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Local & State News

◆ EARLY VOTING STARTS ON FRIDAY

Early voting for the August 4th primary begins tomorrow, July 15th. You can vote early through Saturday, July 30th. The only contested seat in the state, and federal primaries in McMinn County is the 3rd District Congressional seat held by Chuck Fleischmann. Fleischmann has opposition in the Republican primary from Geoffrey Smith and Allen Levene. Three Democrats are also seeking the seat. They are Michael Friedman, George Ryan Love, and Melody Shekari. State Representative John Forgety is unopposed in the primary. On the county level, five seats on the McMinn County School Board are being contested. Also, Mike Burris has launched a write-in campaign for McMinn County Property Assessor against the current assessor, Keith Price. In McMinn County, you can vote early at the Election Commission Office in the Courthouse Annex.

◆ COUNCIL TO DISCUSS MOORE REPLACEMENT

The Athens City Council has scheduled a work session for Monday, August 8th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Athens Municipal Building Training Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the hiring of a new city manager to replace the current city manager, Mitch Moore, who is retiring at the end of the year.



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◆ Six comfort dogs have traveled to Dallas to provide hope and comfort for families and coworkers grieving the loss of the five Dallas police officers killed by a sniper last week.

◆ Baton Rouge police are hunting for a fourth suspect in a burglary that's believed to be part of a wider plot to kill law enforcement officers in the Louisiana capital. Eight handguns and an airsoft BB gun were stolen during the burglary of a pawn shop.

◆ Some Democrats said that Justice Ruth Ginsberg may have stepped too far as a judge on the Supreme Court when she called Donald Trump a "faker" and expressed concerns about his ability to serve as president. Some even suggested that the liberal jurist should step aside if a Trump-related case were to come before the court.

◆ One day after eulogizing five slain police officers killed in an attack in Dallas, President Obama brought together law enforcement leaders and civil rights and Black Lives Matter activists at the White House complex for a "conversation" on community policing and criminal justice reform.

DALLAS POLICE ROBOT MADE IN TENNESSEE

The robot used by police to end a standoff with a sniper in Dallas last week was made at a company located in Clinton, Tennessee. Remotec manufactured the robot that Dallas police rigged with a bomb and sent it in to end the life of the man who killed five police officers. Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank says he is glad that a product produced in Anderson County was used to stop the killing spree. Remotec's robots are commonly used by police departments to safely dispose of explosive devices.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Athens will hold a public hearing on the Commercial Façade grant program through the Tennessee Department of Community and Economic Development on August 8th at 5pm in the Athens Municipal Building Training Room located at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, TN 37303. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss possible projects the city may apply for under the 2016 Façade Improvement Grant Program. Grant funds may be used for painting, signage, awnings, lighting, windows, and other approved activities. Local business owners, property owners, and all others are encouraged to attend.

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Parading in Akron

The Athens participants in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, paraded through the streets of downtown Akron this week carrying the Tennessee colors. Jaxon Long is holding the VOL flag and Ashleigh Turner is to his left.

(Photo by Austin Fesmire)



Obituaries

• **David Charles Marcoux**, age 53, of Englewood, died Monday. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 6 pm at Englewood Christian Church. Funeral arrangements are by Serenity Funeral Home and Cremation Center of Etowah.

• **Minnie Shugart Wall**, age 97, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

Wednesday's Market Report: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 5.24 at 18,352.91. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1.36 at 2,153.50, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 3.59 at 5,026.41.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks Department will be hosting its 4th Annual "Bash for the Cash" Wiffle Ball tournament on August 27th. The tournament will follow the official Wiffle Ball Inc. rules and regulations, where the focus is on hitting, pitching, and defense, with no running of bases. Teams consist of one to five players, with a charge of \$10 per player. Teams must register with the Parks Dept. office by August 26th. For more information, call 744-2704.

✓ The Niota Volunteer Fire Department invites you and your family to have fun and raise money for their Underprivileged Kids Christmas. The date is August 20th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Niota Town Square. There will be music, street dancing, a pie eating contest, cake walks, an auction, vendors, carnival games, ice cream, drinks, and popcorn.



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