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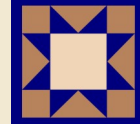
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Living Heritage



MUSEUM

ART EXHIBIT FEATURING
LUCILE SMITH
Month of February
A native of McMinn
County, Lucile Smith
(1910-2002) was a
prominent African
American folk artist
who began painting as
a hobby in her early
twenties.

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Thursday, February 3, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Protection for Health Care Workers

State Rep. Mark Cochran of Englewood is proposing legislation that provides protections for Tennessee health care workers. He is co-sponsor of a bill that reclaims religious freedom and personal liberty for health care workers. The bill requires an employer with a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy to grant an exemption for medical or religious reasons to anyone who requests to be exempt. The bill also specifies that medical practitioners are protected from civil liability and threat of disciplinary action by health related boards for providing medical exemptions. Rep. Cochran says all Tennesseans deserve the freedom to decline a medical procedure they do not want without being retaliated against by the federal government. Cochran says, "Our health care workers who have worked on the front lines of this pandemic for two years deserve no less."



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Folk Art program by Becky McGrew at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum for this Saturday has been cancelled due to the death of Jimmy Webb, who was Becky's brother.
- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Meeting will be this Sunday, Feb. 6th, at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room at the Courthouse. Joy Montgomery will be speaking about the Hiwassee Garrison. The organization will be moving soon to its new location, 107 W. College Street.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic dates for February will be Feb. 8th and 22nd, with refills at 3 p.m. and doctor visits at 3:30.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 01/23/22 - 01/29/22

There were 13,760 cases (per day) and 61 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 1,866,676 Total Cases 22,574 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	15,201	2,245	213
Meigs	3,117	389	48
Monroe	13,183	1,506	206
Polk	4,326	480	52
Bradley	31,292	3,716	357
Rhea	9,237	927	138

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99
Steak Biscuits 2 / \$5 • 32 oz Tea \$1
8 Piece Tailgate \$19.99
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FEB 1-14

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ITEMS NEEDED AT THE GRACE HOUSE

- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- TOOTH BRUSHES
- PAPER TOWELS/TOILET PAPER
- SOCKS/DEODORANT/COFFEE

The Grace House is a local homeless shelter supporting men with addiction recovery. It was founded by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Grace House is and will continue to be a beacon of hope for those in need.

Items can be brought to the Park Street lobby between February 1-14



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Lois F. Duggan**, age 84, of Reston, VA, died Friday, January 21st, at Parkwest Medical Center. She was a native of Athens and resident of Knoxville and Reston, VA. She was a former flight attendant with Delta and United Airlines. There will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Steve Grayson Black**, 51, of Athens, died Monday at Sweetwater Hospital. He had a website, East Tennessee Outdoors. The family will receive friends Sunday, Feb. 6th, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home. There will be no formal service.

♦ **Robert Daniel Gardner**, age 90, of Riceville, died Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, at his home. He retired from Bowater Paper Mill after 40 years. He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He also played bass for the Gardner Brothers Quartet. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Entombment will follow the service at McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **Chester Keith Radford**, 67, died Wednesday, January 26th. No services are planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Travis Sterling Steven Caldwell, II**, age 21, of Athens, died Jan. 31st at his home. Ziegler Funeral Home will announce arrangements.

♦ **Jerry Lee Hitt**, 64, of Sweetwater, died Feb. 1st. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Dump Truck Catches On Fire

This 2017 Mack GU713 dump truck hauling 40 tons of salt caught fire Tuesday morning around 6:30 as it traveled south on N. Amhurst Place in Englewood. The driver looked into the side mirror to see that the rear tires were on fire. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 3rd

1809 - The territory of Illinois was created.

1809 - German composer Felix Mendelssohn was born. His best-known song is the familiar "Wedding March," which comes from the orchestral overture, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

1811 - Newspaper editor Horace Greeley was born. He supported free homesteading in the west as a cure for the industrial ills of the east and was popularly quoted as advising, "Go west, young man."

1894 - Painter and illustrator Norman Rockwell was born. He was best-known for the covers he produced for the Saturday Evening Post magazine.

1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect. That's the Amendment which created the income tax.

1924 - Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the United States, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

1959 - The "music died" on this day when singers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. Richardson (AKA the Big Bopper) were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

1971 - Apollo 14 astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr. and Edgar D. Mitchell landed on the lunar surface during the third successful manned mission to the moon.

1994 - The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time.