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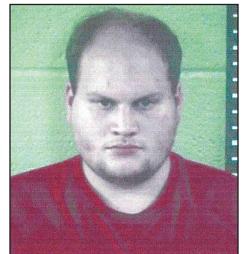
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Mailbox fires lead to arrest in Chester County

A man has been charged with arson following an investigation into mailbox fires in Chester County and surrounding areas according to the Chester County Sheriff's Office. These fires have reportedly been occurring since the summer season.

In the early morning hours of July 10, 2024, the CCSO began getting reports of multiple mailboxes on fire in the county. The sheriff's office said preliminary findings showed these fires to be the result of arson. Through the investigation, 20-year-old Carson Pledge, a Madison County resident, was developed as a suspect. On November 22, 2024 the Chester County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division obtained arrest warrants charging Pledge in connection to the fires. Pledge was taken into custody on December 2, 2024, and booked into the Chester County Jail. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$100,000 bond.

All person(s) are considered innocent until proven guilty.



CARSON PLEDGE



Santa spreads holiday cheer at 2024 Henderson Christmas Parade

The 2024 Henderson Christmas Parade made its way down Main Street Thursday evening in Henderson. The street was banked by large crowds wrapped in blankets and earmuffs, ready to cheer on the Grinch and Santa, despite freezing temperatures. With the holiday season officially underway in Chester County, area residents and visitors are invited to attend a Chester County Country Christmas at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Williams Auditorium. Tickets are available online or at the door. See below for more up-coming holiday events. See page 4-A for more photos from the parade.

Photo by Holly Roeder, Independent

Celebrate the holidays in Henderson with these upcoming events

Sunday will be hosted by the Grace Baptist Church. Donations will be accepted at the exit per day.

A Chester County Country Christmas

The Chester County Middle School Winter Concerts will be held at Williams Auditorium on Dec. 16 and Dec. 17. The fourth-grade concert will be held from

City meets today

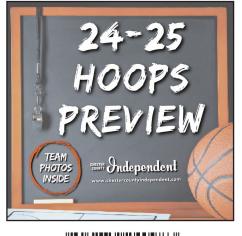
The city of Henderson Board of Mayor and Aldermen are scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 in the council chamber of Henderson City Hall.

Meeting in regular session, the board will discuss zoning, "tiny homes" and more.

A final reading will be considered on an ordinance amending the Municipal zoning map to rezone a lot on the west side of Memorial Avenue from B-1 General Business to R-2 Medium Density Residential. Action will be considered on an ordinance amending Municipal Zoning Regulations to change the definition of a Tiny Home and a Substandard Lot of Record. There will be a public hearing on the proposed amendment and the board will consider passage of the ordinance amending the definitions. The board will also appoint or reappoint members to serve on the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Industrial Development Board and the City Park Advisory Board.

In addition to delegations and other business, the board will consider adoption of a resolution accepting a Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Water Main Grant in the amount of \$259,755.74 and will consider hiring Wold Architects and Engineers to handle necessary tasks related to replacing the metal roofing, siding, etc., on the Utility Operations Building at 60 Drive.

INSIDE THIS EDITION!





"Lighting of the Park" will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly at Chickasaw State Park, Dec. 13, 14 and 15. This event will be hosted by area churches this year. Friday will be hosted by the First Methodist Church, Saturday will be hosted by the Old Friendship Baptist Church and will be held at Williams Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. There is \$15 General Admission seating only available. There will be local talent, singers, musicians and performances of holiday songs by local members of the community. Tickets will be on sale at williamsauditorium.com.

6-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec.16, and the fifth-grade concert will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Chester County Library December story-time event, "Holidays," will be held

See HOLIDAY, Page 2-A

Bridges under construction on SR100, Talley Store Road

Several bridge projects have begun in eastern Chester County, two on State Route 100E and three on Talley Store Road.

According to Nichole Lawrence, Regional Communications Officer for Tennessee Department of Transportation in West Tennessee, some of the work will be completed in phases and some on new alignment, or alongside the previous construction.

On State Route 100E, the bridge over the South Fork Forked Deer River will be replaced by a concrete Bulb-Tee beam bridge. Construction will include grading, drainage and paving. This bridge will be on new alignment, therefore traffic will not be affected greatly. The nearby intersection of SR100 and Main Street will also see some renovations after school breaks for summer.

State Route 100E over Dry Branch will see construction of a new concrete I-beam bridge which will include grading, drainage and grading. This construction will be completed in phases with a temporary traffic signal.

Thus far, both sites are being cleared and work is being done on haul roads under the Forked Deer River bridge.

The State Route 100 bridge projects

are contracted to cost \$15,348,359.49 with Dement Construction Company, LLC holding the contract. This project's completion date is projected for November 30, 2026.

Talley Store Road will see construction of three bridges over Jacks Creek with Volunteer Bridge Construction, Inc. as the prime contractor. The total cost for this project is contracted at \$5,168,000.48 and is estimated to be complete August 30, 2026.

The Talley Store Road bridges will be completed in phases with the aid of a temporary traffic signal.

Send your Santa letters by Dec. 17

The **Chester County Independent** is working closely with Santa Claus to keep track of Chester County children's wish lists.

Letters may be emailed to Santa at santaletters@chestercountyindependent. com by 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 17. Santa's email will allow the jolly old elf the quickest access to his Christmas letters, but he still accepts regular mail as well. Children may post letters to Santa in care of the **Chester County Independent**, P.O. Box 306, Henderson, TN., 38340, or drop them by the newspaper office, 218 S. Church St., between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Copies of the letters will be printed in the Christmas week edition of the **Independent** on Dec. 26.

There is no charge for publishing the letters to Santa; however, parents also may submit a photo of their child to run



with the letter for only \$25.

Santa looks forward to reading each child's letter; remember to get them in early so he can forward them to his workshop in the North Pole.



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Merry Christmas

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Chester County Head Start Box Car Contest announces 2024 winners



Pictured above are third place winner Raelyn Magee and her father, Easton Magee; second place winner Harlee Harville with her grandfather, Jamie Daniel; and first place winner Lilah Brewer with mother, Zariah Gardner.



Chester County Head Start held a Box Car Contest Friday, Nov. 15, at their facility on White Avenue. Special thanks go to Brasfield Auto Sales who served as the judge.

Chester County firefighters respond to Chickasaw fire



From Page 1-A Holiday at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and Wednesday.

Dec. 18.



The Chester County volunteer fire department, Deanburg Department, responded to a fire at the Chickasaw State Maintenance Park 850 Lake building, Levee Road, on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 3. The fire was caused by material being too close to a wood stove.

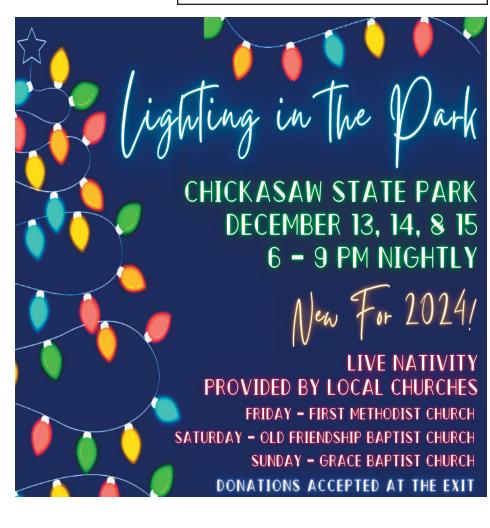


East Chester Elementary School invites the community to "A Spirit of Christmas" program, presented by the second and third grade students. It will be in the gymnasium from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. There will also be the kindergarten and first grade student's "A Merry Little Christmas" program from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to arrive early and enter through the entrance by the cafeteria doors to sign in. There will be limited seating. Dress festive or wear Christmas colors for the program.

