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Holiday festivities continue with A Chester Co. Country Christmas

The Henderson | Chester County Chamber of Commerce held a holiday festivity for the community called "A Chester County Country Christmas" at Williams Auditorium on Saturday evening, Dec. 14. Pictured are the New Home Baptist Church kids performing that evening. Show entertainers included Ashtyn Young, Ben Clayton, Blake Hopper, Brian McCarver, Buel Maness, Dara Young, Brynli Young, Henderson Hee Haw Hootenanny Cast, Hudson Lewis, Hunt Pipkin, Jacob Young, Jimmy Melton, Kameron Presnull, Lakelin Lemmings, Lila Faulkner, Portia Bradshaw, Sherry Hutcherson, Stacy Clayton, Tim Young and more.

Chester County Carl Perkins Center opens new location



The Henderson | Chester County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Dec. 12 to celebrate Chester County Carl Perkins Center's new location, at 195 Record Dr.

The new facility is equipped with technological advances and colorful interior design features as well as increased space, all of which will help the faculty provide services more effectively. The open house tour was given by staff Kirbi Fahs, MSW.

The Chester County Carl Perkins Center is a Social Service and Child Advocacy Center that combines a professional staff with trained volunteers to provide quality services to children, parents and their families. For more information or to make a contribution, visit www.carlperkinscenter. org, or call the Chester County office at 989-7222. For help, call the crisis hotline number at 1-800-273-4747.

The Chester County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse celebrated the official opening of their new building with the community on Thursday, Dec. 12. The new home of the Chester County Carl Perkins Center is located at 195 Record Dr.,



The American Legion Davidson-Haltom Post 157 of Henderson ceremoniously raised the first American flag at the new Chester County Carl Perkins Center location on Record Drive. This ceremony was followed immediately after the ribbon cutting ceremony for the open house tour of the new building Thursday, Dec. 12. Photos by Kara Crump, Independent

CCI announces holiday deadlines and schedule changes

The Chester County Independent will be closed Dec. 24 - 25 for Christmas holidays, and again Jan. 1 for New Year's.

Because of these closures as well as the holiday print schedule, deadlines for the Dec. 26 edition will be at 5 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 19. Deadlines for the Jan. 2 paper will be 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26.

We wish you and yours a happy holiday season.







City board pauses to remember **Dennis Cagle**

By Kara Crump Staff Writer

The city of Henderson Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session Thursday, Dec. 12, at Henderson City Hall, with Alderman Michael Phelps absent.

Before the normal order of business, Mayor Terry Bell held a commemoration in remembrance of Captain Dennis Cagle. "On December 10, 2009, he responded to a robbery in progress here for a local business. He was the first officer on the scene and was shot once in the abdomen upon entering the store. Despite being wounded, Captain Cagle returned fire with Chester County Deputy and wounded the suspect several times, preventing harm to the citizens of our city. Captain Cagle died three days later as a result from his wound. We will never forget Captain Cagle and desire to honor his heroic service," stated Mayor Bell. Captain Cagle served for 30 years; this year is the 15th anniversary of his passing.

Henderson Chief of Police Gary Davidson recognized Officer Danielle Cook, recipient of the Tennessee Highway Safety Office's "Child Passenger Safety Seat" award for the eighth district. Davidson acknowledged Cook's hard work in earning this achievement.

First on the agenda was to consider on the final reading 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. No changes have been made. It was unanimously approved.

Next was to consider action on ordinance amending the Municipal Zoning Regulations to change the definition of a Tiny Home and Substandard Lot of Record. There was a public hearing on the proposed amendment and considering passage of the ordinance amending the definition. The reason behind this there was a person requesting to put a building on a lot on fourth street. When looking at the lot it was determined that it was a smaller lot that was not considered to be a tiny home. They wanted to put an efficiency apartment for their mother. The previous laws were mandated to be at minimum 800 feet. So, these community members put in a request to update and change the law. The updated law requires tiny homes to be smaller than 800 feet in size but no smaller than 400 feet

An ordinance amending the Municipal Zoning Regulations to change the definition of a Tiny Home and Substandard Lot of Record failed due to lack of motion. While the planning commission had previously recommended the amendment, the board requested the ordinance be reconsidered by the planning commission for a review and clarification of the wording and terminology included within. According to Building and Zoning official Brent Beshires, the amendment discussion resulted from a request to build on a small lot on Fourth Street. The lot was determined to be a grandfathered non-conforming/ substandard lot of record and smaller than is currently permitted in the city and the plans for an approximately 575 square foot house fell shy of the minimum 800 square feet ruling adopted in 2018. In addition to a public hearing, there was discussion of positive and negative effects the construction would have on the neighbors and the city. The board specified the amendment, if approved, would not allow for construction of a tiny home, but instead for a smaller house, with specifications

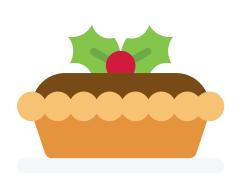
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Special Eagles celebrate the holiday season

The Chester County Special Eagles held their annual Christmas party Monday evening at the Chester County Senior Citizens Center. Members shared a meal, opened presents, played games and enjoyed a visit from Santa. The Special Eagles is a volunteer, donation based program which provides year-round activities for the special needs community in Chester County.

