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✓ The 2021 Pumpkintown Festival takes place in Downtown Athens Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with food, entertainment, historical walks, and much more. Admission is free. Streets in Downtown Athens will be closed from 4:30 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Pumpkintown will be followed by the final Sounds of Summer concert at 7 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion. Chris Hennessee will headline the free concert.

✓ Last evening's Council Night Out was postponed due to weather concerns. It is rescheduled for Oct. 14th.

FOOTBALL: The McMinn County Cherokees will host Sweetwater...McMinn Central will travel to Loudon...Meigs County will be at home against Copper Basin. Walker Valley has the night off. The University of Tennessee will play South Carolina in Knoxville tomorrow. Game time is noon with TV coverage on the SEC Network.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 10-07

Tennessee: 1,246,815 cases up 2,449. 15,507 deaths up 61.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,212 up 23	215 down 4	121 up 1
Meigs	2,121 up 4	44 down 4	27
Monroe	9,410 up 11	199 down 20	117 up 1
Polk	3,091 up 5	87 down 9	28 up 1
Bradley	21,630 up 25	420 down 37	174 up 2
Rhea	6,799 up 17	203 down 2	90 up 1

New Date for Special Council Meeting

The special called session of the Athens City Council to look into a variety of issues involving City Manager C. Seth Sumner and Police Chief Cliff Couch will resume on October 18th at 6 p.m. at the Conference Center at Athens Regional Park. The original session was held on August 10th, but adjourned after about six hours. The council is looking into several issues including Nest cameras which went missing from the police department, claims by Chief Couch that Sumner has retaliated against him, Sumner's possession of a gun at the Knoxville airport, and allegations by Sumner and Mayor Bo Perkinson that a citizen threatened Sumner's life. After all the issues are discussed, the Council will determine whether any corrective suggestions to or discipline of the City Manager is warranted and take action, if necessary. The meeting was scheduled to resume last month but had to be cancelled due to COVID.

ARREST MADE IN KEFAUVER FIRE

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has arrested a Vonore woman on an arson charge in connection with a fire at the historic Kefauver home in Madisonville on August 30th. TBI fire investigators worked with the Madisonville police department in investigating the fire in the 200 block on Main Street. Agents identified then-Fire and Codes Inspector Sara Alicia Vanlandingham as the individual responsible for setting the fire. She is no longer employed in that position. She was arrested after the Monroe County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging her with one count of arson.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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Friday: Blend of sun and clouds. Possible rain in AM. High 78.

Fri Night: Clear to partly cloudy & mild. Low 60.

Saturday: Mostly sunny & pleasant. High 77.

Sat Night: Mainly clear. Low 59.

Sunday: Mostly sunny & beautiful. High 80. wxyi.com



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Susan Ninette Miller Morrow**, age 50, of Athens, died Tuesday at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. The family will have a private memorial service. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Michael Alan Armstrong**, age 65, formerly from Grand Rapids, MI, died October 2nd in a Cleveland hospital. He was employed as a customer service representative for FedEx. Funeral services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home in Athens, with visitation from noon until 1 p.m.
- ♦ **Brian Thomas Woods**, age 58, of Athens, died October 1st. A private memorial service was held on October 5th. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Mamie Lee Mahoney Coleman**, age 87, of the New Zion Community, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, prior to the service.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Markets ended the day sharply higher. The S&P 500, Dow, and Nasdaq were all up nearly 1.0%. Growth sectors outperformed value sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 337.95 to 34,754.94. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 36.21 to 4,399.76, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 152.10 points to 14,654.02.

Church News & Events

- The Friday night singing at the Cooke Ministry Center tonight will feature Hearts of Faith. The singing starts at 7 p.m.
- Athens First Baptist Church will have their annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 31st, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be fun for the whole family, including hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, cotton candy, carnival games, bounce houses, Bible heroes, and lots of candy! Everyone is invited.
- The Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot is back for 2021. The Turkey Trot is sponsored by Keith Memorial United Methodist Church starting at 8 a.m. Registration starts on October 13th.
- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will be having its fall bake sale on November 20th. It will be phone-in orders only. Call 744-4360 to place your order between now and October 31st. Then come by the church at 1326 Cedar Springs Road between 8 and noon on November 20th to pick up your order.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Niota UMC will have a blessing of the pets along with free pumpkin painting and popcorn this Sunday, Oct. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Bring your pets and your families.
- Mars Hill Presbyterian Church is having Griefshare for those who have lost a loved one on Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 829-5052 for more information.

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