Chester County Library will be hosting the Interactive Elf Movie (for teens/tweens) event at the library at 1 p.m. on Dec. 20.

cora evelyn hooper Cora Evelyn Hooper celebrated fourth birthday Oct. 23

Cora Evelyn Hooper celebrated her fourth birthday in Newnan, Ga., at her home. She was surprised with horse rides for her and her friends. Her party theme was Wild Flowers and Wild Horses. Cora and her friends also enjoyed her bounce house. Cora turned four on Oct. 23, 2024. Cora's parents are Kevin and Annalisa Hooper and her little sister is Louisa Hooper. Cora's grandparents are Ray and Shirley Hooper of Jacks Creek and Don and Barb Weller of Franklin. Her great-grandparents are Rose and Ken Werner of Florence, Ky. Cora's uncles, aunts, and cousins are Brian, Carrie and Bladen Hooper of Kingsport; Brad, Dani, Leila and Elmer Weller of Burlington, Ky.; and Kirby, Charlotte and Wendel Wood of Bellevue, Ky.



CELEBRATION AT THE RYMAN

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BENEFIT DINNER



You are invited to The Celebration at the Ryman: FHU's 60th Benefit Dinner! Join us **Thursday, January 16, 2025**, for an unforgettable performance by award-winning country group Shenandoah and a conversation and short acoustic set from a legendary country star.

Because of you, students' lives can be changed. Your generosity, along with others who have supported the FHU Benefit Dinner, can help fund scholarships for thousands of students and add to the \$34 million that has been raised during the past 60 years.



Learn more at **fhu.edu/benefitdinner**, or call **800-FHU-FHU1**, ext 6017.

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets!





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2024 Henderson Christmas Parade





Civic Float Winners



Photos by Holly Roeder and Kara Crump, Independent



Best Overall, First Place Civic Float Cub Scouts Pack 25



Second Place Civic Float Presnull Construction



Third Place tie Civic Float Jones Contractors

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Third Place tie Civic Float Alliance Design Co.



Religious Float Winners





First Place Religious FLoat Next Level Church



Second Place tie Religious Float Christ Community Church

Second Place tie Religious Float First Methodist Church











Hello to everyone! For this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! I am so delighted to be with you one more time. It is only by the grace of God that we are here. As we celebrate and prepare for the holidays, remember those that are less fortunate and keep them in our prayers. I often think about the mother and father who do not know where their child is while some's main worry is how they will get everything their child wants for Christmas. So, let us remember the real reason for the season!

While sitting here at the computer, I am just thinking about how fast this year has gone; we have less than 19 days left in 2024. It would be so nice just to take it slow and easy; however, some can not because Christmas is only 13 days away.

I hope most of you have started or finished your shopping and can relax and enjoy the holidays. My household is not ready! We did not hit any of the sales. I would like for you to know that this year I did go online and did some shopping! For the most part, I am finished! When we get to a certain age, I, like many of you, just want to remember why we celebrate the season and am happy to be here to celebrate!

If you missed the Christmas parade last Thursday, Dec. 5, it was Outstanding. I watched it online! It was just too cold for me. It was just beautiful – the cars, tractors, floats the band, the horses, Mr. Grinch and Santa Claus. It seems like it has gotten larger and better every year. The people of Chester County showed up and filled the streets to support the parade. It did not matter if it was 19 degrees!

To the Henderson/ Chester County Chamber of Commerce, volunteers and sponsors, the City of Henderson/Chester County just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate you and to say THANK YOU for all of the hard work you have done for the County!

Let us help Valorie wish her mother Joann Cawthon a happy birthday on 12/16. Other birthdays are Wille Whitified, 12/28; Chris Ross, 12/30; Ann Hunt, 12/19; and my office son Ivy Beard. We pray that the Lord will bless you with many more!

On our prayer list this

dear sweet cousin. He is like a brother to me. Also, pray for my office daughter Amie Croom and my office friend Jackie Fletcher. Valorie Griggs is requesting praver for her mother Joann Cawthon. Joann's other daughter was just buried this past Saturday. Valorie is also requesting prayer for her nephew from Nebraska, Darryl Wilson, and remember the family of Wille Roy "Sonny Boy" Whitfield. Continue to pray for our loved ones who are in the hospitals or sick in their homes, for our children, teachers and families and for the men and women that are serving our country. Remember to pray for our United States of America.

week is Bruce Long, my

Thought of the day: God gets the final word on who we are! And He says we are beloved and chosen, cherished and gifted!

Do not forget to patronize with our local businesses here in town during this holiday season; let us try to support our own as much as we can. Remember to be safe! If you live in the City of Henderson and have news about your family, birthday, anniversary, announcements, and things happening in the City, I need to hear from you. Text me at 608-6132.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK! LOVE YOU SO MUCH!



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Christmas is just around the corner. Praying that everyone will focus on the Reason for the Season.

We appreciate all our members at the center and would love for more of our community to get involved. With more help, we could plan more events for our community. Membership dues are \$25 after your first initial year of joining, and they are due for this current year. Membership dues need to be paid now to be considered an active member. We also take donations. Payments can be mailed to Edith Sills at 4475 Sunshine Rd, Henderson, TN 38340. Call Ann Moore at 608-2033 or myself if you have any new ideas for the center or wish to get involved. People who want to rent the community center should contact Betty Cooper at 879-9078 for booking. We ask those renting our facility to please follow our rules and show respect for the building. We try to keep it in the best order possible,

and it takes everyone cooperating to make that happen. If you care about this community, please get involved in what is taking place to continue to grow our county and make it a better place to live and raise a family. Get to know what is changing in our local government, schools, churches and communities through the news, friends, your church, teachers, etc., and if it matters to you, there are ways to help make things better.

Our local governmental meetings are in need of more community support. If you care about Chester County, please pay attention to what is taking place in our county and come out and show your interest. Everyone should be mindful of what is going on in our country and care enough to help make a difference.

Montezuma sends out Happy Birthday wishes to Gail Marsh, Randy Burkhead and Donald Smith on Dec. 12, Linda Jones on Dec. 14. Montezuma sends out Happy Anniversary wishes to Justin and Dusti Moody on Dec. 13.

There is much spiritual warfare with society accepting things that go against who God is and what HIS laws are that we are to follow. Every day of life has its challenges, but if we look to God for the right path, it can be a good one. Enjoy what time you have with your creator, your family and friends. Please be in praver for our local and federal government. law enforcement, school staff, teachers and the listed individuals of Brenda Hannah, Donna Doyle, Mike Lott, Linda Hopper, Cindy Kilzer, Quinten Johnson, Jerry Fletcher, Curtis Morrison, Renee Jordan, Ruby Hannah, Brooks. Linda Donnie Plunk, Mike Tedford, Sherry Fletcher, Chuck Beacham. Sandra Lott. Faye Crouse, Janice Morris, Jeanette Walker, Paul Schilling, Nancy Crouse and others that are sick or healing. We especially want to remember the families of Sandra Kay Holt, Houston "Bubba" Smith and other families that have recently lost loved ones.

With new leadership taking the seat in January, we can pray that God's hand will be in decisions made about our country going forward. Pray for a better economy for sure.

I am always looking for noteworthy news to share in this column. Please send to gaylescox1977@gmail. com or text me at 608-2857.

As always, until next time, I am wishing a very blessed week to all you readers!

Community Club Meeting Schedules

Deanburg Enville New Friendship Hickory Corner Jacks Creek Montezuma Sweetlips First Tuesday First Tuesday Third Friday Fourth Thursday Second Thursday First Monday First Saturday in February 7 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6-7 p.m. 6 p.m.