Photo by Holly Roeder, Independent



Second Harvest makes stop in Chester County

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee's Mobile Market, pictured, distributed groceries to community members needing food assistance Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Henderson Senior Citizens Center, 247 E.

Main St.

Photo by Kara Crump, Independent



Chickasaw State Park held the annual "Lighting of the Park" Dec. 13-15. The drive-thru event featured a variety of lights and scenery including a live nativity display – a first for the park's holiday display. For the first time, the event was hosted by local church Friday was hosted by First Methodist Church, Saturday was hosted by Old Friendship Baptist Church and Sunday was hosted by Grace Baptist Church.

Photos by Holly Roeder, Independent

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of no less than 400 square feet, on a substandard lot of record permissible within code compliance. This ordinance amendment will return to the planning commission agenda for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025.

The next item on the agenda was to Re-appoint members to serve on the Planning Commission - Marty Watson; Board of Zoning Appeals -Patty Pickler, Secretary; Industrial Development Board - Tony Hysmith, Secretary; Park Advisory Board - Heather Griffin. New appointments include Darryl Thompson to the IDB (filling a seat left vacant by Charles Cavaness who moved outside of the planning area) and Ross Hysmith to the Park Advisory Board. All were approved unanimously.

The board of mayor and alderman considered adoption of a Resolution accepting a Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Water Main Grant in the amount of \$259,755.74. It was announced it was a significantly less amount than previously estimated. There have been a lot of previous leaks that will help clean up. There is \$44,686 matching on this amount, and that is added for estimated cost. The resolution was unanimously approved. All voted in favor with a roll call.

Next up on the agenda was to consider hiring Wold Architects and Engineers handle necessary tasks related to replacing the metal roofing and siding, etc. on the Utility Operations Building at 60 Record Drive. There was a lot of corrosion of the metal on the building. The grading was changed, but there was significant corrosion, exposed insulation causing significant damage that has occurred over the years that needs renewing. It was approved to get an estimate with no opposition.

The final item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution approving a PE Partners (city insurance carrier) Cyber Grant Application. It is a 50/50 grant for \$2,000 to get

\$1,000 back. The purchase involves extra hardware equipment for the wireless network at Henderson City Hall to provide better security and speed. It adds more access points which helps bandwidth. It was approved with all voting in favor, none opposed.

In other business discussed by the board of mayor and alderman, there was discussion of extending a year contract for the landscaping upkeep of the city cemeteries. It is currently contracted with Jaden Cupples at \$750 for each mowing of both cemeteries. It was proposed to continue the contract and was willing to continue the contract for the same price. All voted in favor.

There was an update on the Gene Record Park. The concrete is poured at the playground at the North end of the park, finished pouring concrete to the existing addition to the playground, and have been working on the bathrooms this week as well. There is one delay, which is the bathroom facility. There were also concerns with upcoming weather possibly damaging the newest

additions playground and bathroom.

The next meeting for the city of Henderson Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, 7 p.m. at Henderson City Hall.



Matthews named 2024 firefighter of the year

The city of Henderson Fire Department presented Eddie Matthews the 2024 Firefighter of the Year award at the annual Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 10. Pictured from left is Fire Chief Doug Acred, volunteer firefighter Eddie Matthews and Henderson Mayor Terry Bell.



Library Storytime welcomes in the winter season

The Chester County Library began their December Storytime Program with the "Welcome Winter!" event Tuesday, Dec. 3. Pictured is Library Director Chrystal Richerson reading to the children. She read "Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter" by Kenard Pak and "Winter is Here" by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by Laura Dronzek. Afterward, Richerson sang songs with the children and made arts and crafts together. The Chester County Library hosts Storytime for community children at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday each week.



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with **GLORIA HOLIDAY**

Hello to everyone! I am so glad to be with you one more time. It is only by the grace of God that we are here, and it is a blessing. For this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! I was just thinking about how fast this year has gone. We have less than 14 days left in the year of 2024. As it gets closer to Christmas, it seems like the more people are stressing out and worrying about how to get everything the child is asking for. I was reading and ran across an article about six healthy ways to handle holiday stress. I would like to share them with you.

