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Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### Local and State News

#### ◆ FIRE AT THE ETOWAH LAUNDRY DEPOT

The Etowah City Fire Department responded to a call this past Friday at the Laundry Depot on the north end of town. A load of restaurant towels and aprons caught fire in a clothes dryer. Fire fighters were able to put out the fire using a fire extinguisher.

(Photo by Jay Thomson)



### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ It has been more than 48 hours since Air Asia Flight QZ8501 disappeared over the Java Sea with 162 people on board. The plane vanished shortly after the pilots requested a change of flight plan because of weather.

◆ The U.S. and partner nations have conducted 18 airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in a continuing effort to halt the spread of ISIS.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ In observance of the New Year holiday, the Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Thursday, January 1. These offices will re-open on Friday, Jan. 2, for regular business hours. The residential garbage routes for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week will be picked up as normal. Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday. Friday's route will also be picked up on Friday.

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces that its 69th Annual Dinner Meeting & Community Awards presentation will be held Thursday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Tennessee Wesleyan College. The reservation deadline for tickets is January 22. Call 745-0334 for ticket information.

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### WEATHER

**Tuesday** - Mostly sunny.  
 Highs in the mid to upper 40's.  
**Tuesday night** - Partly cloudy.  
 Lows in the upper 20's.  
**Wednesday** - Mostly sunny.  
 Highs in the lower to mid 40's.  
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Athens, Tennessee

### Claxton Fire Dept. Gets New Pumper

The Claxton Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of a new pumper. It is a 2014 Freightliner FL90/Emergency One pumper. It has a 1,250 gallon per minute pump and holds 1,030 gallons of water. The truck is one of several delivered to McMinn County rural fire districts. The departments are currently undergoing training on the trucks, and they will be placed in service shortly. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



### Obituaries

- **Louis William Hamby**, age 78, of Englewood died last Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a veteran of the Army and a former employee of Lithonia Lighting in Atlanta. The family will have a memorial service at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Bertie Inez "Gigger" Wade**, age 98, of Athens, died Sunday in NHC Healthcare of Athens. She was a former employee of Midway Grill in Niota, Ripe and Ready Market, and First Baptist Church of Athens. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Mary Smeltzer**, age 99, of Etowah died Monday at Etowah Health Care. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

### SHERIFF'S DEPT. TO OFFER SOBER RIDE HOME

In an effort to keep drunk drivers off the road, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says that his office will provide free rides home to New Years Eve party-goers who may have had a few drinks too many. The Sheriff's office will operate a van staffed with two deputies who will provide the free rides home between 10 p.m. December 31st until 4 a.m. on January 1st. Any person or group can call 745-5613 and request a ride. This is the 3rd year that the Sheriff's office has provided this service.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY-DECEMBER 30

- 1851** - Asa Candler was born in Georgia. In 1887, he purchased the formula for a soft drink called Coca-Cola and began producing the syrup base for the drink. He made it into the most popular soft drink in the U.S.
- 1865** - British author Rudyard Kipling was born. He wrote "The Jungle Book," a favorite among children.
- 1931** - Country singer Skeeter Davis was born. Her hit records included "The End of the World," "I Forgot More Than You'll Ever Know," and "My Last Date."
- 1937** - Paul Stookey, member of the folk music group "Peter, Paul, and Mary" was born. In 1971, he had a major hit recording as a solo artist, "The Wedding Song."
- 1972** - President Nixon ordered a halt in the bombing of North Vietnam and announced that peace talks with the Hanoi government would resume within a few days.
- 1978** - Ohio State University fired Woody Hayes as its football coach, one day after Hayes punched a Clemson University player during a bowl game.