

### Wednesday, December 2, 2020

#### Athens, Tennessee

## **Etowah House Fire**

At 1:30 a.m. on November 24th residents of a house on Ver-

mont Avenue in Etowah woke up hearing popping sounds. They discovered the bedroom was on fire. The bedroom and attic were heavily damaged, while the rest of the house had extensive heat, smoke, and water damage. The Etowah City, Etowah Rural, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. Etowah City Fire Chief Adam Haflev was in charge.



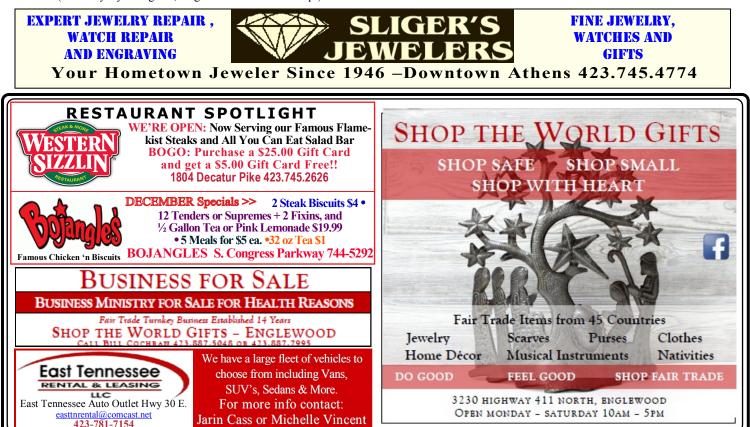
(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)

# Community News You Can Use

✓ The deadline to return applications for Friendly Fellows food baskets is this Saturday, December 5th. Applications are available at the drive-thru windows of any McMinn County branch of Cap-Star Bank, Simmons Bank, BB&T, Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, or SouthEast Bank. They must be returned to those banks' drive-thru windows by the close of business at noon on Saturday.

✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center is expanding COVID Convalescent Plasma (CCP) collections in their centers, including here in Athens. There is a high demand for CCP and to date, MEDIC has not been able to meet that need. Appointments are required for CCP donors, who must have had a positive lab result or a positive antibody lab result and must be 28 days symptom-free. Interested donors should call MEDIC at 1-865-521-2682. The Athens MEDIC office is located at 213 East Washington Avenue.

✓ In some editions of Tuesday's Morning Fax, we mistakenly reported that the Decatur Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday, December 6th. That should be SUNDAY, December 6th.





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### **Obituaries**

• **Donald E. Hale,** age 67, of Etowah, died Monday. No formal services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• John Ronald Thomas, age 79, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He retired from the Hollywood Police Department in Florida as head of the SWAT team. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Evelyn "Dianna" Rue Wheaton Begazo, age 75, of McMinn County, died Monday. A celebration of life service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Companion of Athens with visitation at 5 p.m.

• Charles N. "Chuck" Haggart, age 62, of McMinn County, died last Saturday. A celebration of life service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Hillcrest Church in Etowah with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Companion of Athens is in charge.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE TUESDAY P.M.					
<b>Tennessee:</b> 380,186 cases, up 5,693. 4,638 deaths, up 36.					
<u>COUNTY CASES RECOVERED</u> <u>ACTIVE DEATHS</u>					
McMinn	2,738 up 59	2,296	387	55	
Meigs		441	62	13	
Monroe	/ 1	1,914	337	44	
Polk	704 up 10	618	71	15	
Bradley	5,583 up 114	4,782	764	37 up 2	
Rhea	1,843 up 42	1,545	264	34 up 2	

### **Coffee House to Reach TWU students**

A new coffee house called the Blue Front Coffee Company hopes to open in Downtown Athens. The coffee house will reach out to TWU students and give them a safe harbor and retreat. The goal is to open before Christmas break. Students will be able to have fellowship, a good cup of coffee, and break bread. Frank Clark, a campus minister at TWU, will manage the coffee house. The photo shows from left: Frank, Nick Martin and Kyla Martin. Nick and Kyla are neighbors who are helping to finish the project. The Blue Front Coffee House will be located in the former Duggan Cleaners building on W. College Street. Anyone wishing to make a donation can call Richard Newman at 423-506-0416.



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