- 1. Go outside and exercise
- 2. Focus on being grateful
 - 3. Meditate
- 4. Look to serve others Enjoy guilt-free downtime
- 6. Watch or listen to things that bring you joy

I pray this will help because I know how stressful life can be. I also know we can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me!

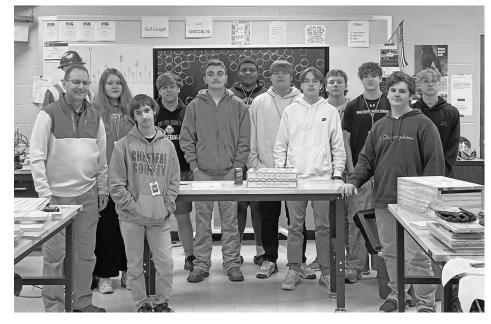
Within the last months, I have heard about so many people that I know and love who are getting sick, and some of them have even passed away. Our daughter LaWanna is always reminding us to take care of ourselves, be happy and do not worry! The older I get, the more I am listening to her!

Before we depart, as you finish reading this column. let us take time out now to pray for all the bereaved families, a family that has experienced the death of a loved one or a close friend. The prayer could be for vou as well! "Dear Lord, we entrust our dear friends and family members into Your loving arms. In this time of sorrow, we give our weary hearts to You. Lord. we thank You for Your loving embrace to surround all grieving families. May they find Love, peace in a time like this. Lord, thank You for Your constant presence and feeling the peace of You that surpasses all understanding; love and God bless! Amen"

Continue to pray for our United States of America. 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. 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. Call or text me at 608-6132 and leave your message. LOVE YOU! HAVE A BLESSED

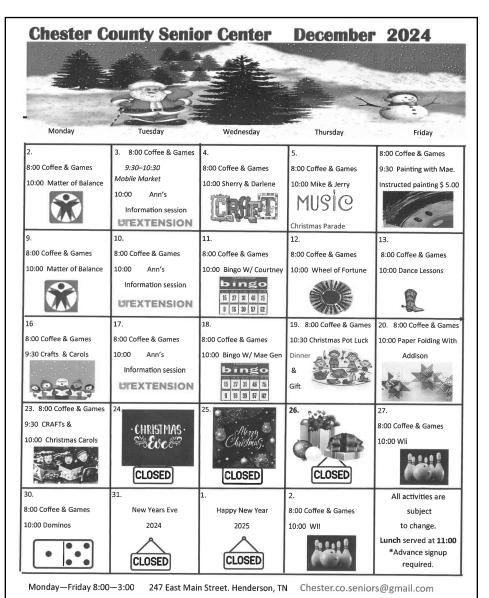
Did You Know?

According to the Zillow Home Value Index, the median value of homes in the United States increased dramatically between 2019 and 2024. Data from the online real estate listing service indicates the median value of a home in the U.S. in August 2019 was \$243,386. Just half a decade later, that value had risen to \$361,282, marking a 67 percent increase in median home value over that time. Housing prices have experienced an even greater uptick in Canada, where data from the Canadian Real Estate Association indicates that the average selling price of homes sold in August 2024 was \$717,800 CAD (\$529,427.75 USD), a roughly 73 percent increase since August 2019, when the average homes sold in Canada went for \$522,700 (\$385,527.84 USD). The spike in housing costs has greatly outpaced inflation. In fact, according to a 2024 report from the real estate data firm Clever, if home prices had increased at the same rate as inflation since 1963, the median price of a home in the U.S. would be \$177,511, which is less than half the median value reported by Zillow in August 2024.



Mayor Bell thanks CCHS students

Chester County High School Mechatronics and Construction Teacher Neil Gaugh along with his Carpenters class constructed a stable-and-crib for a Christmas Nativity that will be presented in downtown Henderson in the next few weeks. City of Henderson Mayor Terry Bell stopped by to personally thank them with donuts on Thursday, Nov. 21. "CCHS is blessed to have Mr. Gaugh passing along his knowledge and expertise to the next generation," stated Mayor Bell.







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, vour church, teachers, etc., and if it matters to you, there are ways to help make things better.

Our local governmental meetings need 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 Curtis Morrison on Dec. 19, Clay Cox on Dec. 21, Clay Murley on Dec. 22, Marsha Barclay on Dec. 23 and Erin Fontana on Dec.