Zoe Finch reads one

Lifestyle Pricing

The Chester County Independent charges \$35 for engagement announcements with photo, wedding announcements with photo, anniversary announcements with photo and miscellaneous lifestyle photos. Birth announcements are free without photo, \$28 with photo and \$38 for color photo. Hunting and fishing photos are \$30. For more information, call 731-989-4624 or email news@chestercountyindependent.com



By: Marcus X. Fry/ Mary Lynn Lambert

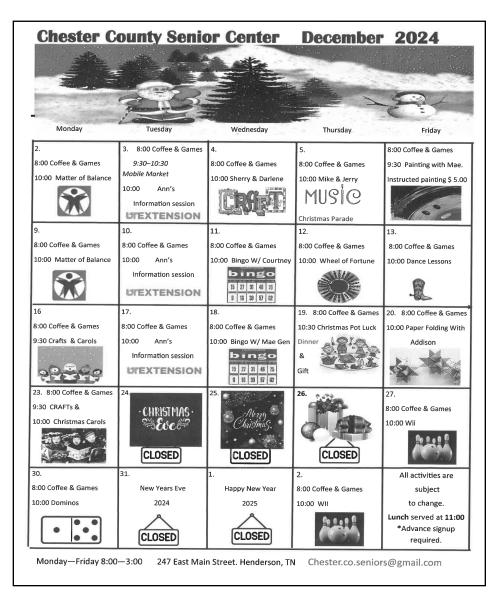
The chair yoga group is doing great. There are many high praises from the ladies saying how they have benefited from the stretches. The group would love to have you join them at the Silerton Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Ann Stack Hinson will be celebrating her birthday Dec. 20. Condolences to the family of Georgia Young Vales. Georgia was the daughter of Tom and Ivy Young. She was buried in the Silerton Baptist Church cemetery. Prayers would be appreciated for Carolyn Stack. She is currently a patient at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Bro. Robert Gibson related

that their daughter, Becky Beck, is much better but is still experiencing some pain. Frankie Lambert appreciates the prayers on his behalf as he recovers.

A final reminder to call Mrs. Donna Waldrip at 731-819-5865 by Dec. 14 to place your order for the Silerton Fire Department Marcus and Jamie ached in sympathy with all the runners. The St. Jude Marathon is a sanctioned qualifying event, and there were serious runners there who were qualifying for the Boston Marathon. The St. Jude Marathon has been held since 1982 and has raised more than \$88

million words

Zoe Finch has reached her Accelerated Reader goal of one million words. She is the daughter of Romina James Finch. and Zoe is a third grade in Hannah student Todd's class at East Elementary. Chester Congratulations, Zoe!



annual bake sale to be held on Dec. 20.

Jamie and Marcus Fry are proud of their daughter, Jillian, for finishing her half-marathon at the St. Jude Marathon on Dec. 7 in Memphis. There were over 22,500 runners and 40,000 spectators. As spectators,

million since then. This year saw \$16 million raised. Chickasaw State Park

Chickasaw State Park, right next door to Silerton, is having their annual Lighting of the Park from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 13-15. It is a free event with donations appreciated at the end.



NOTICE OF CITY HALL CLOSING FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Henderson City Hall and Henderson Utility Department Offices will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24 th, and Wednesday, December 25 th**.

Due to the New Year's Holiday, the Henderson City Hall and Henderson Utility Department Offices will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1 st , 2025**. When the office is closed, EMERGENCY calls for the Utility Department should be placed by calling (731) 989-2201.

CITY SANITATION PICKUP SCHEDULE

Garbage routes that normally run on Tuesday, December 24th will be picked up on Thursday, December 26th.

Garbage routes that normally run on Wednesday, December 25th will be picked up on Thursday, December 26th.

Garbage routes that normally run on Wednesday, January 1st will be picked up on Thursday, January 2nd.

Please have your garbage out by 7:00 A.M. to ensure collection because the trucks will not be on their regular schedule.





Hello from Enville! As you read this, I hope you all are having a great week. We had a few warm days early in the week, but the below freezing temperatures for the nighttime were back by the middle of the week. Winter does not begin until Dec. 21 on the calendar, but the frigid temperatures got here before winter!

The Enville Community Club enjoyed our Christmas party on Dec. 3 at Maggie's in Enville. We chose from several menu meal options and had their homemade cheesecake and holiday cakes. We ate, had a few reminders to announce and enjoyed our entertainment by Nita Middleton. Then, we opened gifts, which is always fun. We had a fellowship.

We attended the Henderson Christmas parade. It was a great parade with some very pretty floats, great bands, decorated vehicles and lots of others. It was very cold, but we made it fine. We were all wrapped up! Our granddaughter, Reece, rode on the FFA float this year. Our family had a good time together.

Chickasaw lights will be on display this weekend, Dec. 13, 14 and 15, with live nativity scenes. Go out and enjoy all the beautiful lights.

Our grandson, Blake Thompson, was chosen from Chester County to play in the West TN All Star Football game this Friday night in Crockett Country. We are so proud of him! It will be a cold night, but we will be there all bundled up! Good luck, guys!

Enville sends out Happy Birthday wishes to David Harwell on Dec. 16 and Patrick Weatherington on Dec. 19. Happy Anniversary to Wayne and Ann Pugh on Dec. 14 and Stan and Delana O'Neal on

good time of food and Dec. 15. We hope you all enjoy your special day!

> Please pray for Harold and Janice Maness, Robert and Linda Johnson, Jeremy Crowell, Mary Lee Guyon, Mary Lou Avent, Ann Pugh, Shirley Hampton, Della Mixon, Kaye Killingsworth, Shirley Bishop, Emily Freeman, Bonnie Johnson, Robert Smith, Karl Starnes, Janice Massengill Strickland, Vinson, James Jimmy Robertson, Jeff Finley, Rick Ooley, Mike Finley, Glenn Butts, my sister, Jane Whitten who lost her home to a fire last week in Pontotoc, Mississippi, our firefighters, first responders, enforcement, law healthcare workers and military, our schools and school board, our county and country and, as always, each other.

If you have news, upcoming events or someone to add to the prayer list, call me at 608-3058, or if you want to rent the community center, call Pat Cates at 688-5125 or 315-8062.

Have a blessed week everyone!



CCHS Criminal Justice classes take it to court

The Chester County High School Criminal Justice 1 classes competed in a mock trial on Monday, Nov. 18. Students played the roles of the prosecution team, the defense team, the witnesses, a 12-person jury, one suspect and two bailiffs. The jury ultimately found the defendant guilty, giving the prosecution team the conviction they were hoping for.



Community NEWS

By: Betty Quarles

Good morning from Deanburg.

I hope everyone is holiday enjoying this season. Church was especially good Sunday. We watched a movie about angels Sunday night. I believe we all have a guardian angel.

It was reported that the dinner at Deanburg Community Center was well attended. There was lots of food, and everyone a good time. I was sorry to have missed.

Deanburg Baptist had a dinner after Sunday morning service. If you



Hello to all from this little corner of the world. The temperature Sunday was 49 degrees and felt like 46. The temperatures ahead are forecasted to be mostly in the mid-50s during the day and mid-30s to low-40s at night. The week of Dec. 19, the temperatures drop off into the upper 40's daytime and low 30's at night. Sorry that I missed my article last week, but we had Thanksgiving on Sunday. It seems everyone has to work around things, and we do, too. The skies Sunday were light gray, and no clouds were noted, or was the sky all clouds? Sunday was dreary, but we must be thankful for all the Lord provides. There are always blessings.

We had Thanksgiving at my sister's house again. Her two boys were there; her oldest son arrived with his wife and three little girls in tow. The youngest is five months old. Their names are Pepper, Polly, and Perri. James and I went and were joined by our son Jeremy and his wife along with Braxton, Braelyn and Laiken. Brenda Hanna and Teresa Nobles Plunk rounded out the group. The food was plentiful and delicious. We enjoyed the time together very much.

do not have any place to go, you will be welcome. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. The other churches in the community will welcome everyone also.

I have been remiss birthdays about and anniversaries. I will try to improve. December birthdays I have, thanks to Carolyn, are Joshua Quarles (my grandson), Rickey Quarles (my son), Katlyn Henson, Chris Julian, Kidan Harris, Maria Enfinger, Travis Roberts, Buddy Collins, Tiffany Mays, Laura Andrews (my daughter), Jasmine Carter (my great-granddaughter), a dear friend Jolene Harris and her daughter Janice Julian, who is with Jesus this Christmas.

Anniversaries are for a

I attended our Secret

Saturday

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The

Baptist

belated

Prayer Partner's reveal

Friendship Baptist Church.

We drew names in January

and prayed for this person's

requests throughout the

year. It is not necessary, but

we usually surprise them

with a gift or so during

the year (for birthday,

food was very good, and

we enjoyed our speaker,

Gaye Phillips. I thought

I knew who my prayer

partner was - surprise was

on me! Thanks to those

who worked on making this

Church will present a

Christmas Musical, A

Journey of Hope at 10:30

a.m. Dec. 15. We will have

a potluck meal directly

afterward. We hope you

will come and enjoy the

morning celebration of

Christ's birth with us and

join us afterward for lunch.

have lost loved ones.

12-6.

Happy

James Ellis, 12-6.

Condolences to all who

Happy belated birthday

to Tessa Hinson, 12-2; Kirk

Bray, 12-3; John Miller, 12-

5; and Damon Newman,

anniversary to Vickie and

Happy birthday to Sara

another enjoyable year.

Friendship

anniversary, etc.).

brunch

and Joe Gilchrist. What a special month to celebrate.

special couple - Mary Dell

There are people who need our prayers and so does our country and all the ones who protect us. Pray for Joliene Harris and the Landers family. Mark can not seem to get well from so many ills.

I am sure there must be others. Call me so I will know to add them to the list.

The parade last week was so pretty and huge. I think it was the largest we have had. I rode in a pickup with my family, which was much warmer. I enjoyed waving to so many friends who were braving the cold. Hope no one got sick!

Until next time, take care! Call me with news at 731-988-5122.

Joie Freeman, Jennifer Gateley, Carolyn Goff, Bro. Glen and Judy Harris, Joey Harris, LaDawn Hayes, Danny Hodges, Brenda Hopper, Kristen Hurley, Sue Lewis, Doris McKinney, Martha Mainord, Brianne Locke Matheney, Deana Morris, Darryl Newsom, Jim and Sue Newsom, Glenda Parchman, Julia Parchman, James Parrish, Trudy Powers, Pam Priddy, Ridge Ray, Todd Rencher, Phillip and Polly Robison, Donald and Doris Rowlett, Mollie Russell, Brenda Seaton, Dyke Sells, Cathy Sisson, Penny Sparks, Jacob Thomas, Kevin Thurman, Tony Tucker, Cammi Walls, Mike Young, Jeff Johnson, Myra Davis and Jeff Mays. Also, pray for our military, law enforcement, our country and first responders.

"And in despair I bowed my head 'There is no peace on earth,' I said, 'For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.' Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men.""-Henry Longfellow

I pray you all have wonderful week and

Firefighters team-up for joint training

The Chester County and city of Henderson Firefighters teamed up once again for joint training the night of Tuesday, Dec. 3. The training included aerial rescue and how to properly use the tall ladders from the fire truck.

LIFELINE Blood Services announces Christmas theme blood drive

LIFELINE Blood Services is thrilled to announce its Christmas theme blood drive, "Every Jingle Drop Counts" set to take place on from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at LIFELINE Blood Services 183 Sterling Farms Drive in Jackson.

"This holiday season, as we celebrate the spirit of giving, we invite everyone to give the most precious gift of all- the gift of life. A single blood donation can save multiple lives and bring hope to families in need," said Melinda Reid, Marketing Manager at LIFELINE Blood Services.

Every donor will receive a limited edition "Every

Jingle Drop Counts" donor t-shirt and a voucher for a free 10 inch one topping pizza from Marco's. Additionally, we will be giving away two great prizes. Our donors will be entered into a drawing for a one-night stay at Pickwick Lodge and \$50 gift certificate for The Restaurant at Pickwick Landing and a Nespresso Machine.

LIFELINE Blood Services operates from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday through Saturday in Jackson. Walk-ins are always welcome. For inquiries about blood donation, please call 731-427-4431, extension 0.

LIFELINE Blood Services plays a critical role in serving 21 counties in West Tennessee, 17 emergency helicopter service locations, and one ground ambulance service. Each year, the center collects approximately 26,000 blood products, including red cell units, platelets and plasma to meet the needs of patients. LIFELINE also provides essential reference lab and cross-matching services to healthcare facilities.

For more information about LIFELINE Blood Services and to stay updated on their blood drives, please visit their website at www. lifelinebloodserv.org

Miller, 12-8; Rae Roach, 12-9; Colton Lowrance, 12-12; and Chastity King and Jan Haskins, 12-13.

Happy anniversary to Milt and Cheryl-Caza Tobey, 12-8, Sue and Jim Newsom, 12-14.

Please continue to remember these in prayer: Wesley Bates, Paula Berry, Georgia Burkeen, J.T. and Jeannette Butler, Jackie Chambers, Rickey Clayton, may it be filled with love, joy, peace and blessings. Remember: if you have news, please email me at mimmiepots@gmail.com. I would truly appreciate any news. People from here and those who have moved from our area but still want to keep in touch through the newspaper are hungry for news from home.

Until next week, Happy Trails to You.



Senior Center Quilt

Raffle Fundraiser A quilt raffle fundraiser is being held at the Chester Co. Senior Center. You can go see the quilt at the center from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are \$5 or three for \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. The drawing will be held in December just in time for Christmas! Fundraiser sponsor is Sherry Cox.

CC Head Start Accepting

Applications

Chester Co. Head Start, 1495 White Ave., Henderson, is currently accepting applications for the 2024-25 year. Information needed at time of preregistration includes the child's official birth certificate, the child's up-todate immunization record, the child's TennCare or insurance card, dates of birth for all family members, two emergency contact people and proof of household income for 2023 (Income Tax or W-2 Forms, year to date pay stubs, or Families First, etc). For more information, call the office at 989-2561.

CC Carl Perkins Center

Open House Dec. 12

The Chester County Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the prevention of child abuse invites the community to attend a ribbon cutting at 11:45

a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, and an open house from noon to 2 p.m. the same date. These events will be held at their new location at 195 Record Drive, in Henderson.

Jacks Creek Community Club

Meeting Dec. 12

The Jacks Creek Community club will hold their Christmas meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Community of Christ Church. All are welcome.

Hickory Corner

Christmas Party Dec. 14

The Hickory Corner Community Center will host its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14, with a potluck meal beginning at noon. The Center will provide baked ham and fried chicken. Everyone is invited and can bring their favorite sides or desserts. There will be a gift exchange following the meal for those who would like to participate. There will be drawings for Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Rudolph and elves followed by a trivia game, door prices and bingo. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift valued at around \$5. You may also bring inexpensive bingo gifts.

Lifeline Blood Drive Dec. 30

Lifeline Blood Services will hold a blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Henderson church of Christ.

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City of Henderson Police Department

December 2, 2024

Casey Roach, 23, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with driving on canceled/revoked а or suspended license. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,000 bond.

December 3, 2024 Candice Wells, 43, Medon, was arrested and charged with casual exchange of schedule VI marijuana. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

Maurico Torres, 27, Madison, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

Asya Washington, 29, Henderson, was arrested charged with driving and

on a canceled/revoked or suspended license. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

December 4, 2024

Zackery Lipford, 35, Finger, was arrested and charged with prohibited weapons. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

City of Henderson Fire Department

December 4, 2024

11:36 a.m. - 630 Kindra Dr., Keestone Academy, fire alarm pull station activated by child.

December 5, 2024

12:34 p.m. - Intersection of US Highway 45N and W. Main Street, motor vehicle crash with injuries, no entrapment.

4 p.m. - Intersection of US Highway 45N and W. Main Street, reported vehicle fire, no fire, debris in road caused smoke in vehicle.

December 6, 2024

3:54 p.m. – 310 E. University Street, Heritage Towers, room 414, burned food on stove.

December 7, 2024

7:32 a.m. - Intersection of US Highway 45N and W. Main Street, motor vehicle crash with injuries, no entrapment.

11:54 a.m. - Intersection of US Highway 45N and W. Main Street, motor vehicle crash without injuries, no entrapment.

December 9, 2024

2:49 p.m. - 558 White Ave., Southern Oaks Assisted Living, false alarm, steam from shower activated alarm.

Chester County

Sheriff's Department December 2, 2024

Neil Davidson, 41, Beech Bluff, was arrested and charged with vandalism under \$1,000. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,000 bond.

Randall Hamm. 59. Pinson, was arrested and charged with simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

Whitman Jimi 22 Henderson, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

Carson Pledge, 20. Jackson, was arrested and charged with five counts of arson and two counts of attempted arson. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$100,000 bond.

December 4, 2024 Darius Swanson, 28, Jackson, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections Misdemeanor. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$550 cash bond.

December 5, 2024

Angel Pack, 25, Henderson, was arrested and charged with theft of property \$1,000 or less and fraudulent use of credit/debit card under \$1,000. She was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$2,000 bond.

December 6, 2024

Chad Wamble, 51, Henderson, was arrested and charged with contempt of court and violation of Community Corrections - Misdemeanor. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$375 cash bond.

24, Randa Askew, was arrested Henderson, and charged with simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and harassment. She is held in the Chester County Jail awaiting court appearance.

December 7, 2024

Hailey Cunningham, 34, Finger, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections -Felony. She is held in the

Chester County Jail without bond.

December 8, 2024

Davell Bond. 27. Henderson, was arrested and charged with two counts of harassment. He is held in the Chester County Jail awaiting court appearance.

Chester County Fire Department December 2, 2024

3:03 p.m. - Station One responding, 7355 State Route 100E, animal rescue.

December 3, 2024

9:13 a.m. - Deanburg responding, 850 Lake Levee Road, structure fire.

Chester County Circuit Court No reports.

All information included in Your Right to Know is provided by law enforcement, emergency service agencies and the Chester County Court System, and reflects reports, bonds, charges, jail status and court disposition at the time the report is received.

IRS, Security Summit partners urge people to watch out for bad tax advice on social media

The Internal Revenue Service and the Security Summit partners issued a consumer alert today about the growing threat of bad tax advice on social media that continues to dupe people into filing inaccurate tax returns.

On day two of the ninth annual National Tax Security Awareness Week, the IRS and the Security Summit partners are spotlighting the wildly inaccurate tax claims that continuing building across social media. These scams take many different forms make outlandish and promises to inflate refunds.

"The growth of bad tax advice on social media continues to grow, luring taxpayers unsuspecting into filing bad tax returns," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "We urge people to do some research before falling for these scams. Finding a trusted tax professional or visiting IRS.gov is a better way to research a tax issue than relying on someone talking in their car or their kitchen about a non-existent tax hack." years, members For of the Security Summit - representing state tax agencies, tax professionals, tax software companies and the financial industry - have worked to raise awareness about tax-related identity theft and related tax scams. To counter this growing threat of tax scams, many of the Summit members have joined together to launch a related group, the Coalition Against Scam and Scheme Threats (CASST). Throughout the past year, the IRS and the Summit partners saw an escalation of new scams and bad advice surface on social media that promise to magically enrich taxpayers. This year, the public has seen the emergence and rapid spread of financial ranging scams from the Fuel Tax Credit on federal tax returns to "pigbutchering" scams that involve investments in fake cryptocurrencies that ultimately leave the victims penniless. The newly formed CASST alliance, comprising dozens of public and private sector organizations, is working cooperatively to combat these growing scams and protect taxpayers against filing of inaccurate tax returns fueled by social media advice. Increasing awareness of new and

emerging tax schemes on social media is one part of a multi-pronged effort by the CASST coalition to combat tax scams and fraud.

Scams that promise easy money through claiming inaccurate credits or other schemes are seen in social media and in other places. Some producers of misleading content on social media are driven by a criminal profit motive, while others are simply trying to gain attention and clicks, with little regard for the risks it poses to their followers.

"Common wisdom dictates that if it sounds too good to be true, it often is, and that's especially with some of the crazy ideas about taxes being spread on social media," Werfel said. "Social media platforms are rife with influencers making claims about tax credits or deductions that stretch the truth or are outright lies, aimed at gaining themselves clout or pushing up their views. At the same time, this puts their audience's tax returns and personal finances at risk. If people want good tax information on social media, they should follow options like a trusted tax professional or the IRS social media platforms."

claim credits for Sick and Family Leave only for limited COVID-19 related circumstances in 2020 and 2021; the credit is not available for 2023 or 2024 tax returns. The IRS has a detailed set of FAQs describing the very technical requirements for meeting this provision of the law.

Household employment taxes: In a variation on "Self Employment the Tax Credit" scheme, taxpayers are being advised to "invent" fictional employees household and then file Schedule H (Form 1040), Household Employment Taxes, to claim a refund based on false sick and family medical leave wages they never paid.

Fuel Tax Credit: This specialized credit is designed for off-highway business and farming as well as the employer from which it's coming. They then instruct people to file the bogus tax return electronically in hopes of getting a substantial refund – sometimes as much as five figures – due to the large amount of withholding. Claim of Right: In

this long-seen scheme, taxpayers are advised to file tax returns and attempt to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of their wages. Promoters advise them to label the deduction as "a necessary expense for the production of income" "compensation for or personal services actually rendered." The deduction is based on a complete misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

The IRS has seen hundreds of thousands of dubious claims like these, leading to refunds being delayed and the need for taxpayers to show legitimate documentation to support their claims which they often don't have. Many of these scams were highlighted during this spring's annual Dirty Dozen series. The IRS is on the lookout for each of these types of false tax claims as well as others. The IRS and Summit partners urge taxpayers to exercise caution when filing their tax returns and ensure they only claim credits to which they're entitled. Taxpayers who did fall victim need to follow steps to verify their eligibility for the claim. Otherwise, they could face audits and expensive fines; in some cases, they could be subject to federal criminal prosecution and imprisonment.

of a particular tax credit, they should review the many resources available on IRS.gov or seek advice from a qualified tax professional and, in some cases, file an amended return to remove claims for which they're ineligible to avoid potential penalties.

'Tis the season

These threats are present year-round, but the approach of the 2025 tax filing season means that misinformed influencers and outright scammers will intensify efforts to persuade the public to take their bad advice.

Instead of looking to shady or ill-informed influencers on social media, a better option for taxpayers to learn how to properly use tax forms and claim credits is to go to IRS.gov and follow IRS social media channels.

IRS.gov has a forms

Pass it on The IRS encourages the public to report improper

tax situations.

and abusive tax schemes, as well as tax return preparers who knowingly prepare improper returns, including "ghost preparers."

To report an abusive tax scheme or a tax return preparer, people should mail or fax a completed Form 14242, Report Suspected Abusive Tax Promotions or Preparers, and any supporting material to the IRS Lead Development Center in the Office of Promoter Investigations.

Mail: Internal Revenue Service

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Ogden, UT 84404 Fax: 877-477-9135 Alternatively, taxpayers

and tax professionals may

report the information to the

IRS Whistleblower Office

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Taxpayers can also

report scams to the Treasury

Inspector General for Tax

Administration or the

Internet Crime Complaint

The

Phishing and Online Scams

page at IRS.gov provides

complete details.

Report

What to watch out for on social media

The IRS is aware of various filing season hashtags and social media topics leading to inaccurate and potentially fraudulent information. A common theme among many of these examples involves people trying to use legitimate tax forms for the wrong reason.

The IRS has seen a spike this year in the following types of scams on social media:

"Self Employment Tax Credit": Promoters on social media have made misleading claims that taxpayers - particularly self-employed individuals and gig economy workers -- can get up to \$32,000 through the so-called "Self Employment Tax Credit."

In reality, there is no "Self Employment Tax Credit"; rather, scammers are advising taxpayers to incorrectly use Form 7202, Credits for Sick Leave and Family Leave for Certain Self-Employed Individuals, to improperly claim the specialized and very limited Sick Leave and Family Leave Credit on their income.

People who were self-employed could use. Taxpayers need a business purpose and a qualifying business activity such as running a farm or purchasing aviation gasoline to be eligible for the credit.

The vast majority of individual taxpayers do not qualify for the Fuel Tax Credit. It is only for businesses that use certain types of fuel (not for the gas people put in their car). Yet promoters increasingly advise ineligible taxpayers to claim it, and then the promoters line their own pockets by charging the individual a hefty fee.

Inflated income and withholding: This scheme encourages people to use tax software to manually fill out Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and include false income information. Scam artists suggest people make up large income and withholding figures,

If individuals have doubts about the legitimacy



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repository with legitimate and detailed instructions for taxpayers on how to fill out the forms properly.

Use IRS.gov to find the official IRS social media accounts, or other government sites, to fact check information.

Taxpayers should also consider consulting a tax pro if they're thinking of applying tax advice seen on social media to their own

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 15, 2025 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the front steps of the Chester County Courthouse.133 East Main Street. Henderson, TN 38340, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by GREG LIPFORD, to William Rosenberg, Trustee, on March 31, 2017, at Record Book 420, Page 100-118 as Instrument No. 56220 in the real property records of Chester County Register's Office, Tennessee. Owner of Debt: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint

Mortgage Servicing The following real estate in Chester County, located Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record: The following

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SUBSTITUTE **TRUSTEE'S** SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 30, 2025 at 11:00AM local time, at the front door, Chester County Courthouse, 133 East Main Street, Henderson, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Margaret Weatherly, to Joseph B. Pitt, Jr., Trustee, as trustee for Figure Lending, LLC on May 17, 2023 at Record Book 505, Page 249; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Chester County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

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1890 Road, Henderson, Tennessee 38340 Number: Parcel 068 00210 00008068 Current Owner(s) of Property: Weatherly Margaret

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No. 886, Public Acts of Tennessee1939asamended. Sections 30-2-306, Tennessee Code Annotated).

ESTATE OF JASON KEVIN KELLEY, SR.

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of December, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the Estate of Jason Kevin Kelley, Sr. deceased who died September 26,

the Chancery Court of Chester County, Tennessee.

All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her estate are required to file the same with Keith Frye, Clerk & Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred;

(A) Four (4)(1)months from the date of the first publication of this notice, if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4)months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors creditor if the received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication described as in (1)(A); or Twelve (12)from the

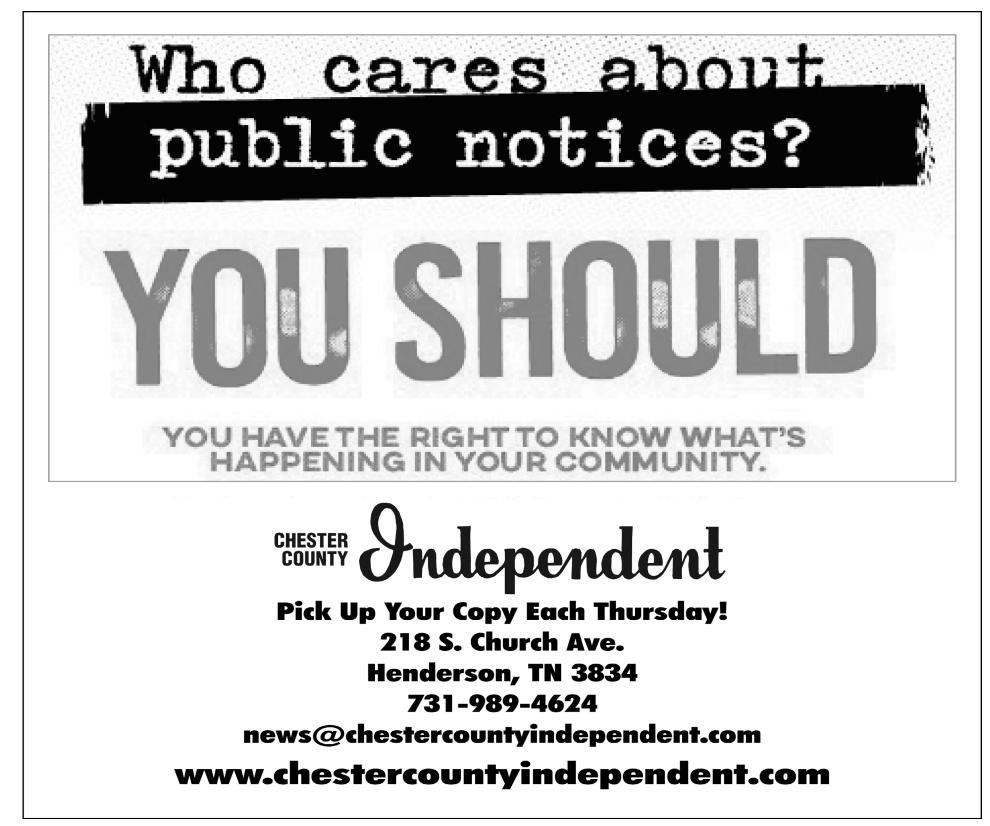
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SPORTS

CCHS lose two at Crockett; split with S. Gibson

By Caneisha Turner Sports Writer

The Chester County Eagles and Eaglettes played twice last week, losing both games at home against Crockett County. The Lady Eagles lost 19-53 and the Eagles were narrowly defeated 54-59.

They went on the road Friday night to Medina and squared off against the South Gibson County Hornets.

The Eaglettes continue to look for their first win of the season, taking another one on the chin 18-53.

The Eagles pulled out a nail-biter, winning 53-51.

Tuesday night's game against Crockett County saw the Lady Eagles trail throughout the game, scoring five points in the first quarter, six in the second; eight in the third and were held scoreless in the fourth.

The leading scorer for the Eaglettes was Kloe Taylor with seven followed by Alexis Rivers with four; JuJu Prather and Karley Heinsohn with three each and Esther Osburn with two.

The boy's game began with a three-pointer by Aiden Welch. The boys in blue were fouled three times in the opening quarter, making three out of four at the charity stripe. They trailed at the end of the quarter by two, 13-15.

The Eagles were outscored in the second quarter 17-13, ending the half, trailing 26-32.

The Eagles rallied in the third quarter, tying the score at 44.

Chester County was outscored in the last frame 15-10, ending the game on the losing end 54-59.

The Eagles took the floor against Crockett County and battled throughout the night but came up five points short at the buzzer.

Leading the team in scoring was Aiden Welch with 16; Christian Halford with 15; Jayden Williams with 13; Christian Swift with five; Markel Fulton with three and Jayce Goff with two.

The Lady Eagles had a tough night at South Gibson County. Down 21 at halftime the score was 33-12. The score at the end of the third was 46 and 53-18 as the final buzzer sounded.

Kloe Taylor led the scoring for the Lady Eagles with 10, followed by JuJu Prather and Savannah Williams with four each.

The Eagles took the floor Friday night ready to play. Christian Halford had a three-pointer early. Christian Swift was fouled on a shot and made both free throws. He followed with a three-pointer late in the first quarter and led 14-10 at the end of the first.

The Eagles continued to build on their lead in the second leading 26-21 at the half.

Halford scored his second three-pointer of the night early in the third. The Eagles led at the end of the period 38-33.

South Gibson narrowed the margin in the fourth, but Chester County held on to win 53-51.

Christian Halford led the scoring for the Eagles with 16; Aiden Welch with 15; Jayden Williams with 11; Christian Swift with seven and Peyton Barham with four.



Aiden Welch, No. 2, goes up for a rebound against a South Gibson defender. Welch scored 15 points in the away game last Friday night. The Eagles won 53-51.







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Charter Countr's Aider Welte atoms a three point

Chester County's Aiden Welch attemps a three-point shot against Crockett County. Welch ended the night as the leading scorer with 16 points.

