

News

Oliver Springs Historical Society

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October Sky Fall Festival Vendors Needed; Movie Extras Reunion Planned

Organizers of the 2nd annual October Sky Fall Festival in Oliver Springs are looking for food vendors, artisans and craftspeople, and other family attractions to participate in the October 16 event from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Arrowhead Park.

To commemorate the movie, which was filmed partly in Oliver Springs, a Rocket Boys Extra Reunion has been set for Friday, Oct. 15, beginning with a chili supper at 5:30 p.m. in the DAV Building on Kingston Avenue. *Rocket Boys* is the name of the book, written by Homer Hickam, upon whose memoirs the film, later re-titled *October Sky*, was based.

Barbara Hilemon, coordinator of the Rocket Boys Extras Reunion, is compiling a list of contact information for movie extras, so if you know someone who should be invited, please call her at (865) 435-5064. Several honored guests are tentatively scheduled to appear, with details to follow.

Festival vendors must fill out a completed registration form and provide a detailed description of products/services. Checks or money orders made payable to OSHS Fall Festival must be received by Aug 31. Submissions mailed after Aug. 31 will be subject to space availability. The mailing address is P.O. Box 409, Oliver Springs, TN 37840.

A 10x10 space is \$30 (\$40 after Aug. 31); a 10x20 space is \$45 (\$55 after Aug. 31).

The festival is being held to raise funds for renovating the historic Abston Building, which opened in 1915 and since then has been used as a garage, bus station, theater, bowling alley, a church meeting location, and snack bar.

The goal of the Oliver Springs Historical Society is to restore the building and use it as a museum and archives where they can host events regularly to educate and entertain the public about the history of the area. The group is collaborating with the East Tennessee Community Design Center on the project.

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