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 your friends. Please be in prayer for the our local and federal government. law enforcement, school staff and teachers and the listed individuals of Brenda Hannah, Donna Doyle, Mike Lott, Linda Hopper, Cindy Kilzer, Ouinten Johnson, Jerry Fletcher, Curtis Morrison, Renee Jordan, Ruby Hannah, Donnie Brooks, Linda 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 Julia Miller, Gene Carter, David Brent Ross 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

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

for sure.

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

Community Club Meeting Schedules

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

SILERTON

By: Marcus Fry/ Mary Lynn Lambert

Silerton Baptist Church their Christmas dinner this past Saturday. A wonderful meal was prepared by the ladies, bingo was played and

presents were exchanged. Gwen Lindley Marcus/Jamie Fry over for a Christmas dinner. The Frys enjoyed seeing Joe and Trudy Stack and had a great time meeting some of their talented and interesting friends. The Frys received a grand tour of Gwen's animatronic Christmas Santa-land

house. Since Marcus moved up here to build his house, many wonderful and kind ladies have invited him over for meals and kept him alive the first year. He has been pressured to declare who has been the best cook. Marcus' official, steadfast statement has been to declare that all have been delicious, each with their own respective strengths. He wants no part in shattering the peace of Silerton and in creating strife that will last generations.

For those who have received fruit cakes for presents and who do not care for them and have enough door stops, Marcus will gladly take them off your hands.

Gwen Lindley and Melanie James enjoyed hearing their church friends singing Happy Birthday to

them last week.

Continue to pray for and Austin Carolyn Stack as she was transferred to Henderson Heath and Rehab Center in Henderson. Frankie Lambert is showing improvement with his therapy. Prayers are also requested for Robert Fry.

Remember that the Silerton Fire Dept. bake sale will be Dec. 20 at Tractor Supply in Bolivar.

Frankie and Mary Lynn thoroughly enjoyed listening to Judy Chandler Dillard share memories concerning veterans in her family. With military conflicts occurring on the world scene, I thought it would be interesting to hear from family members regarding facts Silerton area veterans. Her father, William Chandler, served during World War II, 1941-45. Because of medical problems in the bones of his feet, he was not sent to combat. He served in the army in Montpelier, Vt., reaching the rank of sergeant. He was asked to deliver some prisoners to California. On his way back, he drove through Tennessee to stop and meet his firstborn, Judy. After a short visit, he traveled back to base. William had two

brothers, Victor Chandler Chandler, also serving during this timeframe. Victor served in the Navy at a refueling station in Guam. Austin was in Army, serving in combat in Austria. He received a wound in his neck which burst his eardrum.

Two maternal uncles served in the navy following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Also, on her maternal side, she had several cousins serving in Korea. Judy grew up and married James Dillard. James had two brothers, Thomas and Burton, who served during the Vietnam era. Thomas was in bombing procedure. Burton was an Army teacher near Athens, Ga., teaching chemical training to new recruits.

Bill Dillard, son, served in Iraq in 1991. Cody, grandson, served in the National Guard and served in Afghanistan.

Judy certainly comes from a family of veterans who have served our country.

If you are interested in sharing any facts about a family veteran's service from the Silerton area, please call 731-609-6455.





Hello from Enville! We are having quite a bit of rain this week. Later on, we will have sunshine but colder temperatures.

I hope your week is going well! The days until Christmas are ticking down. I am still not done with my shopping, but, hopefully, I will get it done soon. It is coming fast, so I hope you all are finished or close like me. I will do my candy making this week. I always enjoy that, and I send some to our daughters' workplaces to share with their co-workers. They always come back with empty containers!

We already had Christmas at my sister's in Pontotoc, Miss. We had a lot of good finger foods and

fun playing Dirty Santa. We always enjoy our time together there!

Winter begins on Saturday, Dec. 21. This is the day with the fewest hours of sunlight in the year. The winter solstice is an astronomical event that marks the moment when the sun's path reaches its southernmost point in the sky. This will be the shortest daylight hours of the year. The days will begin getting longer after that, and that will be nice! Winter lasts until March 20, 2025.

Happy birthday wishes go to Ron Maness and Cory Finley on Dec. 23. Happy anniversary to James and Debbie Vinson on Dec. 21. We hope you all enjoy your special day!

