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Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ATHENS!

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department and the Athens Fire Department have made arrangements for Santa Claus to make one last visit to Athens before he goes on his Christmas Eve journey. The Athens Fire Department will be escorting Santa around the city in a white pickup truck with red lights so Santa can give his reindeer some rest. Santa says the favorite part of his visit to Athens each year is seeing all the nice children coming out of their houses to wave at him. He says he really enjoys their smiles. Santa will visit the neighborhoods of Ingleside Avenue and South Jackson Street along Highway 30 and Highway 11 tonight from 5 to 9. He will visit the North City and City Park neighborhoods on Saturday, Dec. 24th, from 5 to 9 p.m.

• SUMMER SOUNDS TO HOST TORNADO BENEFIT Timothy Hughes has announced a special "Summer Sounds" con-

cert which will be held on Thursday, December 29th, to raise money for tornado victims. The concert will be called "An Evening of Healing, Hope, and Helping" and will be held at the Athens City Middle School at 7 p.m. Admission will be free, but donations will be accepted by United Way.

NATIONAL - WORLD NEWS

◆ A California man's electronic cigarette exploded in his pants pocket Wednesday while riding a city bus. Paramedics rushed him to a hospital with third-degree burns.

◆ U.S. holiday travelers can expect an increase in traffic this season both in the air and on the ground, according to industry projections. One group's forecast indicates more Americans will travel this year-end holiday season than ever before.

GETTING THE MESSSAGE TO SANTA

A little boy named Jesse Holden of Etowah did not miss the opportunity to tell Santa what he wants for Christmas. Jesse was on the Hiwassee Santa Train last Saturday with his grandpa, Dan



Rayburn, and Elf Melinda Land. (Photo by Nancy Dalton, Tennessee Overhill)





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Church News and Events

~ Athens First Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service Saturday, December 24th, at 5 p.m. First Baptist will have a Come as You Are Christmas Day worship service at 10 a.m.

 \sim St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens will have Christmas Eve Services at 5:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. this Saturday. The church is located at 123 South Jackson Street.

~ St. Paul's United Methodist Church invites you to their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th at 6 p.m. They encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

~ Fairview Baptist Church of Athens is having a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. They will have their regular Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. The church is meeting at the former American Bedding Building at 276 Dennis Street. ~ Lane Chapel Church in Niota will have a Christmas Eve program this Saturday at 6 p.m. They will also have a New Year's Eve Service (Watch Night) on December 31st at 10 p.m. This is a joint community service with First United Presbyterian Church of Christ and Mt. Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Sweetwater.

~ First Baptist Church of Etowah will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 24th. First Baptist Church of Etowah will have a single Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be no other activities at the church on Christmas Day.

Obituaries

• **Donald Ray Smith,** age 54, of Etowah, died Friday, Dec. 16th at UT Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks ticked down as analysts suggested the post-election rally is catching its breath as the Christmas holiday weekend gets under way. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 23.08 at 19,918.88. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.22 at 2,260.96, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 24.01 at 5,447.42.

In Commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$2.48 to \$1,129.12. The spot price of silver fell \$0.12 to \$15.81, and crude oil prices rose \$0.12 to \$52.61.

MORE RESTAURANT INSPECTION SCORES

The following McMinn County restaurants were inspected between Nov.18th and Dec. 13th. A score of 70 + is passing.

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And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7





And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10 & 11

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 13 & 14

The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible

> MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Morning Fax Staff

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16