 6.

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Pumpkintown Scenes

A huge crowd attended the 10th Annual Pumpkintown Festival in downtown Athens last Saturday. (The montage of photos below taken by Bruce & Chris Harri & Bob Ketchersid)



Obituaries

Donald Eric Sisk, age 56, of Athens died last Thursday at Etowah Healthcare Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Troy Lee Jones, age 72, of Riceville died last Thursday. He was retired from Southern Railway. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home.

Vicky Diane Dockins Fernette, age 62, of Athens died last Friday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Lorena Minta Green Martin Davis, age 90, of Riceville died Saturday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 18, at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Jane W. Ziegler, age 87, of Athens died Saturday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was the mother of Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ This is Teen Reading Week at E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens. There will be a free after school movie at 4:30 p.m. today and a teen writer's workshop on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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