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Today's News... This Morning

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## Pumpkintown 2023

Pumpkintown 2023 was Saturday, October 14th and was a busy and beautiful day as thousands of people walked the downtown streets of Athens to enjoy the festivities. Pumpkintown is one of the largest annual events in McMinn County and the Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow is always a huge attraction (See photo at right). There were hundreds of vendors and lots of activities and entertainment to enjoy at this year's festival. Below is a crowd photo showing only a small portion of the people gathered to enjoy Pumpkintown. A special



thanks to all the sponsors and the Friendly City Festival Committee for making this year's festival a great success. Photos courtesy of Lisa Dotson, Main Street Athens. See page 3 for more Pumpkintown photos.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be representatives of Athens City Schools PTO discussing the Moon Pie Fundraiser. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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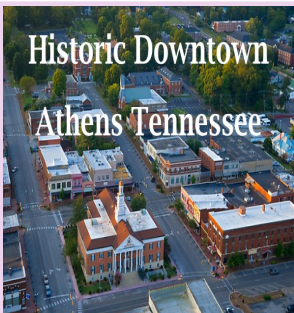
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• Wednesday-Etowah Depot-10:30 - 2:00

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## Obituaries

♦**Ina Catherine Lunsford**, age 95, of Athens passed away Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Dominion Senior Living in Athens. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a member of Boyd Memorial Church of God and worked for Athens Hosiery Mill before retiring from Niota Textile. Funeral service will be at 7:00 P.M. Monday in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral. The graveside will be Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5-7 Monday in the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Shannon Barner Beaver**, age 58, of Etowah, passed away Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Fort Worth, Texas. She lived the majority of her life in Etowah and was a longtime member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, where she later worked as the church secretary. She lived for the last several years in Durango, Colorado and loved the community and friends she had made there. She was blessed to add to her family many wonderful, faithful friends that loved and supported her through her illness and her passing. Even though she loved the beauty of Colorado, she always considered Tennessee her home. A Celebration of Life will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. A gathering of friends will follow immediately after the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council meets Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in regular session at the municipal building.
- ✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced the grand re-opening and ribbon cutting of J.L. Cook Memorial Park will be on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Renovations began on the park in 2022 and were completed earlier this summer. The renovations of J.L. Cook Memorial Park include two new playgrounds, one for ages 5-12 and the other for ages 2-5. The entire playground surface has been replaced with rubber surfacing, a new catering kitchen has been added to the pavilion, and new fencing around the playground and basketball courts has been installed. The Cook Park pavilion is available on a first-come, first-served basis but the pavilion and kitchen are also available for rental. The Cook Park renovations began shortly after the completion of the J.L. Cook Historical Marker. The J.L. Cook Heritage Foundation, a group founded to preserve the history and heritage of the J.L. Cook School, worked to install a tribute that tells the story of the African American school that once stood on the grounds of J.L. Cook Memorial Park. The 5-foot-tall by 9-foot-wide historical marker features a news article by former principal and noted educator, Professor W.E. Nash and highlights images of the school, its students and epic events that took place at the school. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2704.

**FOOTBALL SCORES:** McMinn County, Sweetwater, and Walker Valley had open dates. Polk County lost to Meigs 0-7. McMinn Central beat Kingston 31-28.

**The Tennessee Volunteers beat Texas A&M 20-13.**



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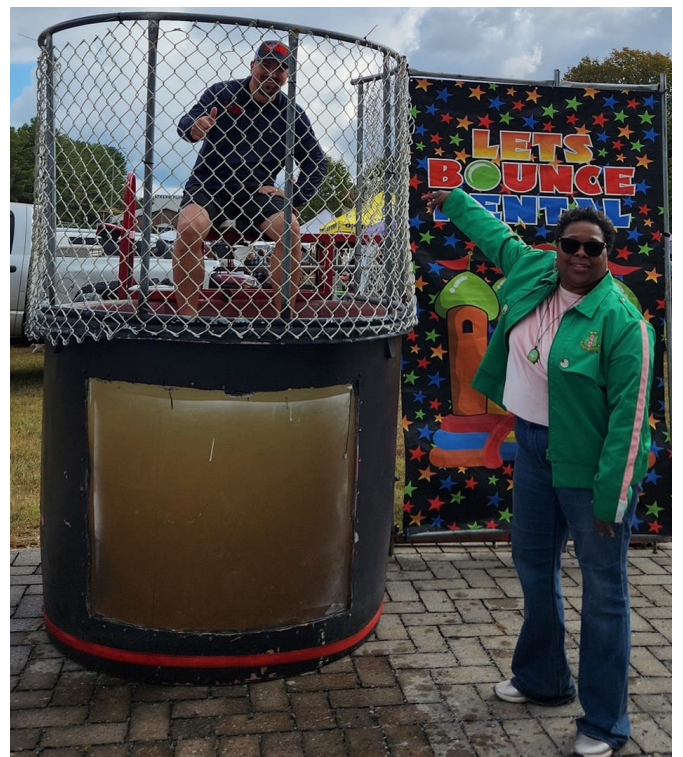
**Multicultural Math Night**  
Presented by: Children's Creative Discovery Museum

**Date: Tuesday, October 24**  
**Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Athens City Intermediate**

Provided by ACS Family Engagement, Coordinated School Health & Kids Connection

# More Pumpkintown Photos

The photos below from Pumpkintown include various activities, vendors, events and entertainment. Courtesy of Lisa Dotson, Main Street Athens.



More Photos in tomorrow's edition of the Morning Fax