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Local Races Set for Nov. 3rd

Last Thursday was the deadline to qualify to run for elected offices in the November 3rd election. The ballot will include the state and national general elections and several municipal races in McMinn and Meigs counties.

There are two vacancies on the Athens City Council. John Coker had to resign his seat because he moved out of the city of Athens. Mayor Chuck Burris decided not to seek re-election. Three candidates are going after those two seats--Jordan Curtis, Frances Witt-McMahan, and Eric Morrow. Three candidates running for re-election to the Athens School Board are all unopposed.

There are three contested seats on the Niota City Commission. There are four candidates--incumbents Marshall David Dilbeck, Scott Wallace, and Allen Johnny Watkins, and challenger Renée Brakebill.

Three candidates are running for three seats on the Calhoun City Commission.

Incumbent Republican Congressman Chuck Fleischmann is being challenged by Democrat Meg Gorman.

Incumbent State Rep. Mark Cochran does not have a Democratic challenger. However, David G.E. Fankhauser is running for the post as an independent.

In Decatur, four candidates are running for three seats on the Board of Aldermen. They are incumbents P.J. Hackney, John Wayne Irwin, and Bryan Peaden. They are being challenged by Michael L. Bredwell.

Remembering Police Chief Jenkins

This Friday, August 28th, marks the 100th anniversary of the only line-of-duty death that the Athens Police Department has ever experienced. It was 1920 when Police Chief Jenkins interrupted sheriff's deputies who were running illegal liquor. He caught them running liquor at the Jackson Street Bridge. There was an argument between the deputies and Chief Jenkins. One of the deputies fired a shot, hitting the chief. Jenkins later died from the gunshot wound. A memorial service will be held this Friday at 9 a.m. at the Municipal Building with a wreath laying. The service will be live-streamed on the City of Athens Facebook page.

Also as a way to say "Thank You" to our police officers, businesses throughout Athens are placing signs and window decals on

their buildings that state "We Support Our Police." The campaign will run for 100 days--August 28th to December 6th. The campaign is a combined effort of the Council Advisory Committee and Main Street Athens. Anyone wanting to display a



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Wednesday night - Partly cloudy & humid. Low 69.

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Obituaries

- Bill Howard Thomas, age 88, of Ten Mile, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a native of Rockwood and a former resident of Gallipolis, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a boilermaker for 29 years. There will be no formal visitation. Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Roberts Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- Jody Neal Thompson, age 60, of Riceville, died Sunday at his home follow a battle with cancer. He spent 30 years working at ADT, starting as an installer and working his way up to Manager of Team Install and Service over the Chattanooga branch. Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.
- Floyd James "Mutt" Eaton, age 89, of Decatur (and formerly of Athens) died Monday. He retired from Qualex/Fox Photo after 40 years of service and owned Floyd Eaton Photography. Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens. Friends and family may call at their convenience from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

TRIAL DATE SET FOR FORMER VEC ACCOUNTANT

A tentative trial date has been set for a former employee of Volunteer Energy who was indicted on charges of stealing nearly one million dollars. Jason Kittle of Athens was an accountant for VEC. He was fired in January of 2018. The State Controller's office says Kittle transferred money from a VEC account to his personal bank account and made payments to a credit card account in the name of a family member. He was able to conceal his theft by recording the fraudulent transactions in VEC's accounting system as online payment fees or similar transactions. A tentative trial date has been set for April 4th, 2022. The lengthy delay is caused by back-ups in the courts due to the coronavirus.

Community News You Can Use

- The American Legion's Monthly Fish Fry resumes this Friday, August 28th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the VFW Post on North Congress Parkway. All the fish and trimmings you can eat. The cost this Friday will be donations only. Proceeds will be used to keep the giant American flag flying next to I-75.
- ✓ Thursday is a big day for Full Circle for Women. Meet prolife author Shawn Carney at St. Mary Catholic Church at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1 p.m. for a \$10 love offering. Also there will be a silent auction online from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Go to Full Circle's Facebook page. At 7 p.m., you are invited to watch an hour-long live-stream titled "Victorious" featuring client testimonies, live music, and a keynote by Shawn Carney. (See ad at the top of this page for the Facebook link & address)
- ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Emily Clark, prevention specialist at The Hope Center. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or ONLINE. **COVID-19 UPDATE:**

Tennessee: 145,417 cases, up 813. Deaths total 1,628, up 40. McMinn Co: 722 cases, + 5. Deaths 20, unchanged since July 23. Meigs Co: 134 cases, unchanged. 31 active. 2 deaths.

Monroe Co: 621 cases, + 13, with 219 active, and 12 deaths (+2) **Polk Co:** 306 cases, up 1, with 83 active cases and 10 deaths. Bradley Co: 2,370 cases, up 11, with 530 active and 16 deaths.



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