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Today's News... This Morning

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Thursday, September 16, 2021 Athens, Tennessee

Come Celebrate the Nations

Celebration of the Nations returns to Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens this Saturday, September 18th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Celebration of the Nations is a multicultural festival designed to celebrate diverse people groups within McMinn County through authentic food vendors, cultural entertainment, traveling passport, a children's section, and a marketplace to provide the community with a unique day of unity, learning, and traveling without going far. The event is free. Bring money for food, shopping, and a passport. Also, bring a lawn chair so you can relax while you enjoy the live entertainment.

The event coordinator, Acacia Stillwell, says entertainment will include a Mariachi band, Jamaican music, American Calypso, Thai Dancing, the Women at the Well, and Scottish bagpipes. Children's activities will include piñatas, and Cherokee and South African storytelling.

Jackson Street will be closed from Green Street to Madison Avenue and the city parking lot at Market Park from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the event on Saturday. (See ad & FB link below)

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Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Kiwanis Club will be holding its annual BBQ Pork sale this Friday, Sept. 17th, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion and at Simmons Bank on S. Congress Parkway. The cost is \$12 per pound of BBQ or two bottles of Gus Bagley's famous BBQ sauce. Proceeds benefit the club's work to serve youth in Athens and McMinn County.

✓ The American Legion Post 68 will have a 3rd Saturday monthly Pancake Breakfast with sausage, eggs, & juice at the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 205 McMinn Ave. this Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast. There is no set charge, but donations help keep the BIG American Flag flying at I-75 exit 49.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 9-15

Tennessee: 1,167,290 cases up 7,235. 14,224 deaths up 87.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	9,572 up 91	915	114
Meigs	1,950 up 5	108	24
Monroe	8,825 up 66	686	108
Polk	2,879 up 22	228	25
Bradley	20,399 up 124	1,413	166 up 1
Rhea	6,285 up 43	512	89

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Linda Benton**, age 78, of Decatur, died on September 11th. She sold log homes to many people in the area and she had a dog kennel for years, raising and selling mastiffs, bloodhounds, and basset hounds. Many were used in rescue service across the U.S. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.

♦ **Charles "Chuck" Edward McKenzie**, age 64, of Rockwood, died September 10th at Cumberland Medical Center. Graveside services will be Monday, September 20th, at 2 p.m. in the Shiloh Cemetery. Decatur Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Melvin William Wilkerson-Crawford "Klondike,"** age 57, of Knoxville (formerly of Athens), died September 11th. He attended McMinn High School and had worked at the Niota Golf Course. Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home in Athens, with visitation from noon to 1 p.m.

♦ **Calvin Dale Colbaugh**, age 82, of Meigs County, died on Tuesday. He graduated from Meigs High in 1958. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Tina Nadine Pueirtt Swafford**, age 52, of Niota, died Tuesday at Oak Ridge Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. She owned and operated Nadine's Cleaning Service. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Reba "Lorene" Wallace Thomas**, age 81, of Gibsonville, NC and formerly of Niota, died Sunday in Lexington, NC. She moved to California with her parents, and later returned back to Niota. She and her husband moved to Boston, MA, while he attended MIT. They lived in Sacramento, CA, Asheville, NC, and Gibsonville, NC where they raised their family. Visitation will be Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this month will be Dr. Mike Womack. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

Confirming Some Rumors

Rumors have been swirling for months about new businesses which may or may not be planning to locate in Athens. The rumors went into high gear earlier this year with the closing of Staples and Plaza Electronics' move to the Staples building. Signs have also been posted on Dennis Street listing names of some retailers that may be locating there in a proposed development.

Some of those rumors were confirmed at the Athens City Council's study session this week. The City of Athens hired a company called Retail Strategies to help attract retail development. John Ruzic with Retail Strategies updated council members. He confirmed that the discount grocer, Aldi, has signed a lease and is expected to be open in the former Plaza Electronics space in Belk Plaza within two years.

Ruzic also said several nationally-known retailers have signed leases to locate in the Athens Marketplace development planned for Dennis Street. He says leases have been signed for clothing retailers Ross and Marshalls and Five Below. Ruzic says construction contracts are currently out for bid. He also told the council members that the developers of Athens Marketplace are negotiating with shoe, beauty, and pet supply retailers in hopes of getting them to make a commitment to locate in the development.

At this point, there is no firm target date for Athens Marketplace to open. Ruzic says the project has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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