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## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Cleveland State Community College is dropping requirements for masks on campus for fully vaccinated individuals. The new policy takes place immediately, and applies to the main campus and off-site centers.
- ✓ Volunteers will be putting up the flags at the L&N Depot in Etowah at 3 p.m. today. If you are a student needing service hours, a civic group, or just an individual that would like to help, you are invited to come and join in the effort.
- ✓ Boy Scout Troop 74 is having a BBQ fundraiser this Saturday, May 29th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at two locations: The Etowah Depot and the VFW Post on Congress Parkway N. in Athens. Bulk sales only. One pound is \$10. Three pounds for \$27. This event takes the place of the annual fundraiser during the Cousin Jake Festival which was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
- ✓ The MCHS baseball team was defeated by Farragut Tuesday 8-0. They will next play today (5-26) at 11am (ET) in the double elimination tournament against the loser of the Hardin Co.-Clarksville game.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 5-25

Tennessee: 861,313 cases, up 347. 12,400 deaths up 7.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6575 up 3	46	99
Meigs	1401 up 1	9	25
Monroe	5,911	38	96
Polk	2103 up 1	25	25
Bradley	15182 up 6	84	152
Rhea	4,374	16	75

## Attempted Abduction at School

On Tuesday, May 25, at about 12:45 p.m, Athens Police Officers were dispatched to the area of the McMinn Soccer Complex on McMinn Avenue in reference to an Athens Middle School student who claimed a man tried to abduct her. Upon arrival, they learned that a twelve-year old female reported that she believed a man had tried to abduct her. Students and faculty from the school were on the soccer field when the student went to the bathrooms near the edge of the field. She advised that a man came from the back side of the bathroom and approached her. She advised that she ran from him when he tried to grab her. The student reported the man was a white male, approximately 40-50 years of age. He was allegedly wearing a brown raincoat and black shoes. He may have been wearing gloves. The young lady immediately told a teacher and school staff immediately contacted law enforcement. A different student also reported seeing the male. He gave a similar clothing description and added that the man was wearing a blue cap with a yellow or gold "C" on it. The Police Department said it will not be releasing the names of any of the students involved, due to confidentiality laws.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Anna Phillips. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

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## Obituaries

♦ **Chester “Chet” Floyd West**, age 71, of Niota, died Monday at his home. He retired from the McMinn County Schools as Maintenance Supervisor after 34 years of service. He also led the singing at the McMinn County Senior Center and was choir director at West View Baptist Church before his health forced him to step down. He was a veteran of Vietnam, having served in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Leslie Lee Cole**, age 90, of Etowah, died Monday, May 17th, at his home. He retired from L&N Railroad after 30 years. The family will receive friends Friday, May 28th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

♦ **Ann W. Robinson**, age 81, of Kingston, died May 20th. She was retired from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. A celebration of life will be held on May 30th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the family home. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is assisting the family with arrangements.

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY:** The Athens Public Works department advises that Glendale Avenue from Park St to Hill St and the RIGHTHAND EASTBOUND lane on Park St from Hill St to White St will be closed today from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. for street repairs.

## Bike Rodeo at MooFest

The Pilot Club of Athens is hosting a Bike Rodeo at MooFest on June 5th. Check-in will be at the corner of Church Street and East Madison Avenue (just behind the McMinn County School Board office). There will be two age groups: children 5-6 and 7-8. Bring your bike to ride in the Rodeo area. There will be safety stories with puppets by Athens Anchors, State Trooper Travis Ryans will be talking about bike safety, and there will be bike inspections. Children will receive a snack and treat bag, and 25 helmets will be given away. The bike rodeo is limited to the first 25 registrants. Call 506-6551 to sign up. The photo shows organizers of the rodeo, left to right: TeAnna McKinney, Catherine Melton, Carol Plemons, and Amanda Hayes.



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