

# Pumpkintown expects 40,000 at

## Annual family event set for Oct. 8

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The 33rd annual Pumpkin Festival is set to welcome thousands for a taste of a fall tradition.

Festival chairwoman Susie Flowers said the Oct. 8 event will be around the Oolenoy Community Building on State 135 at State 8 in Pumpkintown.

"We've got bluegrass music all day," she said. "We've got clogging. ...

We've got a lot of food booths and children's rides."

Flowers said the Pumpkin Festival, which is put on by the Pumpkintown Community Club, will last from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

But she said people will want to arrive before 9 a.m. because that is when the parade will leave the Pumpkintown Volunteer Fire Department. She said roads will be blocked for a little while for the parade.

"It's a family festival,"

### YOU CAN GO

What: Pumpkin Festival  
When: Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: 5301 Dacusville Highway (State 135) in Pumpkintown

Cost: Admission and parking are free

Flowers said, "Everybody just has a good time."

She said admission to the festival and parking are free.

Flowers said they will have handicap parking at the Oolenoy Baptist

Church and will have shuttle service.

She said there will be more than 160 arts and crafts booths at the festival with everything from jewelry, woodcrafts and cedar wood furniture to soaps, lotions and jams.

"Everything is handmade and homemade," Flowers said. "A lot of people do their Christmas shopping."

Flowers said people will be able to buy a pumpkin as well, and there will be a booth set up where children can paint the pumpkins.

And there will be plenty to please people's palates, too.

Flowers said people can expect everything from funnel cake, fried pies, kettle corn, cotton candy and homemade ice cream to smoked turkey legs, barbecue chicken, fried fish, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage dogs and more.

She said there will be a grease pole climb around 3 p.m. and a drawing for a quilt made by a local resident at 4 p.m.

The theme for the festival, and also for the quilt this year is Cherokee Ind

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an maiden, Flowers said. She said no pets are allowed except for service animals.

The festival usually brings out about 40,000 to 45,000 people, Flowers said.

She said they had a record crowd last year.

"It's been growing every year," she said. "I think it's really like a tradition."