

State and Local News

◆ SEE YOU AT PUMPKINTOWN!

The 14th Annual Pumpkintown Festival in Downtown Athens takes place Saturday. Activities get underway with a Habitat for Humanity Burkett Witt Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the street beside the former Cherokee Hardware building. The cost is \$5.00. A 5K run/1 mile walk sponsored by Christ's Legacy Academy starts at 8 a.m. at Market Park Pavilion. (Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.) The Pumpkintown Festival, itself, goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Festival will feature the Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow, the Mutt Strutt, Doggie Costume Contest, and Pumpkin Plinko. New this year will be the East Tennessee Corvette Club Show featuring 40 Corvettes. There will be a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides at Market Park. Live entertainment will be presented throughout the day from stages at Market Park Pavilion and the Courthouse steps. Entertainers include Shane Lowe, the Reliance Bluegrass Band, Maziaah Mountain, September Song, Stormy & Adrian, Dreams of Kings, and the Athens Area Children's Choir. Vendors will be selling food and crafts. Admission to Pumpkintown is free, and the weather forecast is calling for a sunny autumn day with afternoon temperatures in the low 80's. Streets in Downtown Athens will be closed from 4:30 p.m. Friday through 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

CORRECTION: Holiday Open House will be November 4th at Blooms & Heirlooms, Downtown Englewood.

National & World News

◆ Dry conditions and strong winds continue to fuel a deadly outbreak of wildfires in Northern California. Nearly 200,000 acres of forest and residential neighborhoods have been affected by the fires. At least 29 people have died and over 100 injured. The devastation is among the worst the state has seen from wildfires in its history.

◆ Nine people in North Carolina were transported to local hospitals following an attempted prison break Thursday afternoon at the Pasquotank Correctional Institute in Elizabeth City.

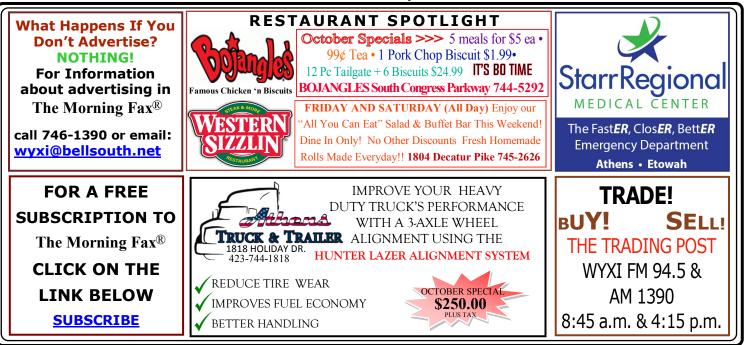
◆ After months of bashing the Iran nuclear accord while simultaneously keeping it alive, President Trump is expected to "decertify" the agreement Friday in a speech as part of his new policy toward Iran.

• COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens-McMinn YMCA will have a Swim Stroke Clinic Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will have free admission on Saturday to celebrate Pumpkintown.

✓ The property tax notices for the City of Athens and for McMinn County have been put in the mail. If you have not received your notice or do not receive it within the next few days, you can call the City Finance Department at 744-2710 or the County Trustee's Office at 745-1291





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Church News and Events

~ Faith Baptist Tabernacle, 3115 Highway 39 W, Athens, will have a yard sale today from 8 to 4 and Saturday from 8 to 12. ~ A benefit singing for Eric, Gary, and Darlene Rolen will be held Saturday at Morning View Baptist Church on Highway 58 north of Decatur. Proceeds will help pay medical expenses for Eric, who recently had one lung removed. Chili, hot dogs, and soup will be for sale starting at 4:30 p.m. Singing with Royal City and the Good News Singers starts at 6 p.m.

 \sim Allen Memorial UMC will host "Circle of Life" Game Night at 6 p.m. Saturday in Wattenbarger Hall to raise money for the Allen Memorial UMC-Relay for Life Team. Tickets are \$10 and that includes food and game cards. There will also be a silent auction for homemade cakes and pies.

 \sim The Carters will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens on October 22nd at 6 p.m.

~ Everlasting Life Christian Center will celebrate Pastor Kevin Harris on Pastor Appreciation Day, Sunday, October 22nd. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Pastor Joe Moore. The 1 p.m. speaker will be Pastor James Parris. Dinner will be served between services. The church is located at 1710 Highway 411 S., Etowah.

 \sim Athens First Baptist Church invites you to Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29th, from 4 to 6 p.m., with games, inflatables, a rock climbing wall, and goodies to eat.

Obituaries

• Linda Vallese Ashcroft, age 76, of Athens, died Wednesday at her home. She was a native of Canada and was a beautician for many years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from Noon to 2 p.m.

• Arzeta Carol Peak, age 54, of Knoxville, died on October 6th at her home. A celebration of her life is planned for Saturday at 3 p.m. at Hickory Flat Missionary Baptist Church at 2062 Fezzell Road in Decatur. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church.

• **Rayburn Darrell Farmer**, age 66, of Knoxville, died on October 2nd at Parkwest Medical Center. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Claude W. Best, age 92, formerly of Athens died Sunday at Greenwood Place in Marietta, Ga. He was a native of Maryville, former resident of Athens and a current resident of Marietta, Ga. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps having served in WWII. Funeral services will be at 12 Noon Tuesday, October 17th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 11 am to 12 noon prior to the service at Laycock-Hobbs.

• **Patricia Gaston Workman**, age 52, of Etowah, died Wednesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah.

FOOTBALL: The McMinn High School Cherokees host William Blount tonight...McMinn Central travels to Signal Mountain...Meigs County plays at Oneida...and Walker Valley will host Knoxville Catholic. The UT Vols will host South Carolina at 12 noon Saturday with TV coverage on ESPN.

