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Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Get Ready for Pumpkintown

Pumpkintown, the annual Fall Festival celebrating History, Heritage, and Harvest, will take place this Saturday, October 12th, in Downtown Athens. Free admission and Free parking. Here is a list of events:

- 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. --The Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast at Market Park Pavilion
- 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Christ's Legacy Academy's 5K Run/1 Mile Walk, Market Park Pavilion. Register at 7:30. Race starts at 8.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - McMinn Regional Humane Society Adopt-A-Thon and Mutt Strutt Costume Contest.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Pumpkin Plinko, Jackson Street
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Scott Crisp Memorial Pow Wow, Market Park.
- 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - Bicentennial Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Athens, with County Mayor John Gentry and Paul Willson.

In addition, there will be vendors along with entertainment from three stages, the Courthouse Stage, Market Park Stage, and the Gospel Music Stage.

There will be art activities in Pocket Park, 314 N. Jackson St., from 10 a.m. to 5, including a Kids Art Hunt, Rock Painting, and Clay for all ages.

More Joe Guy History

The Cherokee Indian Removal in 1836-38, known as the Trail of Tears, has its roots in a court case heard in McMinn County.

Jack Walker was a Cherokee leader and son of Calhoun founder Major John Walker. From a large home near the present Cleveland Walmart, Jack Walker joined his father in encouraging his fellow Cherokees to move west. But in September 1834, while riding through the present day Cedar Springs Community near Cleveland, Walker was assassinated by two Anti-Removal Cherokees, James Foreman and Anderson Springston. Foreman and Springston were arrested and brought to the McMinn County Jail in Athens.

The murder case was first dismissed due to the crime occurring within the limits of the Cherokee Nation. But the following year, the Tennessee Supreme Court, led by Judge John Catron, ruled that the Cherokee Nation was not sovereign and that it fell under the authority of Tennessee and the United States Government, effectively dooming any legal opposition to the Trail of Tears which began the following Summer.

(Joe Guy prepared a series of 20 McMinn County History Minutes which air daily on WYXI, FM 94.5 and AM-1390. We are printing several in The Morning Fax In addition to being the McMinn County Sheriff, Joe is also the official County Historian)

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Obituaries

Staples Joins the Chamber

♦ **Gerald Matthew Mashburn**, age 49, of Ten Mile, died last Saturday at his home. He worked at Textron/Collins & Aikman for 21 years as a supervisor/technician. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Athens chapel of Companion Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow at 7.

♦ **Michael John Zuzich**, age 69, of Riceville, died September 14th. He was born in Canton, Ohio. A memorial gathering is planned for Saturday, October 12th, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home.

APOLOGY: In Tuesday's Fax we inadvertently reported that visitation and services for Tommy Haney would be held Tuesday evening at Ziegler Funeral Home. Actually they were held at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Staples, located at 1609 S. Congress Parkway, Athens, has joined the Athens Chamber of Commerce. Chamber friends joining the celebration pictured here are front from left to right: Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomat), Cheyne Collier (Staples), George Flores (Staples), Shelby Blasé (Staples), Shaye Halcomb (Staples), Chris Anderson (Chamber Diplomat). Back: Reily Kennedy (Chamber Diplomat), Haley Longwith (Chamber Diplomat), Luke Shepherd (Chamber Diplomat & Board), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Jeff Schumacher (DPA), Erin Blankenship (Chamber Diplomat) (Photo by Julie Simbeck)



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guests on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week are Gregory and Stormy Warren. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390, FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education holds its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10th, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street.



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