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House Fire Spoils Christmas

A house fire last Thursday around 10:30 a.m. destroyed a house on County Road 902, near Etowah. The resident of the house awoke when a smoke alarm sounded and managed to escape the burning structure with only minor smoke inhalation injuries. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire, Athens Rural Fire, and Claxton Fire Departments all responded. Lt. Dustin Ruebush of Etowah Rural Fire and Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach coordinated command of the scene. Assisting agencies included AMR Ambulance and Etowah Utilities. The Red Cross was called to assist the resident. Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Resolute Gives Gifts to Kids

Resolute Forest Products has partnered with the McMinn County Foster Care Association for many years to give Christmas presents to children who are in foster care. This year Resolute employees purchased gifts for 65 children. Pictured from left are Association representatives Beverly True and Samantha



Walker, Resolute employees Beth Bush and Tara Hood, and Resolute retiree Ken Keaton. (Submitted Photo)

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Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 20 - January 2, 2022! REOPEN January 3 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The year 2021 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2021. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2022! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2022!

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Donaghy Seeks Re-election

Judge Sandra Donaghy is seeking re-election in the 10th Judicial District as Criminal Court Judge for Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties. Sandra was first elected in 2014 and previously has practiced as a judge, a prosecutor, a public defender, and has been involved in private practice. Since 2014 and through the start of the Covid-19 restrictions, she decreased her backlog by 9%. Judge Donaghy has, in conjunction with Judge Freiberg, resolved over 15,000 cases. She was instrumental in recruiting multi-disciplinary teams to start a Veterans Treatment Court and obtaining state funding for a Criminal Justice Liaison for a recovery court called the "ROCS docket" (Recovery Oriented Compliance Strategy). Both of these initiatives assess offenders for mental health and/or addiction treatment needs and the court holds them accountable. These programs restore those involved to productive roles in society, thereby saving local governments thousands of dollars. Her future goals for the Criminal Court are to continue to reduce the case backlog, expand the treatment courts, and give every defendant a fair and equitable day in court while earnestly protecting the rights of victims. (Submitted Photo)



MEDIC Launches Campaign

Beginning today, MEDIC Regional Blood Center is encouraging donations this week to stabilize the regional blood supply. Typically donations are reduced during the holidays and the need for processed blood increases. It takes 3 days to process 1 unit of blood and MEDIC supplies 24 hospitals in 22 counties with blood, including Starr Regional Medical Center. Donors this week will receive a MEDIC beanie (while supplies last), a \$15 e-gift card, and a coupon for the Texas Roadhouse. Donors are also automatically entered for a \$50 Food City Gift Card which will be drawn daily. MEDIC will be open this week but will close at 4:00 p.m. on New Years Eve and will be closed on New Years Day. The local office of MEDIC is at 213 East Washington Avenue. Appointments are highly encouraged and can be made online at medicblood.org Their phone number is: 865-524-3074.

MARKET REPORT: Equities ended higher on Thursday as the market locked in a 3-day winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 196.67 to 35,950.56. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 29.23 to 4,725.79, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 131.48 to 15,653.37.

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