It saddens my heart to hear about all the shootings that have been happening Adamsville, lately in Selmer and Savannah. Please pray for the ones who are recovering and the families of those who lost their lives

Pray for the families of Bonnie Johnson, Julia Miller and the McNairy County deputy, Ricky Finley. Continue prayers

for Harold and Janice Maness, Robert and Linda Johnson, Jeremy Crowell, Mary Lee Guyon, Mary Lou Avent, Robert Smith, Ann Pugh, Shirley Hampton, Della Mixon, Killingsworth, Kaye Bishop, Emily Shirley Karl Starnes, Freeman, Janice Massengill Strickland, James Vinson, Robertson, Jeff Jimmy Finley, Glenn Butts, Rick Ooley, Mike Finley, our firefighters, first responders, law healthcare enforcement, workers, military, schools and school board, our county and country and ,as always, each other.

My sister, Jane Whitten, who lost her home to a fire, thanks everyone from the bottom of her heart for their help in every way in her time of need. She is very blessed with so many friends and said she loves each of you!

If you have news, 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!

Community NEWS

By Betty Quarles

There sure are a lot of activities during this month.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch at Deanburg Baptist on Sunday. So much good food; I wish more people were there to enjoy the food and fellowship.

If you missed the "Chester County Country Christmas" at Williams Auditorium on Saturday night, you will have to wait until next year. You cannot believe all the great talent in our little county until you

can hear them, especially the younger ones. They just about stole the show.

Chickasaw Park once again did an outstanding job with the Lighting of the Park. I know it took a lot of hard work by a lot of people to do all of that. We really enjoyed the live nativity representing different churches. Thanks for your commitment portraying the real reason for Christmas while enduring the weather.

The chair yoga classes are taking a break until January.

The Deanburg Community Club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the center. We need more people in the

community to get involved, so please come and join the group.

The Chester County F.C.E. Family and Community Education Club, formerly Home Demonstration Club, meets once a month, usually at City Hall. We have several members but are always glad to have new members or the return of former members.

A few years ago we had 12 clubs, one in each community, but due to ill health, deaths and old age (ugh) we have gotten

Call 731-988-5122 with news. 'Til next time, stay well and take care!

NEW FRIENDSHIP & MIFFLIN Community NEWS



VICKIE ELLIS

Hello to all from this little corner of the world. Only six days Christmas. The temperature on Sunday was 60 degrees, and it was a cloudy day. We have had rain several days this week. Friday and Saturday night will be cold, and then we head back into the 50's and 60's. I surely hope we do not have frigid temperatures to start the New Year off. I think Mother Nature is enjoying the ups and downs in the weather.

Condolences to all who have lost loved ones.

I know many people are low on funds at Christmas time for various reasons, and I am thankful for those agencies and others who try to help in any way possible. It is hard on a lot of people. Groceries are high, utilities have to be watched and medicine is also needed. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season! It is also the time of year to gather with family and friends and give thanks for our many blessings. I have friends who have lost their husbands recently, injuries to another. There are others with illnesses, and it is hard to think positively when it seems

things are at their worst. I have had to work on this for some time. I try my best to get up and be thankful for every day. As we have lost a son and my parents, I have some experience with negative thoughts. We give thanks for another day and plan on being happy. Day after day, be satisfied. We do not control one thing. We make choices and how we feel is our choice. Some people never see good, and others know there is light at the end of the road (Jesus). Try it every day. and, slowly but surely, you will become more positive and can help someone else. A friend helped me. Merry Christmas to ALL!

We enjoyed the Christmas Musical (A Journey of Hope) at Friendship Baptist Church Sunday. The choir was dressed in red or green, and the music was beautiful. The children went to the front for Bro. Glenn to tell the Christmas story. We had a potluck meal after church, and everyone was invited. We are grateful for the visitors and hope you come back any time. Thanks to all who attended.

Happy birthday to Lauren Johnson, 12-15; Derrith Cooper, Ann Hinson and Noah Azbill, 12-20; and Paula McKinney, 12-21.

Happy anniversary to Charlotte and John Webb, 12-17.

Prayer requests for Wesley Bates, Paula Berry, Georgia Burkeen, J.T. and Jeanette Butler, Jackie Chambers, Rickey Clayton, Myra Davis, James Ellis, Joie Freeman, Joey Harris, LaDawn Hayes, Danny Hodges, Brenda Hopper, Kristen Hurley, Sue Lewis, Doris McKinney, Martha Mainord, Jeff Mays, Deana Morris, Darryl Newsom, Newsom. Glenda Jim Parchman, Julia Parchman, James Parrish, Trudy Powers, Pam Priddy, Ridge Ray, Todd Rencher, Phillip and Polly Robison, Donald Rowlett, Mollie Russell, Brenda Seaton, Dyke Sells, Cathy Sisson, Penney Sparks, Jacob Thomas, Kevin Thurman, Tony Tucker, Cammi Walls, Charles Wray and Mike Young.

Also, remember our first responders, military, firefighters and enforcement officers.

