



Today's News...This Morning

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State & Local News

♦ NO SCHOOL UNTIL TUESDAY

> Public school students get another day off Friday. In fact, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday on Monday, classes will not resume until next Tuesday. MORE CLOSINGS AT: www.wyxi.com

> Due to icy roads in the Athens Regional Park, the Citizen Forum Saturday morning at 9 has been moved to the Municipal Building.

MEIGS WOMAN CHARGED IN SHOOTING

DeDe Neely, 23, has been charged with voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of her boyfriend, 26-year-old Brian Cofer, in the Georgetown community. Investigators say the shooting took place in their bedroom Wednesday morning. The couple reportedly had argued Tuesday night and Cofer threatened to kill Neely if she left the house. Cofer reportedly tried to attack Neely with a 22-caliber rifle Wednesday morning. She allegedly grabbed the gun and shot Cofer several times. She then called the sheriff's office to report the shooting. The TBI has been called in to assist with the investigation.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 $\sqrt{}$ The Sandhill Crane Viewing Festival will take place this Saturday and Sunday at the Birchwood School and Hiwassee Refuge in Meigs County. For information, call 1-800-262-6704.

 $\sqrt{}$ The McMinn County Clerk's Office (including the Drivers' License Office) will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

 Doctors say Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords is moving both legs and both arms, has opened both eyes, and is responding to friends and family. Doctors have raised her on the side of the bed and dangled her feet over the edge. They are also reducing her medications.

- President Obama is exhorting Americans to refrain from partisan bickering and blame-placing following last Saturday's shootings in Tucson. Speaking at a memorial service, Obama urged the nation to embrace the idealistic vision of democracy held by 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, one of the victims. Funeral services for Christina were held Thursday.
- Stocks were little changed on Thursday after weekly claims for unemployment benefits rose. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 11,731.90; down 23.54 points.
- ♦ The U.S. Treasury says it is launching a pilot program to deliver income tax refunds on debit cards for low and moderate income people who do not have traditional bank accounts.

• Home foreclosures by banks last year topped one million for the first time.

• Veterinarians say there was nothing mysterious about the death of a flock of birds in Romania last week--they were simply drunk. Residents found dozens of dead starlings. Tests showed their gizzards were full of grape marc, which is a by-product of winemaking. All the winter snow has made it difficult for birds to find food, so they started eating the grape marc.



MEN OF PURPOSE CONFERENCE Fri., Jan. 14th at 6PM • Bonfire • Power of Prayer Session Sat., Jan. 15th 8:30am-1pm • Men Leadership ALL MEN & LARGE GROUPS WELCOME Please join us at Eastanallee Baptist Church 482 CR 725, Riceville or for more

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Church News & Events

• Women at the Well Ministries will host a "Beyond Abuse Seminar" tomorrow, Jan. 15th, at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and lunch will be provided. Call 745-0010 for more information.

• There will be no singing tonight at the Cooke Ministry Center in Athens.

• Eastanallee Baptist Church will have a "Men of Purpose" Conference tonight, January 14th, at 6 p.m. and Saturday, January 15th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All men and large groups are welcome. For more information, call 462-2620.

• Mt. Cumberland "Piney" Church will have its Annual Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. The church is located at 111 County Road 298, Sweetwater. For tickets, call (423) 337-2816.

State Representative John Forgety of Athens was among the 99 members of the Tennessee House of Representatives to take the oath of office this week. The photo shows the new House Speaker Beth Harwell administering the oath.



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Leadership McMinn Alumni Seminar. Feb. 11th, 8 a.m. at McMinn Senior Citizens Ctr. Alumni \$10; Gen. Adm. \$15 Tickets at Athens Chamber of Commerce. 423-745-0334

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Obituaries

Mrs. Eva B. Bohannon Womac, age 84, of Crystal River, Florida, (a former resident of Athens and Chicago) died this past Tuesday. She was retired from the National Can Company in Chicago. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mary Lou Hall Fairbanks, age 64, of Decatur died Wednesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler.

Reba Kathleen Morgan, age 84, of Etowah died Wednesday at Etowah Health Care. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

James Browder Moses, age 85, of Athens died Wednesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was retired from Etowah Utilities and had served in the Marines during World War II. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Green Hill Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

Bobby "Bob" Joe Smith, age 71, of Etowah died Wednesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He was the owner of Bob Smith Heating and Air. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

