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Athens, Tennessee

Wednesday-December 19, 2012

### Local & State News

#### ◆ MOUNTAIN WAVES IN THE FORECAST

The National Weather Service has issued a high wind watch in effect from late Wednesday night through Thursday morning. A strong Southerly wind flow is expected to develop over the higher elevations late tonight and into Thursday morning, ahead of a cold front moving across the Tennessee River Valley. Strong Southerly winds between 30 and 40 miles per hour with higher gusts in excess of 60 miles per hour may develop over higher elevations. Winds of this magnitude may cause property damage and power outages. High profile vehicles should exercise caution in higher elevations Thursday morning. The NWS specifically mentions that McMinn and Monroe Counties are in an area where conditions appear favorable for the formation of Mountain Waves in the foothills overnight.

✓ The Athens Parks Department and the Athens Fire Department will be escorting Santa around the city in a white pickup truck with red lights. Santa will visit the neighborhoods of Ingleside Ave., and S. Jackson Street along Highways 30 and 11 on Sunday, Dec. 23rd. He will visit the North City & City Park neighborhoods on Monday, Dec. 24th. He will begin at 5 p.m. both days.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The National Rifle Association has denounced the horrific and senseless murders in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and vows to help make sure this never happens again. The NRA said that they have given time for mourning, prayer, and an investigation of the facts before commenting, out of respect for the families.

◆ Marsha Lanza, sister-in-law of Nancy Lanza, the dead mother of the Newtown murderer, told reporters that Nancy was a "prepper" or "survivalist". Marsha claims that during their last visit they talked about prepping and discussed the importance of being ready in case the economy collapses, or a natural disaster happens.

◆ The President met with members of his Cabinet, members of his senior staff and the vice president to begin looking at ways for the country to move forward and respond to the tragedy in Newtown, Ct. White House Press Secretary, Jay Carney, stated that a substantive response requires a complex solution that includes not only gun rights, but mental health, law enforcement and other areas. He also stated that gun laws alone would not solve the problem.

◆ Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, the two men executed for the 1959 murders of a Kansas family that became infamous in Truman Capote's true-crime book "In Cold Blood", were exhumed Tuesday in an effort to solve slayings of a Florida family killed weeks later. Hickock and Smith have been considered suspects in the slayings of Cliff and Christine Walker and their two young children who were murdered in their home in Osprey.

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### HOPPER CHEERLEADERS CHAMPS AGAIN

The Sweetwater Hopper Cheerleaders are returning champs for the second year in a row for the Optimist Club Sub-Regional and Grand Competition which was hosted by Polk County this fall. The Hopper Cheerleaders are coached by Liah Vance, Amber Pace and assisted by Ashley McGaha. Listed in no particular order are Skylee Matoy, Abbey Barr, Brooke McJunkin, Alexis Birchfield, Tyra Brooks, Lillian Cicero, Jenna Gibson, Shelby Hansen, Ryleigh Hill, Tiesha Hurst, Emma Klient, Emily Lawson, Anna Belle Mincey, Emily Moses, Chloee Reynolds, Makayla Rockholt, and Sidney Rockholt. Congratulations to all the girls and coaches. Photo & info submitted by LeAnne Vaughn.



### OBITUARIES

**Vicki "Sissy" Franklin Clowers**, age 44, of Athens, died Monday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was a former employee of Life Care Center of Athens. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

**James Edward "Eddie" Fox**, age 44, of Athens, died Monday at his home. He was an employee of Heil Trailer International. A funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock -Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

### Tuesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks soared on Tuesday, sending the S&P 500 to a two-month high as investors displayed optimism over progress in federal budget talks. Most recently, President Obama proposed a budget plan that would lower his tax revenue demand and raise the income threshold for tax increases to \$400,000, from an earlier proposal of \$250,000. U.S. bond prices declined due to strength in equities and after the government sale of \$35 billion in 5-year notes. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 115.57 at 13,350.96. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 16.43 at 1,446.79. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 43.93 at 3,054.53. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 773.85 million shares traded. Advancers outnumbered decliners by roughly a 5-to-1 margin. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$26.25 to \$1,671.90, the spot price of silver fell \$0.65 to \$31.64, and crude oil prices rose \$0.78 to \$87.98.

### WEATHER

**Wednesday** - High Wind Watch in effect from late Wednesday night through Thursday Morning.  
**Wed night** - Cloudy. 20% rain.  
**Thursday** - Showers & T'storms. High - upper 50's.  
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