"The deepest level of worship is praising God through the pain, thanking God through the trials, trusting Him when we're tempted to lose hope, and loving Him, even when He seems distant. At my lowest, God is my hope. At my darkest, God is my light. At my weakest, God is my strength. At my saddest, God is my comforter." unknown

I pray you all have a wonderful week and 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.

Chester County Retired Teachers met Dec.11

The quarterly luncheon of Chester County. meeting of Chester County Retired Teachers met at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The meeting was hosted by Freed-Hardeman University in the Hope Barber Shull Library. Gano Cafeteria provided a delicious and plentiful buffet of various dishes. The group's 22 members and several guests were welcomed by FHU President David Shannon and given updates on several ongoing campus projects and expansions. Tommie Kirk, Vice President of Student Services, also addressed the group and expressed appreciation for the years

of dedication to the students

The service project was funding the 2025 scholarship for a Chester County High School graduate. Bob Ivy blessed the meal. The pledge was led by Jo Price, and Delona Cole brought the Thought for the Day with the poem, "Be Still."

In Butler's Lorrie absence, President Keith Brown gave the treasurers report. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Delona Cole. Members were reminded to sign up for openings for upcoming parts. program Kay Robinson gave the eulogy recently deceased member, Janis McCall, with Ann Lowe adding a

humorous anecdote. The group welcomed Janis's husband, Joel, and daughter, Molly, and extended heartfelt condolences.

The program consisted

of a selection of seasonal music played by Methodist Men. Janice Brown introduced Denny Anderson on alto sax, Keith Brown on alto sax, Clay Canada on baritone and David Kyles on baritone. They all have degrees in music with three of the four also being retired music educators with a combined 83 years of teaching experience.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at noon on March 19 at Snookum's Steakhouse.





Pictures from Submitted by: James Bright Chester County Historian

Joe Fry was born May 15, 1883 to Joe and Mary Edwards Fry in Henderson. On Dec. 26, 1907, he married Helen Edwards, the daughter of John and Celeste Buckley Edwards of the Luray community. Joe Fry started working at the Chester County Bank in 1912. When the bank merged with the Farmers and Merchants Bank, he was employed as cashier until his retirement in 1942. He was a member of the Henderson Masonic Lodge 485 and received his 50year pin in 1958. He served on the city of Henderson Board of Alderman and was a Chairman of the Henderson Board Education for many years. Mr. Fry also held extensive farming interests in the

county.



Helen taught Sunday school classes for many years at the Methodist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star and was an active member of the Ingleside Book Club for several years. She died at their home at 309

1958, after several years of failing health. Joe Fry died on April 12, 1959, at the Webb-Williamson Hospital in Jackson, where he had been a patient for three months.

Joe and Helen are currently buried at the Crook Ave. on June 20, Henderson City Cemetery.

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@chestercountyindepen-

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.



OPINION/RECORDS

Gov. Lee: Why passing the Education Freedom Act matters for every Tennessee family

Education has the power to change the trajectory of a child's life forever. I saw this firsthand many years ago while mentoring a boy named Adam through an at-risk youth program. Adam had a difficult home life and was attending a school that didn't meet his unique educational needs. His grades and confidence were suffering, and his situation offered little hope for a bright future. But that wasn't the end of Adam's

After working with his guardian to place Adam a high-performing charter school, everything changed. Adam found the right educational fit where he could excel, and it transformed his life. My time spent with Adam profoundly shaped the way I view education. I witnessed the educational disparities across different incomes and zip codes, and I knew there were thousands of children like Adam who deserved better. Every child is unique. Every child has different learning styles. Every child has a different life situation. So shouldn't family-not just every the wealthy-have freedom to choose the right education for their child? Overwhelming Success in Tennessee's School **Choice Pilot Program**

That's why, when I became governor, we made school choice a top priority, passing legislation for Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) in 2019. Today, more than 3,500 students are enrolled in a participating school in Tennessee's three largest counties. As enrollment numbers continue to rise, the ESA program has earned a 99% satisfaction rate among participating families.

Still, there are thousands children across Tennessee just like Adam who may need a different

learning environment to reach their full potential. That's what Tennessee's Education Freedom Act is all about.

Putting Parents Back in the Driver's Seat

When it comes to education, parents know best, and there's a reason why school choice is sweeping the nation.

Now more than ever, parents are advocating for their right to decide what, where and how their child learns. To date, 33 states have adopted school choice measures that put parents in the driver's seat of their child's education. Parental rights were on the ballot this November, Americans-Tennesseansoverwhelmingly supporting President Trump, who has long supported school choice.

