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Monday-October 15, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

## Local and State News

### ◆ PUMPKINTOWN FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

Thousands of people came to downtown Athens to enjoy the 2012 Pumpkintown Festival. One of the highlights was the tribute given to Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. who has represented McMinn County in the 2nd Congressional District of the U.S. House for the past 24 years and his father, John J. Duncan, Sr. prior to that. Due to re-districting, McMinn County will be placed in the 3rd Congressional District which becomes effective in January. The Athens City Council named a portion of State Highway 305, that was recently annexed into the city, in honor of the Duncan's and the sign for the new Parkway was presented to the Congressman by Athens Vice-Mayor Bo Perkinson.




## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Felix Baumgartner's record-setting jump from the edge of space captivated millions watching online via YouTube. It took the 43-year-old Austrian skydiver two-hours to ascend 24-plus-miles in a balloon but only four-minutes to freefall back to earth in a pressurized spacesuit. He became the first skydiver to go faster than the speed of sound, reaching a maximum velocity of 833.9mph.
- ◆ Left-leaning Senator Arlen Specter has died. He was Pennsylvania's longest serving senator; over 30 years. He began his political career as a Democrat, changed to a Republican, and then changed back to a Democrat, and then was defeated in 2010. He was one of only three Republicans in Congress to vote for President Obama's economic stimulus.
- ◆ The space shuttle Endeavour has reached its final destination. The shuttle once traveled at 17,000 mph but it took 3 days to move it 12 miles to the California Science Center in Los Angeles. Hundreds of trees, utility poles, and traffic lights had to be removed from its path.
- ◆ The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta looks like a war room as experts try to contain an outbreak of fungal meningitis which has sickened over 200 people in 14 states and killed 15.

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### More Pumpkintown Photos



In the photo on the left is Pumpkintown Committee Chair Meredith Willson and Committee Member and Native American Dancer Scott Crisp. The courthouse square and side streets were packed with festival-goers as evidenced below.



Pumpkintown photos by Bruce and Chris Hari, Mary Lefler, and Cheri Harrison.

### Obituaries

**Frankie Bayless Qualls**, age 96, of Athens, died Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was the second Nurse Practitioner in Tennessee, receiving recognition for her work in Public Health Family Planning. She was chosen Mother of the Year in 1972 and Professional Woman of the Year in 1978, one of only two women to receive both honors, by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. A funeral service was held Sunday at Smith Funeral Home.

**Willa S. Kuhns**, age 78, of Boone, NC and formerly of Athens, died Saturday afternoon in a Boone, NC healthcare facility. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Service.

**Marie Lowry Dougherty**, age 88, of Athens, died Sunday night at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Service.

### Weekend Scoreboard

The McMinn County Cherokees defeated Meigs County 40-6. The McMinn Central Chargers defeated Sweetwater 39-13. Polk Co. 47 Sequoyah 21; Bradley Central 27 Walker Valley 21; Rockwood 35 Tellico Plains 8; Mississippi State 41 Tennessee 31; Tennessee Titans defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 26 to 23 in a game played last Thursday night.

**WEATHER:** Monday - Partly cloudy. High-71. Mon. night - Clear. Low-43. Tuesday - Mostly sunny. High-73. See Zoom Radar at: [www.wysi.com](http://www.wysi.com)

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