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**SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** student Emily Kirkham writes a message to the new Habitat for Humanity homeowner on the frame of the kitchen wall. BRIANNA BIVENS | THE DAILY TIMES

## Making a big difference

Sam Houston Elementary students chip in with Habitat build



SEE BORDER, 5A

Come March, Miranda Van Hoy expects her workload to increase — there's boxes to pack and transport, furniture to haul and then arrange, some cleaning and maybe yardwork.

It all sounds wonderful to the single mom.

That's because she's finally getting a place of her own where her two daughters have room to roam, bedrooms of their own and a community they love.

Van Hoy will get the keys to her Habitat for Humanity home in Alcoa sometime in early March, if deadlines



AMANDA BURKHALTER WRITES HER wishes for the new homeowner on the frame of the home on West Newton Street in Alcoa during a Habitat for Humanity home build.

are met and the weather cooperates. She was on-site this past weekend with a few new friends — third-

graders from Sam Houston Elementary. They had never met previously. Sam Houston teacher

Miranda Reagan said the road to this eventful day began weeks ago as her students participated in a reading challenge issued by Sam Houston principals. They asked the student body to read 20,000 pages during carnival week at school.

On Day 2, that goal was met. By the end of the week, 80,000 pages were read. Then one of Reagan's students asked the question: "How much money could you raise if you got paid to read?"

Then another pondered what it would look like if they raised money for a

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# to beef up local government cybersecurity

lishes MACNet — short for Maryville Alcoa County Network — as a shared network between the county and the two cities, and which would be governed by a board of directors representing all three governments.

Caffrey said an organized network would allow the three parties to "share in the expense of putting in a better (security) wall than what any one of us could afford to do on our own."

The coordination would allow potential breaches to be better quarantined before they spread to other parts of the system.

Caffrey said that while hackers historically have had a financial motive — such was

the case with the WannaCry ransomware attacks that affected systems worldwide in May 2017 — "the modern-day hacker isn't necessarily in it for the money."

Instead, they simply can seek to disrupt systems because they can, he said.

The network, built and owned by the two cities, for now is shared in an informal arrangement. Decisions over usage are made individually by the three entities.

"We three have to work in a coordinated effort to make sure we carry on," Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell said last week.

Abhijit Verekar, the program manager for the county's information technology modernization program, wrote in a

memo to commissioners that the agreement would "allow for better communication, coordination and planning related to this vital asset."

Blount County is the largest user of the network. More than 80 percent of its data and phone traffic is routed through the network.

The Alcoa City Commission passed the same agreement Wednesday. The measure is expected to be discussed by the Maryville City Council in December.

Shared use of the cables was broadly spelled out by a 2005 agreement establishing the countywide Geographic Information System.

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**THIS MESSAGE WAS LEFT** for Miranda Van Hoy as she prepares to take ownership of her new home.

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## BUILD: Students organize read-a-thon to raise money

FROM 1A

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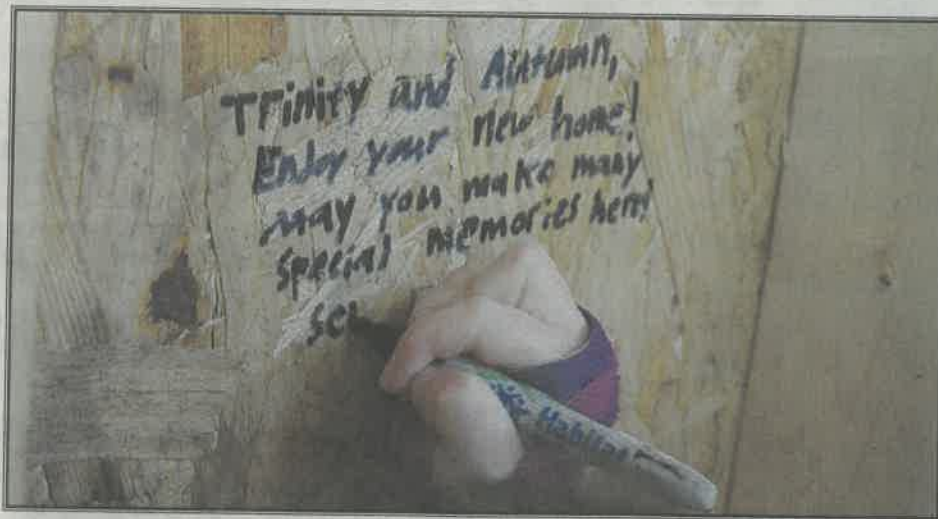
The wheels were turning, Reagan explained. She said she let her 21 students research agencies in Blount County they might like to help.

