

#### Monday, October 10, 2022

### **PUMPKINTOWN 2022**

The Pumpkintown Festival held on Saturday must have been the largest in its history. The weather was perfect and most every parking space was taken. The drone aerial photo was made by Josh Boggess Videography and shared on Facebook. It shows a view of the McMinn County Courthouse looking West and pictures only a fraction of the display tents and the crowds. The Pumpkintown Festival celebrates the fact that the City of Athens was once known as Pumpkintown prior to it being incorporated. There were plenty of pumpkins on display too! (Staff Photo)



## **Candidate Forum is Tuesday**

Athens, Tennessee

The McMinn County Branch of the NAACP will host a nonpartisan candidates forum Tuesday, Oct 11th at 6 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School for Athens City Council and School Board Candidates. The local President of the NAACP, Rev. Benjamin Jackson, Jr. is spearheading the event and the public is encouraged to attend. Rev. Jackson will be the guest on the Main Street Moments broadcast Tuesday morning at 8:15 on WYXI RADIO AM-1390 and FM-94. with host Lisa Dotson.

**FRIDAY'S MARKET REDORT** Markets closed sharply lower Friday on the back of a strong U.S. labor report for the month of September, which keeps the Fed on pace for continued rate hikes. Total nonfarm payrolls increased more than expected, and the unemployment rate fell to 3.5%, near record lows. While wage gains were somewhat softer than expected, markets expect the Fed to continue to move at an aggressive pace of rate hikes going forward. At the closing bell: The Dow was 29,296.79 (-630.15); the S&P 500 was 3,639.66 (-104.86); and the NASDAQ closed at 10,652.41 (-420.91).

**FOOTBALL SCORES:** McMinn County defeated Sweetwater 43 to 7 at their Homecoming on Thursday. Loudon spoiled McMinn Central's Homecoming Friday 29 to 0. Meigs County defeated Copper Basin 61 to 25. Tennessee beat LSU 40 to 13. The Big Orange play Alabama on Saturday in Knoxville with the kickoff at 3:30 p.m. on CBS. Both teams are in the top 10 and both are undefeated.





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# **Obituaries**

◆ Shirley Jean Davis Borders, age 84, of Riceville, passed away on Saturday, October 8th at her home. She was retired from Athens Products. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 11th at the McMinn Memory Gardens Mausoleum. The family will receive friends beginning at 11:30 a.m. prior to the service at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services.

◆ Kenneth "Buddy" Jack, age 67, of Englewood, passed away Thursday, October 6th. He owned and operated Buddy's truck and auto repair for 29 years. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, October 10th at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 5 p.m. A committal service will be Tuesday, October 11th at 12 noon at Green Hill Cemetery.

◆ Philip "Bruce" Haney, age 41, of Etowah, passed away Friday, October 7th. Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 11th at 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 5 p.m.

◆ Jack Raper, age 84, of Englewood, passed away Saturday, October 8th at his home. He was a native of McMinn County. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation at 5 p.m. A committal service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens.

### Fire in Combine Catches Crop on Fire

A 2018 Case Industrial American Combine gear box caught on fire recently and spread the fire to various spots in a field that it was working, just off County Road 415 near Athens. The fire was extinguished by the Englewood Rural Fire Department with minimal damage the combine. Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



**Today is Columbus Day.** It's a federal holiday and most banks and the Post Office will be closed. For an interesting history lesson on Columbus, click or tap <u>HERE</u>.

