



13 THINGS TO DO IN MCMINN

SPOOKY SEASON



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OCTOBER

ETOWAH FALL FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE THE HARVEST SEASON ON THE HISTORIC L&N DEPOT LAWN. TONS OF VENDORS, INCREDIBLE FOOD, GAMES, AND WONDERFUL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WILL KEEP YOU ENTERTAINED ALL DAY! EVENT IS HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, IN ETOWAH.

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OCTOBER

FRIED GREEN TOMATO FESTIVAL NIOTA'S ANNUAL FRIED GREEN TOMATO FESTIVAL BRINGS A 5K RACE, FOOD TRUCKS, CRAFT, BAKED GOODS, FAMILY FUN GAMES, AND LIVE MUSIC, TO THE CITY OF NIOTA. FGTF BINGO NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024.

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OCTOBER

PUMPKINTOWN FESTIVAL THE 21ST ANNUAL PUMPKINTOWN FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ATHENS. THE FESTIVAL FEATURES OVER 200 VENDORS, FOOD, SHOPPING, DOGGIE COSTUME CONTEST, POWWOW, AND TONS OF ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY!

17-19
OCTOBER

MURDERS ON MAIN STROLL THROUGH DOWNTOWN ETOWAH AND DISCOVER MURDERS THAT OCCURRED IN THIS QUIANT COMMUNITY MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO. STORIES ARE FROM LOCAL HISTORIAN DURANT TULLOCK AND PERFORMED BY THE GEM PLAYERS.

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OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREATING IN THE WETLANDS BRING THE FAMILY TO THE E. G. FISHER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S WETLANDS FOR AN EVENING OF TRICK OR TREATING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES.



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MONSTER MASHUP GUYS, GIRLS, GHOSTS, AND GREMLINS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN FOR A NIGHT OF KARAOKE, COSTUME CONTESTS, AND MORE ALL TO BENEFIT ATHENS AREA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS + THE ARTS CENTER. MONSTER MASHUP WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYGHOST: KARAOKE, DANCING, COSTUME CONTESTS, LIFE SIZE PARTY GAMES, A SELFIE STATION, AND SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT. HALLOWEEN-THEMED TASTY TREATS AND A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE. COSTUME CONTEST PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THREE CATEGORIES: INDIVIDUAL, COUPLE, AND FAMILY. PRIZES RANGE FROM DRINK TICKETS TO ARTS CENTER CONCERT TICKETS.

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OCTOBER

DINING WITH THE DEAD ATTENDEES WILL LEARN ABOUT LOCAL CIVIL AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR FIGURES WHO THEY HAVE MAY NOT HEARD ABOUT IN THE TEXTBOOKS BUT WERE BURIED RIGHT HERE IN THE CEMETERY WHERE THE EVENT TAKES PLACE. LOCAL ACTORS RECREATE THEIR BIG BATTLES AND TALES IN SUCH AN ENTERTAINING WAY, YOU MAY FEEL LIKE YOU WERE BACK IN TIME.

27-31
OCTOBER

DOWNTOWN GHOST WALK SPOOKY SEASON IS IN FULL FORCE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ATHENS. OCTOBER 27-31, MAIN STREET ATHENS HOSTS THE SHADOWS OF HISTORY COMING ALIVE THROUGH TALES OF LEGEND AND LORE. JOIN US AS WE WALK THROUGH THE STREETS OF ATHENS, UNCOVERING STORIES OF UNTIMELY DEATHS AND MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE LINGERED FOR GENERATIONS. FROM HAUNTED BUILDINGS TO MYSTERIOUS ENCOUNTERS, EACH STOP ALONG THE WAY REVEALS A HIDDEN SIDE OF ATHENS' PAST.

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OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREATING EVENTS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT
ATHENS COSTUME CONTEST
CALHOUN
ENGLEWOOD HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY
ETOWAH'S CANDY JUNCTION



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THE SCREAM CHAMBER THIS YEAR THE SCREAM CHAMBER TAKES FEAR TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL. ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ATHENS, THERE'S A PLACE SO HAUNTED THE LOCALS WON'T GO. AFTER 200 YEARS OF DEATH AND MURDER WITHIN ITS WALLS, IT IS NOW GUARDED BY THE BODILESS SPIRITS THAT PROTECT THE CHAMBER OF THE DEAD. IF YOU'RE READY TO COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH YOUR DEEPEST, DARKEST FEARS, THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.

OCTOBER

FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE THE TENNESSEE OVERHILL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AND THE TENNESSEE VALLEY RAIL ROAD HOST TRAIN EXCURSIONS RUNNING ALONG THE HIWASSEE RIVER OVER THE FAMOUS HIWASSEE RAIL LOOP. STOP MID-DAY FOR LUNCH AND SHOPPING IN COPPERHILL, TN AND MCCAYSVILLE, GEORGIA. THE BEAUTIFUL FALL FOLIAGE AND BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE HIWASSEE RIVER SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR "FALL BUCKET LIST." SNACKS AND SOUVENIRS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE TRAIN.

OCTOBER

GUTHRIE PUMPKIN FARM & CORN MAZE CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF A FAMILY-OWNED FARM BY ATTENDING THE GUTHRIE PUMPKIN FARM AND CORN MAZE THIS SEASON. THE FARM TOUR OFFERS TONS OF ACTIVITIES AND TOYS FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY ON INCLUDING RUBBER DUCK RACES, HAYRIDES, PUMPKIN PATCH, AND A CORN MAZE. BONUS, THE FARM JUST CELEBRATED THE BIRTH OF TWO DONKEYS!

OCTOBER

MAYFIELD FARM PARK WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GO TO A PUMPKIN PATCH IN THE FALL? THE MAYFIELD FARM PARK WILL KEEP YOU AND YOUR KIDDOS ENTERTAINED AND ACTIVE ALL DAY LONG! PUMPKIN PATCH, FLOWER PATCH, CORN MAZE, ZIP LINES, HOG RACES, GOATS, SUPER SLIDES, BOUNCERS, AND TONS MORE. PURCHASE PUMPKINS, FLOWERS, AND GIFT ITEMS ALONG WITH CONCESSIONS RIGHT FROM THE FARM.

OCTOBER

MCMINN COUNTY LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUM QUILT SHOW ENJOY THE BEST QUILT SHOW IN EAST TENNESSEE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER. TAKE A TOUR THROUGH THE MUSEUM AND YOU WILL FIND OVER 100 QUILTS FROM THE REGIONAL QUILTERS. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR TEXTILE HERITAGE IN MCMINN COUNTY AND IN ADDITION TO THE MCMINN COUNTY LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUMS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, THE ARTS CENTER ALSO WILL HAVE A GOSPEL QUILTS II EXHIBIT BY LOCAL ARTIST KAREN MALONE BEGINNING OCTOBER 28, 2024. IN ADDITION TO THESE BEAUTIFUL DISPLAYS, ALL YEAR ROUND THROUGHOUT HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ATHENS YOU WILL FIND THE PATTERNS OF THE PAST QUILT TOUR WHERE LOCAL ARTISTS RECREATED QUILT PATTERNS AND ARE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY.