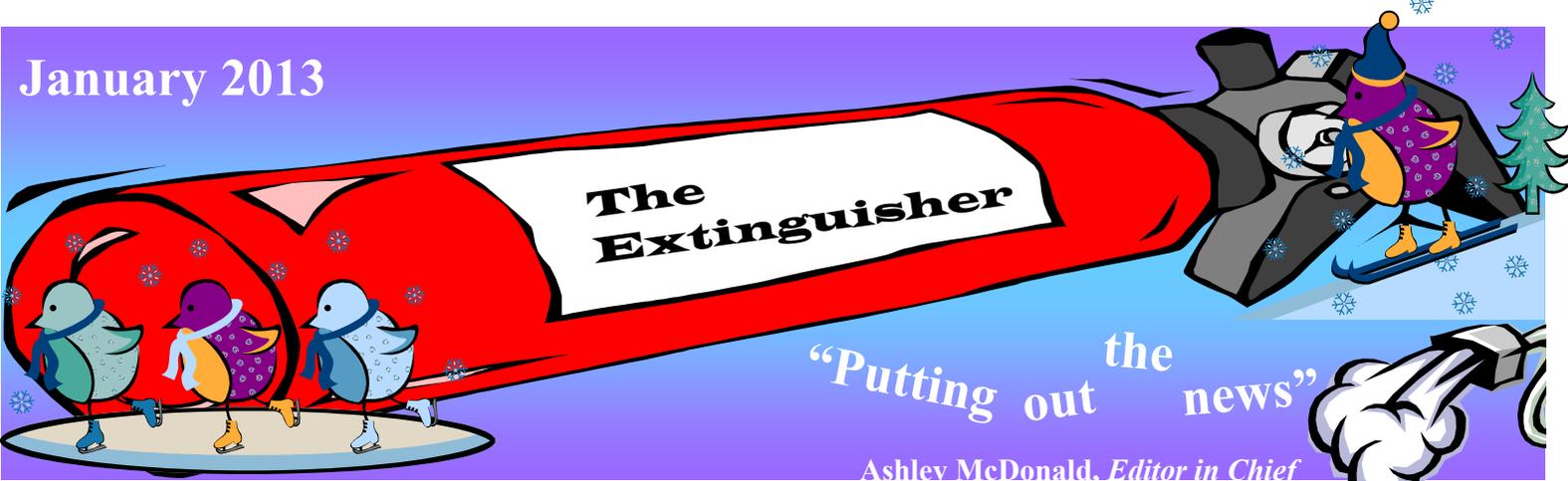


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## Birthdays

Dwajuan Howse 1/10

Wade Williams 1/13

Julia Pitt 1/14

Mary Madding 1/15

James Bryant 1/20

Gary Hutchinson 1/20

Mitchell Whittenburg 1/21

Jeff Harris 1/22

Chase Martin 1/25

David Sloan 1/26

Nathan Duncan 1/28

## City Holidays

Fire Administration  
Offices will be CLOSED in  
observance of

### New Years Day

Monday, January 1, 2013  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Day

Monday, January 21, 2013

## PLANE CRASH: MURFREESBORO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, Murfreesboro Police Department, and Rutherford County EMS responded to the scene of a plane crash at Murfreesboro Municipal Airport (1930 Memorial Boulevard) on Thursday, December 13.

Upon arrival, crews discovered a single engine airplane with a victim trapped but awake and alert. Crews extricated the victim, who was transported via life flight with nonlife-threatening injuries.

## FIRE STATIONS EQUIPPED WITH NEW DOOR BELLS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department recently installed door bells at each entrance of each fire station.

Station doors remain locked at all times for employee security. The general public may summon fire personnel by utilizing the door bell. The button emits a tone over the station's public address or "PA" system notifying personnel that someone is at one of the station entrances.

Above each door bell there is a sign that reads, "Ring Door Bell for Assistance: In Case of Emergency Dial 9-1-1 Immediately." It is important for citizens to understand that crews may be out in territory conducting fire department business. Therefore, 9-1-1 should always be called first in case of an emergency.



"The door bell installation is just another way that MFRD strives to meet the City of Murfreesboro's Service Excellence standards," said Chief Gaines. "We want the public to know that we are here if they need us, but also that we are working hard to protect our employees and equipment."

## FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2013



Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith has been named Firefighter of the Month for January 2013. On December 19, Engine 15's crew (Smith, Driver Randy Shaw, and Firefighters David Frost and Clay Malone) responded to a medical call for an infant that had been choking and was not breathing. Smith delivered patient care according to medical protocols and the baby was relieved of the obstruction and slowly began breathing. Smith also received this honor for exemplifying the City's Service Excellence standard. Her engine company responded to a home for a cooking fire. Before leaving the scene, the crew installed smoke detectors. Smith also noticed the family had very little food and young children. Smith coordinated assistance from fellow firefighters and even paid money from her own pocket to make sure the family had food and toys for the children's Christmas. "Captain Smith and others went above and beyond to help a family in need," said Deputy Chief Toombs. "This is what Firefighter of the Month is all about."

The other firefighters that assisted the family will also be recognized by the department. Smith has been with MFRD since June 1994.

