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## Today's News...This Morning

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Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

## Meet the New Year's First Baby

The first baby of 2020 has arrived at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Mary Radner was born January 2nd at 5:08 p.m. Her parents are Ashton and Erick Radner. Mary weighed five pounds and four ounces and was 19 inches long. The family was presented with a quilt made by members of the Heritage Quilt Guild and gifts from the hospital, Domino's Pizza, Fuller's Frame Shop, Greeks Bearing Gifts, a newborn photo session with Hometown Photography, a book from Imagination Library, an infant gown from Sweet & Sassy Too, and a footprint stamp gift set from White Street Market.

(Photo by Brandi Armstrong)



## Tennessee Headlines

- ◆ A Tennessee lawmaker has introduced a bill to require certain convicted child sex offenders to undergo chemical castration as a condition for parole. Rep. Bruce Griffey of Paris filed the bill last week. If passed, the bill would require any person convicted of a sexual offense involving a child under 13 to undergo chemical castration. It would be done with drugs that block, reduce, or inhibit the production of testosterone, hormones, or other chemicals in a person's body. Offenders would have to take the drugs for at least one month before being released from custody and continue taking them after being released until the court determines the treatment is no longer necessary.
- ◆ The number of Tennesseans killed in traffic-related deaths in 2019 was the state's highest in a dozen years. As of December 30th, 2019, 1,129 people had died in accidents involving cars, trucks, motorcycles, pedestrians and bicycles. That was the highest number of deaths since 2007, when 1,211 people died.
- ◆ The U.S. Department of Labor has ruled in favor of a nuclear engineer who says the Tennessee Valley Authority fired her in retaliation for reporting safety and personnel concerns. The Labor Department ordered TVA to restore Beth Wetzel's job and compensate her more than \$200,000 in back pay, damages, and legal fees. TVA fired her for insubordination by speaking negatively about a supervisor. The Labor Department says she properly raised the safety concerns.

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• FRIDAY - SWEETWATER - 10:30 - 2



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Allen W. "Bud" Sneed, Jr.**, age 93, of Delano, died Sunday. He was employed with Bowater Paper Mill for over 30 years and was a member of the 278th National Guard. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 prior to the service.
- ♦ **William Stephen Partain**, age 72, of Calhoun, GA., died Monday at Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome, GA. He was a native of Athens. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and an over the road truck driver. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in regular session this Thursday, January 9th, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Education Excellence, with a policy committee meeting immediately prior at 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will host an exhibit reception for "Change in Rural America" this Thursday, January 9th, at 5:30 p.m. The guest speakers will be Whitney Kimball Coe and Tim Marima with Catering by Ambiance and music by Alex Sharp & Cody Hensley. (See Ad Below)
- ✓ The 4-H Public Speech contest for McMinn County will be Friday, January 17th. The students in 4th-12 grades competed in their classroom, and the best speakers advance to the County contest. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. at East Athens Baptist Church, and the contest will begin at 9 a.m.

## Another Moment of History

Rising over 2000 feet, Starr Mountain is the highest point in McMinn County. Holding up our southeast corner, this mountain is deeply connected to our local history.

Named for Caleb Starr, who lived in its shadow with his mixed-blood Cherokee family, the mountain would have also seen herds of prehistoric animals and humans moving up and down the valley below.

Its slopes heard the saws of lumbermen, while its flat, well-watered summits were occupied by huge farms, and even a well-known hotel. Its deeper slopes and coves were haunted by lawmen and moonshiners, and some both.

Now part of the Cherokee National Forest, Starr Mountain remains a symbol of history and of the natural beauty of McMinn County, everlasting, and unchanged.

NOTE: McMinn County Historian (and sheriff) Joe Guy has compiled these History Minutes. They are aired daily on WYXI Radio (FM 94.5 and AM 1390) and published weekly in The Morning Fax. They were originally prepared for McMinn County's Bicentennial celebration. However, we will continue to publish them as long as Joe continues to write them. Many of them tell of little-known events in the history of McMinn County.

Upcoming: Tour Hours: Tues-Fri (10am-5pm); Sat (10am-4pm); Sun-Mon (Closed)

Jan 9 (5:30 PM) "Crossroads" Exhibit Reception  
Speaker: Whitney Kimball Coe & Tim Marima

Feb 1 (11:00 AM) Brad Sells "The Story Behind the Tree" Presentation

Feb 8 (6:30 PM-10:00 PM) Valentine's Extravaganza

### Daily Exhibits:

Dec 18-Jan 25 "Crossroads: Change in Rural America"  
A Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit

Also WWI "Lessons & Legacies"  
A Smithsonian Poster Exhibit

Feb 1-Feb 28 Wood Sculpting Exhibit by Brad Sells



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### TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>

**1789** - America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

**1927** - Commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

**1942** - Japanese forces began besieging American and Filipino troops in Bataan during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March).

**1953** - President Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

**1959** - The United States recognized the new government of Cuba, six days after Fidel Castro led the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

**1963** - The U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

**1989** - Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

**1999** - For the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

**2009** - President-elect Barack Obama met at the White House with America's four living presidents: George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. Russia shut off all its gas supplies to Europe, routed through Ukraine, in a price and payment dispute. The cutoff lasted nearly two weeks.