"They learned about homelessness and that there are children in Blount County who are homeless," Reagan said. "It was surprising to a lot of them because they don't see that side of things. The people they know that struggle still have homes."

That led to these 8- and 9-year-olds devising a plan. They decided to hold their own read-a-thon and ask friends and family for donations for each page read.

Their teacher was impressed with their determination and teamwork. She said she honestly thought they would raise maybe \$300. Three of her students — Lilly McGuire, Luke Yates and Mary Rylan Childress oversaw the project.

When all the reading was done, the 21 elementary school students had



**EMILY KIRKHAM WRITES A** message to the new homeowner's daughters on the frame of the kitchen wall during a Habitat for Humanity home build.

ing pages and collecting money. I wrote the check at the end."

The class then enlisted Habitat for Humanity. They arrived at the build site on Saturday morning and met Van Hoy. They even got to write messages of hope and inspiration on the home's interior framing. Because they are minors, they aren't allowed to perform any construction.

ple pull together.

"It was a student conversation that turned into a really big deal," Reagan said. "I am very proud of them."

Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Kathy Jackson said her organization was glad Reagan and her students were able to make the connection and meet Van Hoy.

"We wanted to offer Mrs. Reagan's class an opportunity to see firsthand

thing better for her daughters, ages 11 and 13. The single mom said she fled domestic violence to make a new start with her daughters. She said this wouldn't have been possible were it not for Habitat for Humanity.

That complete strangers, including those Sam Houston third-graders, wanted to pave the way to a better future for her family is inspiring, Van Hoy said.

# Necr no r euth

BY WAYLON CUNNINGHAM  
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The black bear was aggressively gored a man's body in a park. It was not rabid, but it led to a necropsy performed the day it was euthanized by Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials.

The park hopes to receive the autopsy report for William Lee Hill, a 30-year-old man who was found dead in the park. The cause of death has not yet been determined.

The investigation is still open, a park spokesman confirmed.

"There really was no evidence that this was anything wrong," said Ed Ramsay, the park's chief overseeing the investigation, who wrote in an email that the biologist.

The bear was estimated to be 3 years old and had died. It weighed approximately 155 pounds.

Rabies is extremely rare in black bears, but it has emerged this year. It might be a fact of life in the park. At least one other case was reported to park officials.

Hill was found in a park north of Cade

# Farmhand planting b

The Associated Press

BENTON, La. — A man from west Louisiana has been sentenced to 10 years after being convicted of planting a pipe under the bed of



raised \$1,035. They chose to donate it all to Habitat for Humanity. Reagan takes no credit for the success.

"This was a very student-driven project," she said. "There were the three students who were committee chairs for the project. They did everything from tally-

About half of Reagan's class was there on Saturday. They had their photos made with Van Hoy and may attend the home dedication when it's move-in ready. Reagan said the whole experience gave them a glimpse of the good that can be done when peo-

achieved and how their donation was being put to use," Jackson said. "We have been so impressed by their desire to help others."

And while Van Hoy isn't homeless, she has been living in an apartment complex where she doesn't feel safe, and she wants some-

been amazing," she said. "You hear about all of the bad things going on in the world. Then you get to see people who genuinely have good hearts, who are willing to drop everything and help me even though they don't even know me. We are so grateful."

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## BORDER: Trump asserts fistfights in Tijuana

FROM 1A

afterward to reporters, Trump moved quickly from issue to issue, from the border and his public dispute with Chief Justice John Roberts to relations with China, a possible staff and Cabinet shake-up and his defense of acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker.

Trump's border threat came days after a federal judge put the administration's asylum policy on hold. Under that new policy, Trump declared no one could apply for asylum except at an official border entry point. Some ports of entry are already facing huge backups, with

people waiting for weeks.

The U.S. government shut down one port of entry, San Ysidro, in California, for several hours early Monday morning to bolster security amid concerns about a potential influx of migrant caravan members. Most of the lanes were reopened before the morning rush.

Trump repeated Nielsen's claim, made earlier this week when she visited a San Diego Pacific Coast beach to see newly installed razor wire wrapped around a towering border wall that cuts across the sand, that there were as many as 500 criminals and gang members in the group heading northward. Nielsen refused

to answer questions about how they were identified or what crimes they had committed.

Trump asserted that there are "fistfights all over the streets" in Tijuana, Mexico, and that "these are not like normal, innocent people."

"These are people you talk to them and they start a fistfight," he said.

The people of Tijuana "opened up with wide arms" to welcome the caravan, Trump said, and "now they're going crazy to get them out ... because bad things are happening."

In the past week, city officials have arrested three dozen caravan members for drug possession.

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