



The Athens County Democratic Party Report

September 2003

Democratic Sample Ballot

- ✓ Athens County Municipal Court
Judge-William Grim
(Countywide race)
- ✓ Mayor, City of Athens-
Ric Abel
- ✓ President of Council, City of Athens-
William J. Bias
- ✓ Auditor, City of Athens-
Kathy Hecht
- ✓ At Large City Council, City of Athens-
Dale Tampke
- ✓ At Large City Council, City of Athens-
Jim Sands
- ✓ At Large City Council, City of Athens-
Sarah Sexton
- ✓ 1st Ward City of Athens-
Paul Wiehl
- ✓ 2nd Ward City of Athens-
Carol Patterson
- ✓ 3rd Ward City of Athens-
Nancy Bain
- ✓ 4th Ward City of Athens-
Debbie Phillips

Vote for all **3** at large candidates!

✂ clip and take to polls

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Defeating George Bush Starts at Home this Fall!

Everyday people stop me in the grocery, on the street, and in church and say, "What can I do to help get Bush out of the White House?" The urgency of their voices expresses the seriousness of the situation. In just 13 months, we will be going to the polls to elect a President—and, with your help, a Democratic one.



Building a party organization doesn't just start next year it continues year to year. That's why our theme this year is "Defeating George Bush Starts at Home this Fall!" We must start energizing our base now. We must start registering more voters, training more volunteers and taking our message to the voters. To build a strong party organization to promote Democratic ideals and support candidates, means that we must support all Democrats: a party divided cannot stand.

Democratic candidates believe in the ideals of the Party and promote the Party and each other. Ted Strickland couldn't be doing all the things he needs to do in Athens County if not for the other Democratic candidates and office holders. In a recent parade, two local candidates carried his banner instead of their own. Every one of our candidates has helped another—they work as a team.

The Republican candidate you may vote for today for county office may later run against one of your favorite Democratic officeholders tomorrow. Politicians move up through the ranks: they begin as a council member and eventually run for State Representative or Congress. After years of electoral success, they become harder to beat.

When friends tell you, "I always vote Democrat on the national ticket but I vote for the person locally," tell them how that undermines Democrats at all levels. Tell your fellow Democrats that it's Democratic candidates who carry the Democratic banner in parades, pass the literature and give money to Democrats. It's the Republican candidates who carried the banner in 2000 for George Bush and in 2002 for Bob Taft. Every one of the Democrats on the ballot deserves your vote. Recognize the common ground you have with all the Democratic candidates this fall and vote a straight Democratic ticket. Remember defeating George Bush Starts at Home this Fall.

Susan Gwinn, Chair

Hecht Yes!

Kathy Hecht has a B.A. from Indiana University, has been an active community leader for twenty-three years, and is committed



to serving Athens as City Auditor. She is also currently on the Finance Committee for Athens City Council. Kathy is confident her experience and skills will provide stability, cooperation, and accountability in the Auditor's Office.



left to right: Dale Tampke, Sarah Sexton, and Dale Tampke

Jim Sands was born and raised in Athens, graduated from Ohio University and served in the U.S. Navy for four years. He taught elementary school for 12 years. He is the co-owner of Athens Flower Shop. He has served on Athens City Council as a member at large since 1997. Jim is involved in many community activities including, the Dairy Barn, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and the Athens Foundation.

Sarah Sexton moved with her family to Athens at the age of 2. She is currently a junior, studying Political Science in the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University. She is active in the community. She is a member of Athens Rotaract Club and volunteers weekly at Alexander Elementary School by teaching students Spanish. On Council she will maintain clean and safe neighborhoods and work to implement the city's Comprehensive Plan.

3 Voices for Athens City

Dale Tampke is your voice on City Council. In his three terms, Dale developed the City Sanitarian program and launched a home buyer down payment assistance program. Dale serves on the Comprehensive Plan Steering group and backs improved Code enforcement. Dale pushed for wellhead protection and funds for the Uptown Improvement Project.

Dale listens. Dale finds solutions. Keep Dale Tampke working for you.

Potluck with Jerry Springer

Although he decided not to run for the US Senate this time, Jerry Springer is keeping his commitment to come back to Athens County and help register Ohio University students to vote. On Thursday, October 2, Jerry will work the campus gate and MC a Rock the Vote event that night. However, Jerry really wants to meet the rank and file of Athens County Democrats. So from 5:00PM to

7:00PM, he will attend a potluck open to any Democrat at the home of County Chair Susan Gwinn. Rain or shine come to the potluck. Parking will be available next door at the Ervin Dairy Farm. It is a short 400 yard walk to Susan's home. Call Susan for more details at 592-5401. Hope to see you on October 2nd. Bring your cameras and materials for autographing.



Directions to Susan's

Take the bypass around the City of Athens as if you were going to Chillicothe, you will be on Route 50 West. After you pass the city, take the first right onto North Blackburn Road. Go up the hill. At the fork in the road, bear right, continuing on Blackburn Road. Susan's House is the fifth on the left. Look for parking past the house.

★ Vote! ★

Tuesday, November 4th

Polls Open at 6:30 AM

Close at 7:30 PM



★ ★ ★ Judicial Races Count! ★ ★ ★

Vote William A. Grim

Athens County Municipal Court

Next November when we select a President we will determine what justices will sit on the United States Supreme Court for the next few decades. We have all seen the difference that judges have made on the Ohio Supreme Court on the school funding case. Locally, in Athens County this fall we have an equally important decision to make.

Bill Grim is an honors graduate of Ohio State University and teaches real estate law at Ohio University. He has 29 years

of balanced legal experience, having been both a prosecutor and defense counsel, plaintiff's and defendant's civil lawyer, as well as an acting judge since 1985 in Athens County Municipal Court. Bill believes in individual rights and responsibilities and will uphold the Constitution. He believes that a judge must make individual case decisions as each case is important and each participant deserves attention and respect.



