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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

# **Community News You Can Use**

- The Athens City Schools have decided to drop the mask requirement after the end of this school year. Masks will be required through the end of the school year. However, beginning with summer school, masks will be recommended, but not required.
- ✓ Effective this Thursday, Food City employees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will no longer be required to wear a face mask. Fully vaccinated associates will have a vaccination logo displayed on their name badge. Fully vaccinated customers are welcome to shop without their masks.
- The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Pastor Anna Phillips. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or **ONLINE**.

#### **♦**COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 5-18

Tennessee:	858,804 cases, up 449. 12,339 deaths up 12.		
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>ACTIVE</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
McMinn	6,565 up 6	62	99 up 1
Meigs	1,394 up 1	4	25
Monroe	5,890 up 3	50	96
Polk	2,097	27	25
Bradley	15,130	107	151
Rhea	4,371	29	75

# Celebrating the 4th on the 3rd!

The Etowah Fourth of July Celebration has been moved to Saturday, July 3rd, this year due to the 4th falling on a Sunday. Etowah Chamber of Commerce Director Durant Tullock says the July 4th committee decided that they want everyone to be able to enjoy the entire day of celebration, and the best way to do that was to move to Saturday. The day will begin at the L&N Depot with the Boy Scout Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., the Independence Road Race at 8 a.m., and then the rest of the day will be filled with a beauty pageant, family fun and games, and entertainment. The Dexter Thomas Band will perform at 8 p.m. The grand finale will be the fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.





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### **Obituaries**

• Brenda Ann McKeehan Duggan, age 72, of Riceville, died Monday at her residence. She had worked as a CNA for over 20 years at Life Care of Athens. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m., Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Stocks finished lower Tuesday as better-than-expected earnings announcements were countered by a softer-than-expected housing report.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 267.13 to 34,060.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 35.46 to 127.83 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 75.41 points to 13,303.64.

#### MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The monthly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours will be hosted by Springbrook Golf & Country Club this Thursday, May 20th, at 8 a.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission meeting at the McMinn Higher Education Center on Denso Drive on May 21st has been rescheduled. The Commission's Annual Strategic Planning Session on May 21st has also been rescheduled. The new dates will be announced later.

# **Pocket Park Improvements**

Pocket Park, a project of Main Street Athens, gained a new landmark this past weekend as volunteers installed a roof to complete the park's pergola. Pocket Park is located at 108 North Jackson Street. It was an abandoned lot which has been evolving since 2018 into a multigenerational space including a marquee and now a covered performing stage. Lauren Shepherd, Executive Director of the Athens Area Council for the Arts, says they already have a theatrical performance planned. The photo below from Lauren Shepherd shows the finished pergola.





#### **TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 19th**

**1536 -** Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery

**1921 -** Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.

**1932 -** Congressman Claude Fuller of Arkansas introduced a resolution to require all officers and employees of the U.S. government to know the national anthem. His resolution would have required each Civil Service employee to prove his ability to sing, recite, or write from memory the words of the Star Spangled Banner. Anyone who failed would not be eligible for appointment to any federal position. The resolution died in a House committee.

**1935 -** T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. He was a British soldier in World War One who fought for Arabia.

**1940 -** Singer and songwriter Mickey Newbury was born. His most popular song was his arrangement of three songs—"Dixie," "All My Trials," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic"-into a song he called "An American Trilogy."