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## Today's News...This Morning

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### State & Local News

#### ◆ TWO GROUPS WORK TO HELP HOMELESS

Two separate groups are working to help the homeless in the Athens area.

Grace and Mercy Ministries provides a shelter to women and children at The Cooke Ministry Center at 714 Walter Street when the temperatures drop below 30 degrees. During the first two weeks the winter cold weather shelter has been open, Grace and Mercy has provided lodging for an elderly couple awaiting housing, lodging for a young lady transitioning into a rehabilitation program, shelter for a young lady who needed an immediate place to stay, and shelter for an elderly woman awaiting housing. Tanya Murphy, director of Grace and Mercy, says four of those five persons have been moved into permanent housing.

CRAM, the Community Resource Agency of McMinn, has been operating a shelter at the Church of Jesus Christ on Hammerhill Road. Chairman Priscilla Rutherford says CRAM provides shelter for males, females, and families. She says they do let women know about the Grace and Mercy shelter. CRAM has also sheltered some families at the Scottish Inn.

Contact CRAM at 443-7675 or Grace & Mercy at 920-1367.



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### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ After a long struggle with throat cancer, Celine Dion's husband and former manager, Rene Angélil, has died at the age of 73.

◆ Defense Secretary Ash Carter said U.S. sailors straying into Iranian waters was a "mistake," noting that a "navigation error" was ultimately to blame. The sailors were returned safely after being detained by Iranian Revolutionary Guard Forces overnight Tuesday.

◆ Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina, says she would consider being the vice presidential candidate for the Republican Party this year.

◆ Attackers set off suicide bombs and exchanged gunfire outside a Starbucks cafe in Indonesia's capital on Thursday. Supporters of the Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

◆ After a rough close on Wednesday, the Dow closed at the end of Thursday up 227 points. The NASDAQ added 89 and the S&P closed up 32 points. It was the best day for the markets in more than a month, and enough to get the S&P out of correction territory. Thursday's rise was helped by oil prices being slightly higher, settling at \$31.20.

#### TRAFFIC FATALITIES DOWN IN TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Department of Safety says the number of traffic fatalities last year was the third lowest in the state since 1963. Preliminary figures indicate there were 965 vehicular deaths on Tennessee roadways in 2015. That includes 12 pedestrians and 10 bicycle riders. In 1963, there were 941 deaths. THP Colonel Tracy Trott attributes the drop in highway deaths to stricter enforcement of DUI, seat belt, and distracted driving laws. Last year, troopers arrested 7,800 drivers for DUI and cited 114,000 people for not wearing their seat belts.

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**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** Classes are **STARTING SOON!** Register today! Call Diva at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 423.745.2224 and sign up! Next class begins Jan. 26th @ 6PM at the church (123 S. Jackson St., Athens) *All are welcome!*

### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**Friday** - Cloudy. 50% rain. Highs in the lower 50's.

**Friday night** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Lows in the upper 30's.

**Saturday** - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 40's.

**Sunday** - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 40's. Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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## Church News & Events

- The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Classes are starting soon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Call Diva at 745-2224 to sign up for the next class which begins January 26th at 6 p.m.
- The Hymnsmen Quartet will be singing at North Etowah Baptist Church on Sunday, January 17th, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 231 Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Rev. Norm Beetler will speak at a Community Martin Luther King, Jr., Service on Monday, January 18th, at 12:05 p.m. at St. Mark's AME Zion Church in Athens.
- The Talleys will be singing on January 22nd at 7 p.m. at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival takes place this Saturday and Sunday, January 16th-17th, at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge. There will be special programs, children's activities, and vendors throughout each day at the Birchwood Community Center. Bird experts will be on hand at the Refuge to provide information and answer questions about viewing the cranes.
- ✓ The Heritage School at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum Saturday will feature Jeff Wilkins, a regionally-known woodworker and furniture maker. He will demonstrate hand cut dove tails. The program will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free to Museum members. For others, it's \$5.00.

## Obituaries

- **Sylvia Jean Wingate**, age 73, of Englewood, died Tuesday at her home. She was an author, and wrote the book "Trail of Dreams." A celebration of Life and Homegoing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Serenity Funeral Home in Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday.
- **Sarah E. Frank Fox**, age 88, of Loudon, died Wednesday at Fort Loudon Medical Center. She was a native of McMinn County. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

### ANNIE MOSES BAND COMING TO ATHENS

The Annie Moses Band will perform "American Rhapsody" on Thursday, January 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School auditorium. It is the third performance in the Athens Area Council for the Arts' 36th Annual Big Time/Small Town Performance Season. "American Rhapsody" is a musical journey of American music featuring such songs as "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Summertime," and "Shendandoah." Tickets are on sale at the Arts Center, 320 North White Street, or by calling 745-8781. The Annie Moses Band has had two chart-topping albums and performed recently at Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry. The band was founded by Annie Wolaver Dupre (shown above) and named after her great-grandmother, Annie Moses.



*Don't miss this one!*

## TNReady 101 Parent Seminar

- TNReady resources will be shared with parents on how they can help prepare their child for the upcoming TNReady. TNReady will be given to all 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade students starting this school year.
- Athens City Staff will be available to answer questions regarding the new state assessments.
- All parents and/or guardians are invited to attend.

**ready, set, go!**

Date: Thursday, January 21  
Time: 12:00-1:00 pm or 4:00-5:00 pm  
Location: Administration Building (943 Crestway Drive)

**Please RSVP to 745-2868 for which session you plan to attend.**

*Refreshments will be provided.*

## Latest Developments in BREAST CANCER

presented by **Dr. Vaishali Doshi**  
Starr Regional Oncology Center

At this FREE event, Dr. Doshi will discuss some of the latest developments in Breast Cancer research, tools to fight the disease and how you can better prepare yourself should you or a loved one be diagnosed.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m.**  
McMinn Senior Activity Center  
205 McMinn Ave, Athens, TN 37303

A light meal will be provided.  
Call 263-3643 for additional information.