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Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### Local and State News

#### ◆ FIRE DAMAGES HOUSE ON CO. RD. 616

A fire early Monday morning damaged a house at 300 County Road 616. The fire started in a bedroom. Volunteers from the Etowah, Claxton, and Riceville Rural Fire Departments responded and quickly put out the fire. No one was injured. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



#### ◆ WOMAN AIRLIFTED FROM I-75 WRECK

A two-vehicle wreck on I-75 just north of exit 49 in McMinn County Monday morning resulted in the driver of one of the cars being airlifted to UT Medical Center. Authorities say her pickup truck rolled over and she was trapped inside. There's no word on her condition or identity. The driver of the other vehicle was taken to Starr Regional Medical Center.

#### ◆ PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER

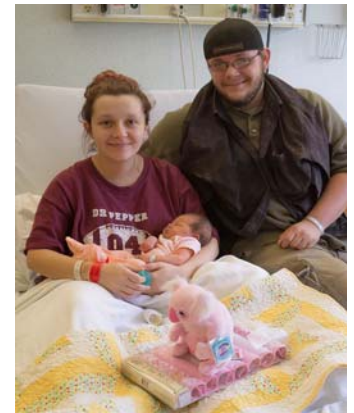
The coldest weather of the new year is on its way. The National Weather Service says the high Wednesday will only reach 32 and the low Thursday morning in the Athens area could plunge to 7 above zero.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The latest flu surveillance report released on Monday shows 43 states now reporting either high or widespread flu activity. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this year's predominant flu strain, called H3N2, is partially to blame for the bad flu season. This strain is associated with more severe illness and more deaths.

#### FIRST BABY OF 2015 ARRIVES

The first baby of 2015 McMinn County was born January 3rd at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. She is Diana Constance Storm, daughter of Marie Fearing and James Fairbanks. Constance weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. She received a hand-made quilt from the Heritage Quilt Guild and gifts from Starr Regional Medical Center and their Kozy Korner Gift Shop.



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#### WEATHER

**Tuesday** - Mostly sunny.  
Highs in the mid to upper 40's.  
**Tuesday night** - Partly cloudy.  
Lows in the mid 20's.  
**Wednesday** - Partly sunny.  
Highs in the lower to mid 30's.  
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### More of 2014's Big Stories

- 2014 was an election year. Yvonne Raper was elected to the Athens City Council and Dan Evans was elected McMinn County Highway Commissioner. Voters also approved liquor stores in Athens and the sale of wine in supermarkets in both Athens and Etowah.

- Athens City School Director Robert Greene announced in February that he would retire at the end of the school year, but later changed his mind and said he would remain on the job. The Athens School Board approved a long-range plan that will eventually reduce the number of schools from five to three.

- The new McMinn County Judicial Center was dedicated in a ceremony in December.

### Obituaries

- **Joyce Ann Kirby Maynor**, age 58, of Athens, died Saturday at her residence. She had worked at Carver Chair. Private family services will be held later. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Johnny McElroy**, age 57, of Englewood, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Jeannette Meadows**, age 70, of Decatur, died Sunday at her home. She retired from Duracell after 44 years. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Shiloh Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home.

### Obituaries (continued)

- **Kimberly Kay Johnston**, age 54, of Athens, died Saturday at her residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Larry Reid Gann**, age 61, of the Head of the Creek Community near Sweetwater, died Saturday at Parkwest Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Edna Morrow Housley**, age 101, of Etowah, (and formerly of Athens) died Sunday at Etowah Health Care Center. At a young age, she worked as a switchboard operator in her father's telephone company in Riceville and also helped her father in the family canning business, the W.M. Morrow Tin Cannery. She worked in the cafeteria at Athens Junior High School for many years and also at Eureka Garment Company in Englewood. She was the oldest living member of North Athens Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Danny Eugene Moses**, age 54, of Niota died Saturday at his home. He was a former employee of Olin Chemical Co. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Nellie Marie Large**, age 93, of Niota died Saturday in Sweetwater Hospital. She was a retired bookkeeper. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

### TODAY IN HISTORY-JANUARY 6

Today is Epiphany, a holy festival observed in many countries, especially Latin America. Originally, it celebrated both the birth and baptism of Jesus. Since the 300's, the day has signified the meeting of the Wise Men with the infant Jesus.

**1412** - Joan of Arc, the French national heroine who was burned at the stake as a martyr, was born. She led the French army to victory over the British at the siege of Orléans in 1429. She was later captured and condemned by an English court to be burned at the stake.

**1540** - England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves.

**1759** - George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.

**1838** - Samuel F.B. Morse demonstrated his new invention, the telegraph, in Morristown, New Jersey.

**1880** - Cowboy star Tom Mix was born. He appeared in over 400 western movies, including "Riders of the Purple Sage."

**1912** - New Mexico became the 47th state.

**1919** - Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.

**1924** - Banjo player Earl Scruggs was born. He and Lester Flatt formed a bluegrass band in 1948 and had many hit records, including "The Ballad of Jed Clampett."

**1930** - The first diesel-engine automobile trip was completed this day. It ran 792 miles from Indianapolis, IN to New York City. The total cost of the run was \$1.38.