Lady Eagle Karley Heinsohn looks to pass the ball against Crockett Counnty. She scored three points. Photo by Caneisha Turner



Photo by Caneisha Turner

Lady Eagle Giorganna Pickens looks to pass the ball against Crockett Counnty. She scored three points. Photo by Caneisha Turner



Kamora Clark is pictured at the free throw line during the CCJHS game against Jackson Christian School last week. The Lady Eagles won 31-19.

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Gavin Brown, No. 2, attempts a layup over a Jackson Christian School defender. The CCJHS Eagles lost 34-56.



Miller Willis, No. 5, dribbles toward the basket in last week's Chester County Junior High School game against Jackson Christian School. Willis tied Izaiah Armstrong as leading scorer with eight apiece.

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FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS **FHU Volleyball team signs four**

Two signees from South Fulton

Assistant volleyball coach Will White hit the recruiting trail and picked up a setter in Abbi Bivens and a student statistician for next season.

The 5-9 Bivens owns every setting record for the Red Devils, owning the record for most assists in a match, in a season, and in a career. She also owns the title of most service aces in a match. In 2024 she was selected to the All-District team while being honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as "Best and Brightest" and as an AVCA All-Region selection in 2024. Off the court, Bivens was in the top 10 of her class her freshman through junior years, being a member of the SFHS Leadership Team and serving as an officer in the Beta Club.

is a very talented setter. We were able to work with her at camp last year and we saw a lot of potential. I am excited to get her on campus and watch her develop as an athlete and as a person for the next four years."

Though on the court as a Lady Lion, Madeline Guthrie hopes to turn her prep career into helpful work on the bench. She is a member of the Key Club, HOSA, and the Spanish club.

Guthrie says, "I am super excited to be a part of this program, and I am so grateful that I have a chance to learn and grow at FHU!"

eled to Alabama where she signed Alex Howard.

The outside hitter/middle blocker combo earned several accolades including being selected as first team All-State in her junior season. The same year she was honored as the Times Daily Small School Player of the Year. She was twice chosen to the All-Area tournament team - in 2023 and 2024 while being selected to the tournament All-County team those same years in addition to 2022. The 5-9 newcomer was named as the Golden Bears' offensive MVP in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Throughout her career, she maintained a .237 hitting percentage while eclipsing the 1,000 kill mark with 1,279. Her senior season she averaged 4.0 kills per set while her 554 kills ranked 14th in the entire state of Alabama.

Off the court, Howard is a member of the National Honors Society and served as vice president for Mu Alpha Theta and as an officer in the Key Club.

Photos by Caneisha Turner

Coach Bretherick said, "Alex is a great person and player. She was a key piece to the success of her high school program. We look forward to how she will enhance our program on the court and off the next four years."

Kendra Price added to back row

Freed-Hardeman University volleyball adds to their defensive side of the court by signing Knoxville Christian School's Kendra Price.

The 5-4 defensive specialist also played club ball for K2 Volleyball. A captain for the Knights her junior and senior seasons, Price pulled up 1,287 digs in her career. After her sophomore and junior campaigns, she was honored as the most valuable player.

Off the floor, she serves as the president of the KCS Student Council in addition to being a member of the National Honors Society.

Head volleyball coach Amanda Bretherick said, "Kendra is going to be a great addition to our defense next season. She is a hardworking player with drive. I look forward to seeing her skill and leadership continue to grow over the next few years."

"I am very thankful that I get the opportunity to join this program," said Bivens. "I can't wait to be a part of the FHU family."

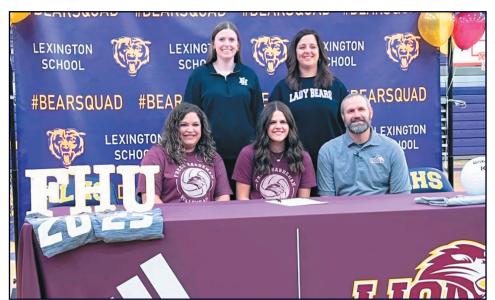
Coach White said, "Abbi

"Madeline is an exceptional addition for the FHU Volleyball family," added White. "Although she won't be in a jersey she will make a definite impact on our success for the next four years. We are thrilled to have her here with us at Freed-Hardeman."

Howard to join volleyball team

Head volleyball coach Amanda Bretherick trav-

"I am so excited to begin my journey at FHU next fall," said Howard. "I thank God that He has blessed me with this amazing opportunity! Roar Lions!"



Alex Howard



Abbi Bivens and a student statistician signed for next season's FHU volleyball.



Kendra Price

Two runners to participate in NAIA Marathon

Two runners will represent Freed-Hardeman University in the second annual NAIA Marathon National Championship. Zena Dorris and Drew Williams will visit Sacramento, California to compete. The NAIA Marathon National Championship will take place as part of California International Marathon

Qualifications for this event took place across 12 weeks beginning in Austust.. In order to qualify, runners had to average 50 miles per week during that qualification period. Additionally, Dorris and Williams had to complete a minimum of two runs within a maximum of two

hours.

Of those who qualified, the 52 best times for men and the top 48 women were given the opportunity to run.



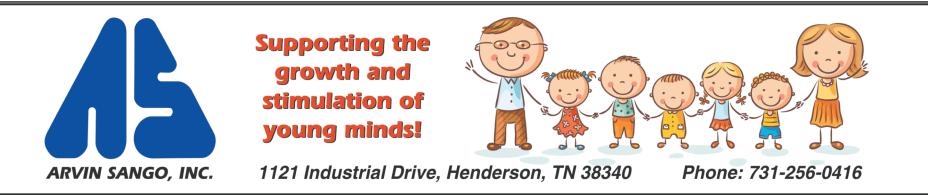


FROM THE

Explore the World

Look through the newspaper to find examples of foods, products, words, names, etc., that show a connection between our community and the rest of the world. Clip the items and attach them to the correct region on a map. **Standards Link:** Compare everyday life in different places.







PATTY UTLEY-DOTSON – APRIL 18, 1968 – NOV. 27, 2024

Utley-Patty Jane Dotson peacefully departed this life on Nov. 27, 2024, at Jackson-

Hospital in Jackson. Memorial services were at noon Saturday, Dec.

Madison County General 7, at North Henderson church of Christ.

> She was born April 18, 1968.

What to know about seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

There's much to look forward to when winter begins. Outdoor enthusiasts may relish a return to the slopes to ski or snowboard each winter, while others praise the crisp fresh air and lack of insects as more conducive to activities like hiking.

Winter indeed has plenty to offer, but some people find that less daylight has an adverse effect on their mood. The National Institutes of Mental Health notes that shifts in mood and behavior that align with changes in the seasons could be indicative of seasonal affective disorder, also known as SAD.

What is SAD?

Johns Hopkins Medicine characterizes SAD as a form of depression in which individuals' mood and behavior changes when the seasons change. The NIMH notes SAD is sometimes referred to as the "winter blues."

Is SAD exclusive to winter?

Though SAD can affect people at any time of year, the NIMH reports that most cases of SAD start to affect people in late fall or early winter before symptoms begin to subside during the spring and summer. Johns Hopkins Medicine notes researchers believe the shorter days and thus fewer hours of daylight that occur each winter set off a chemical change in the brain that leads to a person experiencing symptoms of depression.

What are the symptoms of SAD?

The NIMH points out that, since SAD is a type of depression, symptoms of the condition include those associated with depression. Such symptoms include:

· A persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood most of the day. This occurs every day for at least two weeks.

Feelings of hopelessness or pessimism

· Feelings of irritability, frustration or restlessness · Feelings of guilt, worthlessness or

helplessness · Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities

· Loss of energy or feelings of fatigue. Some also feel as if they have slowed down.

·Difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions

· Changes in sleep or appetite or unplanned weight changes

· Physical aches or pains, headaches, cramps, or digestive problems that have no explanation and do not subside even after treatment

· Suicidal thoughts or attempts or thoughts about

VUMC part of team developing advanced

life support technology for battlefield injured

Recovery and Replacement

(LOR3) as we develop

the means to support and

rehabilitate lungs, hearts,

Regeneration,

It's important to note that the above are symptoms of depression that people with SAD may experience. Additional symptoms of winter-pattern SAD include:

death

Hypersomnia, or oversleeping

· Overeating that leads to weight gain. The NIMH notes people with SAD may have a particular craving for carbohydrates.

