

Meet the New Year's First Baby!

Starr Regional Medical center is ringing in 2022 with the year's first bundle of joy. Weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches, Samuel Lewis Reasons was born to Joanna and Kevin Reasons of Decatur on Monday, January 3rd, at 4:30 a.m. In celebration of being the first baby born in 2022 at Starr Regional, the family was presented with gifts, including a quilt from

the Heritage Quilt Guild, hand made by guild member Linda Basket of Tellico Plains; a \$100 gift card from Athens Pediatrics; a \$100 gift card from Covenant Pediatrics; a \$125 gift card from Kidzcare Pediatrics; and a gift basket of infant care



items from Starr Regional Medical Center. The photo shows the new mother, her husband, baby Samuel, and his three big sisters, Savanna, Auriah, & Raven. Behind them, Linda Basket and Dana Smith with the Quilt Guild, and RN's Angie Bowman and Laura Richesin with Women's Services at Starr.

Community News You Can Use

✓ United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is now accepting nominations for the Dick Dyer Community Service Award. The Dick Dyer Award is given each year to an individual who exemplified Mr. Dyer's exceptional vision and caring spirit for the community. As the first United Way Director, Mr. Dyer worked tirelessly to provide the community with services that meet the most pressing needs. Previous recipients include Frank Davis, Mary Brown, Ben Wilson, Carole Haynes, and Debbie Harrison. To submit a nomination, mail it to P.O. Box 1681, Athens, TN 37371. The deadline is February 1st.
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✓ UT Extension-McMinn announces that the Farm Family Health and Wellness Program is almost here. The Zoom-based webinars will be held Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 13th. Topics include safety, stress, health issues and finances around the farm. Call 745-2852 for more information.

With temperatures expected to fall into the teens the next two mornings, a Warming Center will be open at Keith Methodist Church from 5:30 p.m. until 7 a.m. You must check in by 8 p.m.

◆ The guests on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Raegan Adair, a student. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or <u>ONLINE</u>.

If you have announcements of church activities, we'll be glad to publish them at no charge in the Friday edition of The Morning Fax as space permits. Email them to: <u>wyxi@bellsouth.net</u>





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Athens, Tennessee

Covid-19 Stats Released

The differences shown below for cases and active cases are the differences between Tuesday's data & Friday's data.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 1/04/22

Tennessee:	1,398,794 cases, up	0 10,193. 20,7	76 deaths, up 38.
<u>COUNTY</u>	CASES	<u>ACTIVE</u>	DEATHS
McMinn	11,138 up 16	140 down 1	196
Meigs	2,344 up 1	40 down 2	46
Monroe	10,324 up 34	158 up 24	195 up 1
Polk	3,365 up 1	41 down 4	50
Bradley	23,552 up 60	437 up 37	319 up 1
Rhea	7,377 up 4	91 down 3	128

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities traded lower driven by a more hawkish tone revealed within the release of the minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest meeting. The technology sector has been a notable laggard to start the year. The energy and materials sectors were among the leaders while technology stocks continued their recent underperformance. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 392.54 to 36,407.11 The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 92.96 to 4,700.58, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 522.54 points to 15,100.17.

Several school systems have decided to close. You can see the list of area schools by clicking or tapping <u>HERE</u>.



Baby's First Snowman

Kaye Burton sent us a photo of her great granddaughter playing in the snow this past Monday. Avery Kaye lives in Etowah with her parents, Hailey and Braden Stewart. Avery is 15 months old and was photographed meeting her first snowman. It is pretty obvious that she was not impressed.

NOTE: In case you didn't notice, TDOT crews were out on



Wednesday spraying brine on the state highways and the Interstate so we'll be ready for the next snow.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JAN 6th

1412 - According to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy, France. She was the French national heroine who was burned at the stake as a martyr. 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 in New Kent County, Virginia.

1838 - Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

1912 - New Mexico became the 47th state.

1974 - Year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo. **1993** - Authorities rescued Jennifer Stolpa and her infant son, Clayton, after Jennifer's husband, James, succeeded in reaching help, ending the family's eight-day ordeal after becoming lost in the snow-covered Nevada desert. Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, 75, died in Englewood, New Jersey; ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in suburban Paris at age 54.