It's time that Tennessee students benefit from school choice, too. The Education Freedom Act

will empower parents in every Tennessee county with the freedom to pick the right school for their child, ensuring that families-not the government—can choose where their taxpayer dollars are spent.

Our universal school choice plan will ensure that school choice is a reality for every Tennessee childregardless of zip code or income - by reserving the first 10,000 scholarships for underserved students. **Increasing Opportunity**

Opponents claim that school choice initiatives hurt public schools, but that couldn't be further from the truth. The Education Freedom Act continue our unwavering commitment to public schools by extending a \$2,000 bonus to every Tennessee public school teacher, dedicating funds to build and maintain K-12 public school facilities and ensuring that state

funding to school districts will never decrease due to student disenrollment.

No public school district will lose resources as a result of the Education Freedom Act. In fact, they'll get more. Our total funding for public education since 2019 will reach at least \$2.5 billion with the next state budget, and in partnership with the General Assembly, we will continue to invest hundreds of millions of dollars into public education and deliver on our promise to raise starting teacher pay to a record high.

The Volunteer State can have the best public schools in America and provide parents with more choices at the same time, and it starts with Tennessee's Education Freedom Act.

In 2025, Tennessee has the opportunity to make education freedom a reality for every child, and that means a brighter future for all Tennesseans.

Did You Know?

The Oregon-based Gap Year Association notes that the exact number of students who take a gap year between high school and college is unknown. However, an overwhelming majority of students who have taken a gap year reported positive experiences. In a collaborative survey with the Institute for Survey Research at Temple University, the GYA Research Committee found that 92 percent of gap year alumni reported gaining life experiences and experiencing personal growth during their year away from formal schooling. Forty-four percent of respondents indicated they used a gap year to explore career options, while 41 percent indicated they learned a new language during their gap year.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW...

City of Henderson Police Department

December 9, 2024

Benjamin Williams, 38, Henderson, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections Misdemeanor, domestic assault - fear and vandalism under \$1,000. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$2,000 bond for a portion of his charges and no bond for the remaining.

Prentice Sims, Henderson, was arrested and charged with aggravated domestic assault – weapon and fear, possession of a schedule controlled substance simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$5,000 bond.

Collier, Tasha Henderson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

December 10, 2024

Patrick Smith, Henderson, 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.

December 12, 2024 Jaquisha Ware. 28,

Jackson, was arrested and charged with driving on canceled/revoked suspended license. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

Bradley Henley, 32, Henderson, 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.

Jonathan \$1,000 bond.

Jackson, was arrested and charged with theft of property \$1,000 to \$2,500. He is held in the Chester County Jail

City of Henderson Fire Department December 11, 2024

Freed-Hardeman Ave.. University, Hall Roland Hall, room 206, false alarm, curling iron set off alarm.

St., Chester County Middle School, false alarm, alarm set off by maintenance.

December 13, 2024

no entrapment.

Sheriff's Department

December 9, 2024 Henderson, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections - Misdemeanor. He is held in the Chester County Jail

without bond.

William, Greenfield, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. He was released from

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the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance. December 10, 2024 Allen Barham, Henderson, was arrested and

charged with violation of Community Corrections -Misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

James Hurst, 28, Finger, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections - Misdemeanor. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

Jerron Luck, Henderson, was arrested and charged with aggravated strangulation, domestic assault - offensive touching and vandalism under \$1,000. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$5,000 bond.

Michael Greear. 40. Henderson, was arrested and charged with simple possession of schedule II methamphetamine. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$2,000 bond.

December 11, 2024 Kelvin Griggs,

56, Henderson. arrested was and charged with possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of schedule V controlled substance and possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,000 bond.

December 13, 2024

Gwendolyn Bond, 48, Henderson, was arrested and charged with three counts theft of property \$1,000 or less. She is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of an \$80,000 bond.

Weston Vaughn, 35, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with knowingly providing a motor vehicle to a person under ignition interlock device order and driving without a valid driver's license. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

December 14, 2024

James Thompson, 73, Reagan, was arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated domestic assault - weapon and fear. He is held in the Chester County Jail awaiting court appearance.

December 15, 2024 Morgan King,

was arrested Savannah, and charged with contempt of court. She is held in the Chester County Jail without

Francis Geiger, 50, Finger, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

Chester County

Fire Department December 10, 2024

8:23 a.m. - Jacks Creek responding, Howard Road at State Route 100E, motor vehicle crash.

9 a.m. -Station One responding, 1965 Old Road, motor Montezuma vehicle crash.

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.



