

The Athens Messenger

League of Women Voters announces schedule of candidate forums

A series of candidate forums is set to take place throughout October, as numerous contested races are on the ballot this November including seats for Athens City Council, Athens County school boards and most of the county's township trustees.

Forums run from Oct. 3-30. All events start at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 3: Athens City Council 1st Ward at Athens Public Library

Democratic incumbent Kent Butler will face off against independent Brian Cristi.

Oct. 4: Athens Twp. Trustees at Athens Public Library

Brian Grubbs and Dave Perry will vie for the one seat.

Oct. 5: Federal Hocking School Board (sponsored by school PTO) at Amesville Elementary

Three challengers and one incumbent will vie for three seats. Challengers are: Hazel Guess, Sara Brumfield and Kerry Sheridan-Boyd. Lester Green is the sole incumbent to file and be certified by the Board of Elections. John Young, an incumbent who filed, was not certified to be listed on the ballot.

Oct. 10: Athens City Council At-Large at Athens Public Library

Three seats are up for grabs between Democrats Arian Smedley, Sarah Grace and Pete Kotses, along with independents Patrick McGee and

Noah Trembly. The top three vote-getters will be elected.

Oct. 12: Ames, Bern and Canaan Twp. Trustees at Amesville Masonic Lodge

- Ames Twp. candidates: Ann Cunningham, Gene Hines, Brent Kasler and Andrew Sayers.
- Bern Twp. candidates: Richard Carsey, Alan Gilchrist and Danny Simons.
- Canaan Twp. candidates: Charles Kincade, Jesse Stock, Randall Wolfe and Michael Yandrich III.

Oct. 16: Federal Hocking School Board (sponsored by school PTO) at Coolville Elementary

Candidates will meet for a second time, this time in Coolville.

Oct. 17: Athens City School Board (sponsored by school PTO) at Athens High School

Seven candidates will vie for three seats. Challengers are: Laura Alloway, Paul Grippa, David Hayden, Jenny Klein and Sean Parsons. Incumbents are: Kim Goldsberry and Bruce Nottke.

Oct. 19: Alexander School Board at Alexander High School

Seven candidates will square off for three seats. Challengers are: Jay Barnes, Josh Collins, Margaret Demko, Ralph Harvey Sr., Lucy deLaval Juedes, Jody Monk. Fred Davis was the

only incumbent who filed.

Oct. 23: Nelsonville-York School Board, Dover and York Twp. Trustees at Tri-County Career Center

- Nelsonville-York candidates: Incumbents Justin Booth, Micah Covert and Gary Edwards will face off for two four-year seats on the board. Tanyah Stone filed for one of two unexpired terms, ending Dec. 31, 2019. Andrea Conner filed as a write-in candidate for the second unexpired term.
- Dover Twp. candidates: Dave Bobo, Stuart Neal and Harold Sycks.
- York Twp. candidates: Phillip Adams, Michael Elliott, Bill Mellinger and Timothy Warren.

Oct. 24: Troy Twp. Trustees, Coolville Village Council and Coolville Mayor at Coolville United Methodist

- Troy Twp. candidates: Leroy Guess, Mike Putman and Brandon Russell.
- Coolville Village Council candidates: Gary Billiter, Charity Boggs, Julie Ledsome, Jeremy Miller, Ronald Nickoson, Curtis Rood, Roxanna Rupe and Lora Toncray will vie for four seats.
- Coolville Mayoral candidates: Teresa Holsinger, Thomas Todd and Rose Tyman. Former Mayor Ed Rood resigned in January and former

council president Holsinger has served in his place, according to a previous Messenger report. The unexpired term runs through Dec. 31, 2019.

Oct. 25: Trimble School Board, Trimble Twp. Trustees and Glouster Village Council at Trimble High School

- Trimble school board candidates: Incumbents Erica North, Tara Sayre and John Standley will face off against Norma Jean Arnold and Kevin Coey. Three seats are up for grabs.
 - Trimble Twp. candidates: Paul Smoke Barrett, Sam Kamento and Kevin Moore.
 - Glouster Village Council candidates: Scott Brown, Peggy Gatchel, Jimmy Holbert, Debra Lee Metcalf, Nathan Simons and Al Trojano will vie for four seats.
- ### **Oct. 30: Lee, Lodi and Waterloo Twp. Trustees at Alexander High School**
- Lee Twp. candidates: Matt Booth, Robert Rhyman, James Bub Turner and Kenny Waggoner.
 - Lodi Twp. candidates: Larry Bruce Baringer, Albert Shorty Hawk and Roger Hawk.
 - Waterloo Twp. candidates: Gregg Andrews, Bill Rosser, Cory Russell, Travis Six and Howard Swart.