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State & Local News

◆ MORE PUMPKINTOWN SCENES

Most folks who attended Pumpkintown last Saturday say the crowd was the largest they remember at the annual event. Chris and Bruce Hari were there with their cameras and sent us several photos, showing a puppy that got adopted, the winners of the Potato Dance (Bear and Sharlene Brooks in the center with Javier and Felicia Alfaro on either side), and the winner of the Doggy Costume Contest.



National & World News

◆ As the international outrage grows over the disappearance and suspected murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a number of international business leaders and media companies are backing out of an upcoming Saudi high-profile investment conference. The conference is scheduled to begin October 23rd in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and provides a global platform that explores the future of global investments.

◆ North and South Korea have agreed to rebuild connections between railways and roads that were severed more than 60 years ago during the Korean War. This is part of a broad agreement between South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

◆ Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, are expecting a baby in the Spring of 2019.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Athens City Middle School will hold an "Opioid Awareness Night" at 6:15 p.m. this evening. District Attorney General Steve Crump will talk about the Opioid Crisis in Tennessee. The public is invited to attend.

✓ County Road 20, the Lamontville Road, will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 17th, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for cross drain installation. The McMinn County Highway Department recommends you use County Roads 41, 42, and 48 for detour routes.

✓ The Decatur Cemetery Corporation will hold its annual meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Decatur United Methodist Church.



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Obituaries

♦ **Larice Ruth Ledford Parker**, age 84, of North Palm Beach, Florida (and formerly of Athens), died Sunday in Cumming, Georgia. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Charlene Clayton Bunch**, age 58, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was a native of Cleveland and a resident of McMinn County since 1979. She was a former employee of Cleveland Chair Company and Fulmarque. Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

♦ **James Curtis Hall**, age 77, of Reliance, died Sunday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks began the week lower as the market sell-off continued amid concerns about a less accommodative Federal Reserve. In economic news, U.S. retail sales rose 0.1% in September. In corporate news, Sears filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and will close 142 unprofitable stores near year-end.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 89 points or 0.4% to 25,251. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 16 points or 0.4% to 2,751, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 66 points or 0.9% to 7,431.

Nothing Like an Apple Pie!

How many variations of Apple Pie are there? At least 27. That's how many apple pies were entered in the Best Apple Pie contest in Etowah recently. The photos below show Melinda Land, Jackie McClarey, and Billie Parker helping with the pies, and the contest judges: McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Senator Mike Bell, Adrian Lambert of the Polk County Chamber, and Dewey Morgan of the DPA. The 1st Place winner was Lori Morgan of Englewood. Andy Cole of Tellico Plains took 2nd Place. Rachel Hickman of Etowah was 3rd Place winner. Judy Pierce of Etowah and Kayla Green of Ocoee each won a \$50 gift certificate from Food City in Etowah.

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