Please vote for the Democratic candidate -

Bill Grim for Judge!



Voter Registration Drive

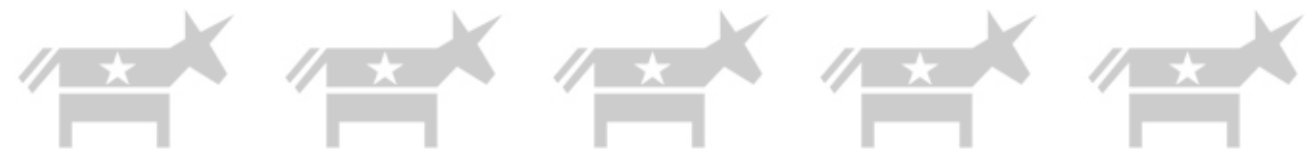
If you are not registered to vote anywhere in Ohio, you need to register by October 6th. If you are registered somewhere in Ohio but have not changed your address, you can even do so on Election Day and vote. Registering to vote can be done at many locations including the Athens County Board of Elections located at 15 South Court

Athens. But to assist you the local Democratic Party will be conducting voter registration on Saturday October 4 from 10:00Am until 12:00Noon at various locations, including the Athens and Glouster Kroger stores. On September 29th registration will occur at the Nelsonville Kroger. Other locations will be announced in the newspaper.

Deadline October 6th

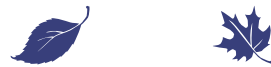
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Democratic Party Fall Dinner

2003



★ I/We will be able to attend. ★ I/We will not be able to attend.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ tickets. Enclosed is \$ _____ .

Name(s)

Address

Email

Occupation _____
Employer

Occupation _____
Employer

Mastercard/Visa (circle one) _____
Account Number

Expiration Date _____
Amount Authorized

Signature

The traditional Democratic Fall Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2003 at the American Legion on West Union Street in Athens. The social hour will begin at 5:00 PM and the dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. Tickets to the event are \$15.00 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door. Reservations are greatly appreciated. Below is a dinner reservation form, if you cannot attend, a contribution to the local county party would be greatly appreciated. Ads in the dinner program will also be accepted until Friday, October 17. Be part of the new Democrats helping Democrats Campaign for businesses presented in this newsletter.

Make checks payable to ACDP and mail to P.O. Box 191, Athens, Ohio 45701

Democratic Presidential Campaign ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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John Kerry
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Vote Absentee!



Remember, if you are going to be out of the county on Election Day you are eligible to vote absentee. You may also vote absentee for a number of other reasons including being age 62 or over. You can either request an absentee ballot be mailed to you or you can stop into the Athens County Board of Elections Office located next to the courthouse at 15 South Court, Athens and vote absentee in a voting booth. Absentee voting starts 35 days before the election. Since the Election this year is November 4th, you can begin absentee voting on

September 30th. Enclosed is a form you can complete and mail to the Athens County Board of Elections to receive your absentee ballot. Please remember that the voter must sign the application or the vote will not be counted. The phone number for the Athens County Board of Elections is 740-592-3201. Once again remember you can just stop into the Board Office and fill out a request form and vote absentee right in the Board of Elections Office that day.

Place
Stamp
Here

Athens County Board of Elections
15 S. Court St., #130
Athens, OH 45701



1st
Ward

Athens City Ward Races

Paul Weihl is a twenty-one year resident of the City of Athens. He is a former Chair of the Athens Zoning Board of Appeals. He is co-chair of the Athens Westside Community Association. Paul is concerned about preserving the aspects of the City of Athens that we cherish while crafting a better city for the future.



2nd
Ward

Carol Patterson is running for a third term representing the 2nd Ward on Athens City Council. She currently chairs the Arts and Recreation Committee. The accomplishments Patterson is most proud of include the parking garage renovation, the crafting of the Wellhead Protection legislation, and the creation of the Athens Municipal Arts Commission.



3rd
Ward

Nancy Bain is the voice of experience on Athens City Council. She has served on council since 1985. Nancy has helped to guide the City through various projects as it has grown. She currently serves as the Chair of the City Services Committee. Nancy is a Professor of Geography at Ohio University.



4th
Ward

Deborah Phillips is running for Athens City Council in the 4th Ward. She is the mother of two children, and lives in the near eastside neighborhood. Deborah is the Executive Director of the Ohio Fair Schools Campaign, a statewide grassroots non-profit working on school funding reform. She is also a trained mediator, with experience teaching conflict resolution in area schools. She has served on the Boards of the Athens Area Mediation Service and the League of Women Voters of Athens County.

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Calendar of Events

All Democrats Are Welcome

October 2

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5:00-7:00 PM Potluck at home of Chair Susan Gwinn, 7501 North Blackburn Road. Bring a covered dish. Special Guest Jerry Springer.

October 14

2003

6:30 PM Central and Executive Committee Meeting at Athens Municipal Court. Last minute plans for fall election. This is a change from October 21.

October 15

2003

Grim for Municipal Court Judge Committee Fundraiser will be Wednesday evening at the Moose building in Glouster, time to be announced later. Bring your friends and a vegetable or dessert dish to share.

October 23

2003

5:00 social hour, 6:00 Dinner; American Legion 520 West Union Street, Athens. Guest speaker will be Cincinnati Mayor Charles Luken. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

November 4

2003

8:00 PM Victory Party for Athens County Democratic Party. The Blue Gator, upstairs, 63 North Court, Athens.



Democratic candidate for Judge, Bill Grim and Congressman, Ted Strikland at a Prescription Drug forum.



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