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Thursday, October 31, 2019 Athens, Tennessee

Rain Affects Halloween Events

With the weather forecast still calling for rain, some Halloween events in the area are being cancelled or postponed. Others will go on as scheduled. Here is where things stand:

Athens - In spite of a little rain and chilly weather, Athens will proceed with hosting the Downtown Halloween activities on Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dress up, wrap up and come downtown for activities, treats and a costume contest that starts at 6 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion. Per Lisa Dotson, Director of Main Street Athens, some downtown businesses will be handing out candy, and there will be lots of treats throughout the streets!

Decatur - Decatur has decided to go ahead with their Downtown Halloween Night event which is from 6 to 8 p.m. Their feeling is the rain will be over by then.

Englewood - Englewood's block party will be held Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. instead of Halloween night.

Etowah - The Merchants and Friends of Etowah will still have their Street of Treats. However, the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce has cancelled its portion of the events. That means there will be no costume or scarecrow contests and churches will not be handing out candy on the L&N Depot grounds.

◆ THREE PEOPLE TO HAVE KEY TO GEM THEATER

Etowah city commissioners have voted to let three people have keys to the Historic Gem Theater. They are LaMone Rose and Ruth Sowers of the Gem Players and Pat Armstrong of the Etowah Arts Commission. Other groups using the theater will be able to pick up keys on an as-needed basis.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint at State Highway 305 and County Road 250 at 10 p.m. Halloween night, weather and manpower permitting.

✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce "Good Morning, Etowah" breakfast and networking event will be held Friday, Nov. 1st, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Greater Goods, 824 Tennessee Avenue.

✓ Evaluations for boys and girls 4 years to 6th grade Basketball and Cheerleading League will be held at Niota School November 1st, 2nd, and 9th. Every player/cheerleader must attend one evaluation to be eligible to cheer/play.

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces the closure of College Street from Jackson Street to Long Street from Friday, November 1st, at 6:30 p.m. until Saturday, November 2nd, at 12:30 a.m. The purpose of the closing is for the Tennessee Wesleyan University Multicultural Student Association's Halloween Bash event.

✓ "Run the Runway," a 5K run, will be held at the McMinn County Airport on Saturday, November 9th. The race begins at 6 p.m. Registration and check-in will be in the Hangar from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Pre-registration fee is \$25.00. Day of race registration is \$30. All proceeds will be used to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for families in McMinn County. For more information, call 745-4939.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Hazel Price Kennedy**, age 90, of Athens died Tuesday, at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was formerly employed at Athens Hosiery Mill and Athens Table Company. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Vonetia "Tooter" Faye Ritchie**, age 89, of Niota, died Tuesday at Sweetwater Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

◆ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
 ✓ Full Circle presents "Fight the New Drug" at 6 p.m. on November 7th at the Athens Regional Convention Center. The new drug is Pornography, which affects the brain, relationships, and society. You are invited to join the fight at this community event, which will feature dynamic presentations, a Parent Q&A Session, and Food and games. The event is free but advance tickets are required.

Ketchersid Receives Award

WYXI Radio News and Program Director and Morning Fax editor, Bob Ketchersid, was the recipient of this year's Elmo Ellis Spirit Award from the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame. Elmo Ellis was the long-time general manager of WSB Radio in Atlanta, where Bob worked for 15 years. The photo by Kelsey Case shows Mr. Ellis' daughter, Janet Israel Ellis Beerman on the left, retired CBS Radio White House correspondent Peter Maer in the center, and Bob on the right. In introducing Bob, Janet praised him as a man of faith and integrity. Bob gave an inspiring talk about his years at WSB as a newsman and news director and the influence of Mr. Ellis. The award was presented in LaGrange, Georgia.



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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Costume Contest @ 6 PM



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