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Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ THE FIRST BABY OF 2017 HAS ARRIVED

Jayden Dale Bryant Thomason was the first baby to be born in McMinn County in 2017. Jayden was born at 5:08 p.m. on January 1st at Starr Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lb, 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Megan Vann and Ryan Andrew Thomason of Decatur, and is the couple's third child. Jayden received a gift basket from Starr Regional and a handmade quilt from the Heritage Quilt Guild. (Photo by Blake McCaslin)



## National-World News

◆ A massive manhunt continues for James Morales, 35, an inmate who escaped a maximum security prison in northeast Rhode Island over the weekend.

◆ A child's body was found under an icy pond in Aurora, Colorado, during the search for a 6-year-old boy who went missing days ago. The body has not yet been identified.

◆ Denver Broncos head coach Gary Kubiak has stepped down. Buffalo Bills owner Terry Pegula fired Rex Ryan when the coach asked about his future. The San Francisco 49ers officially cut ties with its head coach Chip Kelly and general manager Trent Baalke. And the Cleveland Browns clinched the first pick in this year's NFL Draft.

### ◆ THE AMERICAN LEGION BUYS THE "PATCH"

A new life is coming to the former Country Patch restaurant on S. White Street in Athens. The American Legion Post 68 has purchased the building. It will be reopened as The Chow Hall Restaurant in early 2017. Commander Dick Pelley says it will be a family-friendly restaurant. The American Legion's monthly fish fry will be held at The Chow Hall.



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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Wednesday** - Partly Cloudy.  
 Winds-10 mph. High 44.

**Wed Night** - Partly cloudy & colder. Low 26.

**Thursday** - Cloudy. Light winds. High 43.

More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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## Ring In the "Noon" Year

Youngsters and their families were able to get a jump on the New Year last Friday by ringing in the "Noon" Year at E.G. Fisher Public Library. The children were able to make their own noisemakers. They also enjoyed stories and crafts. And at the stroke of Noon, there was a balloon drop. The children also got to welcome in the Noon Year by stomping on bubble wrap!

(Photo by Peyton Eastman, Children's Librarian)



## Obituaries

- **Peggy Haun Shaw**, age 66, of Englewood, died Monday at UT Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Cristi Wells**, age 46, of Knoxville, died Sunday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Teresa Cumbus**, age 50, of Athens, died Monday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council is holding a called meeting at 3 p.m. today to begin negotiating a contract for Seth Sumner as the new Athens City Manager.
- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the 32nd Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on Feb. 10th and 11th at the McMinn County High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 per person.
- ✓ The UT Extension Office in McMinn County will offer a Tai Chi for Arthritis program beginning January 9th. For information, call 745-2852.
- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the soccer fields at Regional Park will be closed for annual maintenance until Feb. 15th. During this time, the fields are closed for games, practices, and any type of play.

## TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 4th

- 1785** - Jacob Grimm, the man who collected "Grimm's Fairy Tales," was born in Germany.
- 1809** - Louis Braille, the blind French teacher who developed the system of raised dots to allow the blind to read, was born. When he was three years old, an accident left him blind.
- 1896** - Utah was admitted to the Union as the 45th state
- 1948** - Britain granted independence to Burma.
- 1951** - North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul during the Korean War.
- 1955** - Country singer Kathy Forester was born. She is one of the Forester Sisters.
- 1957** - Country and bluegrass singer Patty Loveless was born. One of her biggest hit records is "If My Heart Had Windows."
- 1961** - The world's longest strike ended on this date. The barbers' assistants of Copenhagen, Denmark, had refused to work for 33 years.
- 1965** - President Lyndon B. Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union address.
- 1974** - President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.
- 1999** - Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was sworn in as governor of Minnesota.
- 2007** - Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., became the first female speaker of the House.
- 2010** - Dubai opened the world's tallest skyscraper, the 2,717-foot gleaming glass-and-metal tower Burj Khalifa.