

Friday, December 14, 2018

Local & State News

♦ ALL ABOARD FOR THE NORTH POLE

Santa and his crew of the Hiwassee Holiday Train are waiting on

you to board. You are invited to come tell Santa vour Christmas wishes and greet Mrs. Claus and the elves before they go back to the North Pole. The Santa Train features storytelling, singing, cookies, and a gift for every passenger. A few tickets are left on December 15th. 16th. 22nd. and 23rd. For more information, call Nancy Dalton 263-7232.



THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 70 points or 0.3% to 24,597. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1 point to 2,651, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 28 points or 0.4% to 7,070

National & World News

◆ Multiple bomb threats were reported across the country on Thursday. In New York multiple bomb threats were sent electronically to various locations throughout the city including The Bronx High School of Science. According to the New York Police Department, the threats are not credible at this time. Multiple bomb threats were emailed to several businesses throughout the state of Massachusetts. Bomb threats were made to several locations in Chicago and in the Canadian cities Winnipeg, Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and Penticton.

• Rush hour was particularly hectic on one New Jersey highway Thursday morning as some drivers stopped their vehicles on Route 3 in East Rutherford during their morning commute to pick up cash that had apparently spilled out of a Brinks armored truck. The incident caused "multiple" car accidents and is under investigation.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ You are invited to enjoy free Christmas movies at the Historic Gem Theater in Etowah next Friday, December 21st. "Beauty and the Beast" will be shown at 6 p.m. and "White Christmas" will be at 7:30 p.m.

✓ "A Christmas Carole" will be presented tonight and Saturday at 7p.m. in the auditorium at McMinn County High School. Admission is an unwrapped new toy.





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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

• **Timothy David Oden**, age 36, of Athens, died Monday from injuries received in a pedestrian-truck accident. He was a graduate of McMinn County High School and was a self-employed carpenter. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 18th, at Smith Funeral Home.

• Norma Louise Perkins, age 72, of Etowah, died on Tuesday at Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation in Etowah. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

• **Charles Andrew Wyatt,** age 35, of Niota, died Wednesday at Erlanger Medical Center. The family will hold a private gathering at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Gloria Jean McMinn, age 70, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Erlanger Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

• Lt. Col. Landin Felix Boring, age 90, of Athens, died Wednesday at Dominion Senior Living. He was a U.S. Army Ranger, a paratrooper, and served in both Korea and Vietnam. He was also awarded the Bronze Star and other medals of honor. He was Director of ROTC at Tennessee Technological University and retired from the Army in 1973. He served as Director of Alumni and Placement at Tennessee Tech from 1973-1977. In 1977 he moved back to McMinn County where he worked with Riceville Bank and then Cherokee Valley Bank. Later he started American Business Systems. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 18th at Trinity United Methodist Church with visitation from 10 - 1:30 a.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Church News & Events

- The Live Nativity Scene at Union McMinn Baptist Church that had been scheduled for tonight and Saturday night has been postponed due to the rainy weather until next Monday and Tuesday nights, Dec. 17th and 18th, from 6 to 8 p.m. The church is located at 314 County Road 316, Niota.

- Boyd Memorial Church of God will present the Christmas play, "I Know a Man Who Can," this Saturday at 6 p.m.

- "Sing Christmas," a Christmas choral experience, will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of East Athens Baptist Church this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

- The music ministry of First Baptist Church of Athens will present their Christmas musical, "He Is," this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

- The Allen Memorial United Methodist Church Chancel Choir directed by Sylvia Gossett and accompanied by Savannah Self will present the Christmas Cantata, "Night of the Father's Love," this Sunday at 11 a.m.

- The public is invited to attend the 19th annual Candle Light Christmas Service at the historic Walnut Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South on Thursday, December 20th, at 7 p.m. The church is located on the former Mouse Creek Nursery property at 276 County Road 67, Riceville. Women at the Well will deliver the Christmas message. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

- The Watson Chapel Choir presents "All Bow Down" on Dec. 22nd and 23rd at 6 p.m, The church is located on Watson Chapel Road in Madisonville.

