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Athens, Tennessee

First Vaccinations in McMinn

The McMinn County Health Department vaccinated its first 10 people with the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine on Monday. More vaccinations took place today. The first person to be vaccinated was Athens Firefighter David Albertson, shown below with RN Mellissa Benson.



Resolute Helps Foster Kids

Resolute Forest Products has partnered with the McMinn County Foster Care Association for many years to give Christmas presents to children in foster care. This year, Resolute employees purchased gifts for 65 children. Pictured from left are Association representatives Robbie Carroll, Samantha Walker, and Beverly True, Resolute Executive Assistant Beth Bush, and Resolute retiree Ken Keaton.



MYSTERY PHOTO WINNER: Michael Bohannon was first to identify the location of the photo in Tuesday's Fax. It was taken by Steve Keylor from the top of the Christmas Tree on top of the hill at Meadow Branch Landfill on Highway 30 W.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Nancy June Lingerfelt Vaughn**, age 71, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional. Funeral services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 3.

♦ **Jennie Elizabeth "Beth" Townsend Kelley Lafferty Bubar**, age 99, of Athens died Monday, December 21st. Arrangements are being handled by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **James "Bo" Edward Blankenship**, age 46, of Etowah passed away on Thursday, December 17th. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

♦ **Charlotte Ruth Hamilton Howard**, age 79, of Riceville, passed away Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County and had been associated with Proffitt's and at Belk for many years until her retirement. There will be no formal visitation. A private graveside service for the family will be held at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE TUESDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 534,019 cases, up 4,441. 6,269 deaths, up 133.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,000 up 23	3,281	659	60
Meigs	862 up 4	670	178	14
Monroe	3,464 up 62	2,753	659	52
Polk	1,055 up 14	841	199	15
Bradley	8,269 up 60	6,792	1,416	61
Rhea	2,850 up 15	2,325	581	44

Athens Fire Chief Gets Vaccine

Athens Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth got his Moderna Covid-19 vaccination Monday afternoon at the McMinn County Health Department. He is shown below with RN Nurse Supervisor for the Health Department, Tina Gallahar.



UPDATE: News Channel 9's senior meteorologist, Bill Race, remains in ICU as he battles COVID-19. He is expected to be there for some time to come. The good news is he is feeling a little better each day. But he has a long way to go before he will be back on his feet. He asks that you continue to keep him in your prayers.

TODAY IN HISTORY - DECEMBER 23rd

1783 - George Washington returned to Mount Vernon, after the disbanding of his army following the Revolutionary War.

1787 - Captain William Bligh and his crew sailed from Plymouth, England, on their ship the "Bounty." Their plan was to gather information about the south Pacific islands. However, a group led by Fletcher Christian took over the ship and set Captain Bligh and his crew adrift in a small boat.

1823 - The poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published in the Troy, New York, "Sentinel." The poem later came to be known better by the title: "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

1913 - The Federal Reserve Act was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson. It established 12 Federal Reserve Banks.

1928 - The National Broadcasting Company established its first permanent coast-to-coast radio network.

1948 - Former Japanese premier Tojo was hanged in Tokyo by the Allied War Crimes Commission.

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