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## Today's News... This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Drive up COVID-19 vaccinations will be given at the Meigs County EMA building Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. In McMinn County, the drive up vaccinations will be at the health department on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. However, today (4-29) and Tuesday (5-4), the shots will be given at Athens Regional Park. Call 745-7431 for details.
- ✓ The TN Dept of Safety & Homeland Security says the implementation date of REAL ID has been extended to May 3, 2023. After that, you'll need a REAL ID to board a commercial airplane.
- ✓ The annual Vietnam Veterans Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at the Chatata Valley Course on Benton Pike in Cleveland. For information, call Bruce Barnes at (423) 667-7698. The tournament is hosted by Edward G. Sharpe Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 4-28

Tennessee: 845,380 cases, up 1,134. 12,171 deaths up 8.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,445 up 1	95	98
Meigs	1,374 up 1	30	25
Monroe	5,797 up 13	91	95
Polk	2,040 up 11	55	24
Bradley	14,868 up 28	364	149
Rhea	4,329 up 2	25	75

## Fifth Friday "Spring Fling"

The first in a series of "Fifth Friday" events in Downtown Athens will take place this Friday, April 30th, from 5 to 9 p.m. "Spring Fling" is hosted by MainStreet Athens and the Arts Center. The evening will feature shopping, food, and entertainment. Most of the events will be held on White Street. They include entertainment by the Tim Hughes' Quartet, Miss Lisa's Dancers, the Will Boyd Project, and Inspiration Dance Studio. There will be chalk art for children and also chalk artist Terina Gillette will be there. Twenty shops will be open until 8 p.m. Most downtown restaurants will be open, in addition to several food trucks. White Street, Hornsby Street, Washington Avenue and Madison Avenue will be closed in Downtown Athens on Friday from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

### MOCK WRECK AT MCMINN HIGH SCHOOL



The annual mock traffic accident was staged on the parking lot at McMinn High School Wednesday afternoon. Students played the part of victims, complete with makeup. The purpose was to show young people the dangers of drinking or texting while driving. State Trooper Travis Ryans sent us this photo of one of the "victims" with her "injuries." Police officers along with ambulance and rescue personnel took part in the demonstration.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

Thursday: Cloudy. High 80.  
Thu Night: Mild & cloudy.  
Possible late showers. Low 56.  
Friday: Clouds mixed with sun.  
High 73.  
Fri Night: Clear & cooler.  
Low 46.  
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## Obituaries

♦ **John Schultz**, age 63, of Athens, died April 24th. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Betty Lou Womac Arnold Hutsell**, age 85, of Athens, died Tuesday at Athens Place Assisted Living. She was a former employee of Beaunit Fibers and Athens Products, where she retired after more than 20 years of service. Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Rogers Creek Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Joy Leonard Cooper**, age 87, of Athens, died Tuesday. A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Friday in McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Calvin Carter**, age 83, of Englewood, died Wednesday. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home at a later date.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** In a busy day of earnings releases and policy announcements, equity markets were mixed but still closed near record highs. The Fed maintained its support as expected, even with an economy that policymakers acknowledged is accelerating. The 10-year Treasury yield is back above the 1.6% level, a near two-week high, helping cyclical investments outperform. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 33,820.38, down 164.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was 4,183.18, down 3.54 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was 14,051.03, down 39.19.

## Friendly City Creative Cuts Ribbon

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Friendly City Creative, located in Athens. Pictured front, left to right: Lisa Rhea & Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomats), Jason Eby & Gloria Eby (Friendly City Creative), Julie Cardin (Chamber Board), Ashton Burrows (Diplomat). Back row: John Rodriguez, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Scott Mashburn & Joseph Ladner (Diplomats)  
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