· Social withdrawal How is SAD treated?

People who suspect they have SAD are urged to speak with their physicians. Various treatments, including light therapy, psychotherapy or antidepressant medications, can help to treat SAD. Individuals may also be prescribed vitamin D supplements.

Can I prevent SAD? The NIMH notes that since SAD is tied to seasonal changes, people can take steps in an effort to prevent it. Starting treatments prior to a change in seasons may help.

Many people experience difficulty when fall transitions to winter, and such troubles may be attributable to SAD. More information about SAD is available at www.nimh.nih. gov.

HOUSTON SMITH – OCT. 25, 1952 – DEC. 6, 2024

Houston Odell Smith, 72, of Selmer passed away Dec. 6, 2024, at his home.

Graveside services were 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Big Springs Cemetery at Five Points Wanda with Roden speaking.

Burial followed at Big Springs Cemetery.

The family received friends at Big Springs Cemetery beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

He was born Oct. 25, 1952.

Whitfield Memorial Service Dec. 14

There will be a memorial service for Mr. Willie Ray "Sonny Boy" Whitfield at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Plainview church of Christ.

Did You Know?

Bone marrow transplants or umbilical cord blood transplants can save lives. Johns Hopkins Medicine says bone marrow transplants can be used to replace diseased, nonfunctioning bone marrow with healthy bone marrow to treat conditions like leukemia, aplastic anemia and sickle cell anemia. Similar to receiving blood transfusions, those who require bone marrow need to be well-matched to improve their prognosis. This means finding a donor with a human leukocyte antigen (HLA) tissue type that closely matches a patient's. Roughly 30 percent of patients will have a relative who matches and is able to donate, leaving the other 70 percent reliant on compatible donors, says HRSA Blood Stem Cell. More blood marrow donors are needed, particularly among minority groups. A lack of minority marrow donors and others of diverse ethnicities means that people in these demographics can have trouble being matched. Gift of Life warns that a shortage of diverse donors is costing lives, and urges more people to join the blood marrow donor pool.

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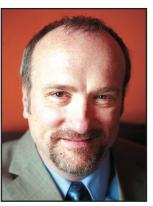
Good Grief To the rest of mankind.

Giving Thanks

By David Coy Good Grief

Oct. 3, 1863, On President Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving. "The year that is drawing towards be blessed thereby living its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God " To those who may doubt they had any reason to be thankful because of hardship, loss, and financial struggle, may I remind us all that the Pilgrims who came to this shore had to survive great hardship through harsh winters and lack of provisions, endure loss of family and had to build anew their life from scratch. It is possible to be thankful even during times of little and times of excess every day of the year. Paul said in Philippians 4:11-13, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content in any circumstance. And I know to be humbled, and I know to abound; in everything and in all things, I am taught both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound, and to lack. I have strength for all things in Christ who strengthens me." For it becomes well the just to be thankful (Psalm 33:1). For his word is true, his love righteousness (the essential principle of justice), and by his word the heavens were made (verses 1-7).

he declares reasons to revere Jehovah (verses 8-11). In verses 12-19, we find further reasons to give thanks and praise and finally acknowledgment from the people (verses 20-22). May we all continue to by giving thanks every day



the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to develop advanced life support components expected to improve battlefield care for combat-wounded military personnel.

Medical Center are part of a

national team that has been

awarded \$18.2 million from

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VUMC site principal investigators (PIs) Matthew Bacchetta, MD, MBA, and Rei Ukita, PhD, will lead efforts to evaluate the cannula and oxygenator for a novel advanced life support system (ALSS) in a large animal model and to design and develop a prototype of the automated system.

military Modern conflicts can leave soldiers with extensive, traumatic injuries from weapons of war such as improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Battlefield medics often have limited resources, time and expertise to provide life-sustaining, emergency care for those critically injured.

The Innovative Resuscitation and Optimized Novel Multiorgan support with Autonomous ECMO for Non-medical personnel and medics) project develop the core will components of an ALSScapable device to provide automated resuscitation for soldiers with critical blood loss, as well as delivery and closed loop control of respiratory support via a novel, extracorporeal (outside the body) gas exchange system.

"We are excited for this opportunity to build upon our extensive mechanical circulatory support work the Laboratory for in

livers and kidneys for transplantation," said Bacchetta, professor of Cardiac Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, and Biomedical Engineering, and director of LOR3.

"Our group has established a high-fidelity, model for pre-clinical pulmonary hypertension and right ventricular failure that serves as the basis for developing the next-generation, durable mechanical support technology. Contributing to this project is a great fit for our expertise."

Bacchetta is an expert in advanced lung disease and extracorporeal lung support and large animal models of trauma and lung injury. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan and has firsthand understanding of the needs of the injured warfighter, including using ECMO in austere combat environments. He currently serves as surgical director of the Vanderbilt Lung Institute which oversees patient care and research for advanced lung disease.

Ukita is research assistant professor in Cardiac Surgery and Biomedical Engineering at VUMC and is an expert in biomedical engineering, membrane oxygenators, and use of large animal investigate models to medical devices and complex cardiopulmonary physiology. For this project, he will co-direct development the of resuscitation and lung support control strategies.

The project, funded by a 2.5-year grant from the miniaturization and manufacture of a complete system prototype for trials. The end goal is the deployment of easily transportable advanced life support devices for frontline troops. The devices are expected to be easy to use, without the need for substantial medical training.

U. S. Defense Advanced

Research Projects Agency

(DARPA), is expected

to establish the technical

foundation for the future

"This automated resuscitation/oxygenation be technology will impactful for providing lifesaving therapy not just for injured soldiers but also to civilian patients in low resource settings," said Ukita. "It would also be impactful in the event of a mass casualty or a surge of respiratory disease cases, during which there is a need to provide critical care for many patients at once."

The project team is comprised of investigators from leading academic institutions and industry who have deep experience in the creation, development and clinical use of medical devices and extracorporeal life support technology. Johns Hopkins School of Medicine serves as the lead institution and administrative core facility, with co-PIs Steven Keller, MD, PhD, and Sung-Min Cho, DO, MHS.

Site PIs, in addition to VUMC's Bacchetta and Ukita, are Keith Cook, PhD, from Carnegie Mellon University; Farhad Nezami, PhD, from Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School; and Amir Ameli, PhD, from University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Call David at 879-6284.

Existential Despair By David Coy

Good Grief

What happens when or if a person loses their family, their financial security, their home, their former identity, and, in their eyes, all reason to keep on living? They are not suicidal, but they see no reason for their life to continue. Perception, they say, is reality, and people in the position that I have described have very little hope, and, though hope still exists, they may perceive that none exists. This is grief at a very dark and deep level. Existential despair is a feeling of deep anxiety and hopelessness that arises when individuals confront the perceived meaninglessness of life and their own existence. It often involves questioning one's purpose and identity, leading to emotional pain and confusion (grief). If we feel that purpose and hope is gone from our life, then we cease to be motivated to fight for our survival. Sometimes, when life is difficult and we feel the

David Coy

resources do not exist for our existence without pain and struggle, then a person may be tempted to give up on life. It is not uncommon for some in their journey with grief to lose sight of their purpose for their life and any hope for their future. When trauma strikes of any kind and proportion, we lose our sense of safety and security which we all feel a constant need.

How we cope depends upon our mindset and how we frame our present circumstances. We can choose to live with a view of hopelessness. We can choose also to live with a view of fear. Both will prevent us from putting one foot in front of the other in our necessary commitment to life and living. This we must never do, and if we have a strong support system, we should rely on their continued positive influence in shoring up those in despair. Do not hasten death, but accept its eventuality and be grateful for what you have now - Life. Call David at 879-6284.

