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COVID Shots for All by April 5

Governor Bill Lee has announced that all Tennessee adults will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination no later than April 5th. Tennesseans 55 and older are currently eligible for vaccinations. The governor says all Tennesseans age 16 and over will be able to get their shots by April 5th. Tennessee continues to see increasing supplies of vaccines, which allows the state to rapidly accelerate eligibility to receive the vaccination. The state expects to receive approximately 311,000 vaccine doses this week. TN Health Commissioner, Dr. Lisa Piercey, says Tennessee will now open COVID-19 vaccination to all eligible adults well ahead of the federal goal of May 1st. To book an appointment with your county health department, go to: COVID19.tn.gov. Or you can call 1-866-442-5301.

Saluting a McMinn Woman

March is National Women's History Month. Esther Nunley sent us this article about one of McMinn County's best known women, Febb Burn.

Febb Burn reached out to her son, State Rep. Harry T. Burn, in a letter urging him to vote for Women's Suffrage and to "be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt with her 'Rats.'" The word "rat" referred to ratification of the 19th Amendment.

That famous letter gave Rep. Burn one more reason to cast an "aye" in favor of Suffrage, and it gave Febb Burn notoriety. The legislation also made Tennessee famous for becoming the "perfect 36" that the Suffragists needed for ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Febb was born November 23, 1873, to Jonathan Thomas and Sara Snyder Ensminger. She graduated from U.S. Grant University (now Tennessee Wesleyan University) in the spring of 1894. She married James Lafayette Burn. They had four children: Harry Thomas, James Lane, Sara Margaret, and Otho Virginia.

Febb continued to run the farm in Niota after the sudden loss of her husband in 1916. She was an avid reader, keeping up on current affairs which caught her attention of the Suffrage movement. She felt Suffrage was necessary because it didn't seem right that she paid taxes but could not vote, when her male employees did not pay taxes but could vote. She made farming and her family her life. Febb died in 1945.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 3-22

Tennessee: 801,645 cases, up 732. 11,713 deaths, up 0.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,111	95	94
Meigs	1,295	20	23
Monroe	5,507	73	93
Polk	1,877	57	24
Bradley	13,730	434	142
Rhea	4,215	31	75

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Wed Night: Cloudy & mild. Low 57.
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Obituaries

♦ **John Shugart**, age 59, of Etowah, died last Wednesday. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Green Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Howard Ray Thurman**, age 71, of Spring City, died last Wednesday at his residence. He was a commercial fisherman and also worked for the La-Z-Boy Corporation. He retired from the Tennessee Department of Forestry. He was the father of Angel Thurman of Decatur. A graveside service was held last Friday at Winnie Cemetery in Spring City. Vaughn Funeral Home was in charge.

♦ **Robert "Jason" Davis**, age 40, of Athens, died Friday. He was a long-time resident of Decatur. He was a talented self-taught musician and artist. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

♦ **Robert (Bob) LeRoy Roberts**, age 85, of Delano, died Friday. He was born in Solsville, New York. He worked in road construction throughout the state of New York and was head of the Madison County Highway Department. He graduated from Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, New York with an Associate's Degree in Civil Engineering. He moved to Kentucky and worked for the TVA in Muhlenberg County, and later moved to Nashville and was Facilities Director at Belmont University and Harding Academy. He retired to Delano. Funeral services will be March 23rd at Wetmore Baptist Church in Delano, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m. prior to the service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Valley Christian Academy will hold Open House today, March 23rd. You are invited to drop by 9-11 a.m. or 5-7 p.m.

✓ The Arthritis Foundation *Walk With Ease* program will be offered starting April 5th at Veterans' Park. To register, call the UT Extension - McMinn office at 745-2852. There is no cost.

House Damaged by Fire & Smoke

A Saturday night fire at a house on New Englewood Road caused heavy smoke damage. The Athens City, Athens Rural, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. Athens City Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth was in command of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - March 23rd

1775 - Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

1806 - Explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

1914 - The first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area.

1933 - The German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

1956 - Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

1965 - America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

1983 - President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles, an idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

1990 - The romantic comedy "Pretty Woman," starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts, was released by Buena Vista Pictures.

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