Thursday, September 10, 2020

Community News You Can Use

The Etowah Carnegie Library invites you to a special exhibition celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment that secured women’s voting rights. “Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence” is part of the Smithsonian Institution’s Traveling Exhibit.

Blood Assurance has a critical need for O-positive and O-negative blood due to multiple traumas in its service area. There is less than a half-day’s supply. If another trauma occurs, there will not be enough type O blood on the shelf. Call (423) 290-5314 to donate.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 166,587 cases, up 833. 1,931 deaths, up 35.

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Bet You Didn’t Know This!

A major hurricane struck Galveston, Texas, on September 8th, 1900. Winds were 145 mph and a tidal wave inundated Galveston Island, killing between 6,000 and 12,000 people. The weather forecasters back then did not have radar or satellite technologies, making it difficult to accurately predict severe weather. In this case, the chief meteorologist of Galveston, Isaac Cline, convinced local officials 9 years earlier that there was no need to build a seawall because it would be impossible for a devastating hurricane to strike the island. On September 7th, the day before the hurricane hit Galveston, Cline and his team of meteorologists realized that a severe storm was rapidly approaching. At that point, Cline broke Weather Bureau protocol and issued a hurricane warning. However, the warning was ignored by most residents.

Now, the part you didn’t know. Cline was born near Madisonville and attended Hiwassee College before joining the U.S. Army Signal Corps and eventually the Weather Bureau. His wife, Cora, who was pregnant with their fourth child, was one of those who died in the storm.

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Obituaries

† Theopher “Theo” Blanche Lee Roberts, age 57, of Athens, died on September 5th. She held numerous jobs in the medical field, with the last being an office manager at NHC Home Health Care. She also accompanied her husband with contractual jobs such as stripping and waxing floors. The family will receive friends on Friday, Sept. 11th, from noon to 1 p.m. at Overcoming Faith Christian Center in Athens. A home going celebration will follow. Social distancing and face masks are required. Burial will be at Sherwood Chapel & Memorial Gardens in Alcoa. Patton Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.

† Debra Jean Burgess “Nene” Malone, age 60, of Etowah, died Monday, Sept. 7th. There has been a change in the date for graveside services. The services will be held next Tuesday, September 15th, at Liberty Hill Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

† Almeda Williams, age 82, died this past Monday. She retired as a CNA at Woods Memorial Hospital in Etowah. Homegoing services will be held Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with a walk-through visitation from noon until 1 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 10th

1813 - An American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Afterward, Perry sent the message, “We have met the enemy and they are ours.”

1823 - Simon Bolivar was named President of Peru. Bolivar led the wars for independence from Spain in Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia, which was named in his honor. Bolivar was sometimes called the “George Washington” of South America.

1912 - The jungle character Tarzan made his debut as “Tarzan of the Apes” by Edgar Rice Burroughs was first published in The All-Story magazine.

1919 - New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who’d served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

1929 - Golfing star Arnold Palmer was born.

1945 - Singer Jose Feliciano was born. His best-known hit record is the Christmastime song, “Feliz Navidad.”

1955 - One of TV’s greatest gunfighters, Matt Dillon, made his first ride across the tube with the premiere of the series “Gunsmoke.”

1955 - Bert Parks began a 25-year career as host of the “Miss America Pageant” on NBC. The show became a TV tradition as Parks sang to the newly-crowned beauty queen, “There She is ... Miss America”.

1963 - Blacks entered the white public schools of Birmingham, Tuskegee, and Mobile, Alabama, after President Kennedy federalized the state’s national guard.

1991 - The Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

2000 - Controversial basketball coach Bob Knight was fired by Indiana University for what was called a pattern of unacceptable behavior. Marat Safin beat Pete Sampras 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 to become the first Russian to win the U.S. Open. Tiger Woods won the Canadian Open by one stroke over Grant Waite. The musical “Cats” closed on Broadway after 7,485 performances.

2006 - Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts defeated Eli Manning and the New York Giants 26-21 in the first NFL game to feature two brothers starting at quarterback.