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December 13, 2024 Emma Halfenberg, 22,

Finger, was arrested and charged with assault. She was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,000 bond.

Reyes, 29, Henderson, was arrested and charged with domestic assault - offensive touching. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a

December 15, 2024 Tyshaun Hunt,

awaiting court appearance.

9:28 a.m. - 735 W. Main

St., false alarm, food on stove. **December 12, 2024** $10:38 \ a.m. - 113 \ S. \ Cason$

1:45 p.m. - 634 E. Main

7:55 a.m. - US Highway 45N at White Avenue, motor vehicle crash without injuries,

Chester County

Dwayne Deckard, 42,

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The Chester County Independent encourages letters to the editor, especially those that are deal with local issues and topics in a timely manner. In order to be considered for publication the following criteria must be met:

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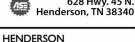
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The brothers sold Joseph to Ishmaelite traders and he ended up in Egypt where he became a servant of Potiphar's palace.

Potiphar's wife made advances for the well built and handsome Joseph but he resisted her advances. Feeling scorned, she accused Joseph of making advances and he was thrown into prison. The Lord was with Joseph and he gained favor in the prison warden's eyes.

The Egyptian Pharaoh had dreams that Joseph was able to interpret. These dream warned
Pharaoh of a coming seven year famine
with seven years of plenty preceding
the famine.

This warning prompted Pharach to prepare by storing grain in the years of plenty.

Joseph was put in charge of gathering and storing the grain.

When the famine came to the land of Jacob, his sons traveled to Egypt to buy grain. On their second trip Joseph revealed his identity and invited his brothers to return home and bring their father and his family to Egypt.

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

described property: Situated in the Sixth Civil District, Chester County, Tennessee, more particularly bounded described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the East margin of Morning View Drive, which point is the Northwest corner of Lot 14 and the Southwest corner of the herein described tract: thence, from the point of beginning and with the East margin of the Morning View Drive, North 27 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds East 106.31 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 16; thence, with the South line of Lot 16, South 72 degrees 11 minutes 07 seconds East 130.84 feet to the Northeast corner of the herein described tract; thence South 33 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds West 117.12 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 14; thence, with the North line of Lot 14, North 68 degrees 18 minutes 37 seconds West 117.59 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.312 acres as surveyed by Reasons Engineering & Associates, Inc., R.L.S. No. 508 on August 30, 1999 being known as Lot 15 of the Morning View Subdivision.

Being the same parcel conveyed to Greg Lipford from Dana Lipford, by virtue of a deed dated 12/5/2016, recorded 02/22/2017, in Deed Book 418, Page 110, as Instrument No. 55764 County of Chester, State of Tennessee. Assessor's Parcel

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Property: GREG LIPFORD The street address of the above described property is believed to be 328 Morning View Cove, Henderson, TN 38340, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any

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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, 2024, were issued to the Charliegh Kelley by the Chancery Court of Chester County, Tennessee.

All persons, residents 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;

(1) (A) Four (4)

months from the date of the first publication 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

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actual copy of the notice to creditors the creditor 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 (1)(A);(12)Twelve

(2) from months the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement the undersigned at once.

This the 3 day of December, 2024.

E. Barnett Sara Charles H. Barnett, IV Attorney Personal Representation Barnett Spragins, Cobb, **PLC** E. Lafayette 312 So. | P.O. Box 2004 Jackson, TN 39302-2004

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Riverside takes two from Chester County

By Caneisha Turner Sports Writer

The Riverside Panthers came to Eagle territory last Tuesday night and came away with two hard fought victories.

Despite the loss, the Lady Eagles played their best game of the season putting 56 points on the board. They had averaged 25 points per game in their first five games of the season. They ended the night down six, losing 56-62.

For the first time this season the Lady Eagles led at the end of the first quarter 17-16.

Ester Osburn started off

the second quarter with a three-pointer for the Eaglettes but missed shots and rebounds gave Riverside the opportunity to go ahead at the half 35-22.

The Lady Eagles scored 11 points in the third but gave up 17.

Down 33-52 as the final period began, the Lady Eagles tightened up their shooting game and closed the margin to six at the final

The leading scorer for the night was JuJu Prather with 20; Alexis Rivers, Karley Heinsohn and Kloe Taylor with seven each; Hannah Cherry, Savannah

Williams and Georganna Pickens with four each; and Ester Osburn with three points.

The Eagles took the floor in the finale and were able to put 57 points on the board against Riverside but could not hold them back, losing 65-57.

Jayden Williams led the Eagles scoring with 22 points. He was followed by Aiden Welch with 20; Christian Halford with six; Jayce Goff with five that included a three-pointer; and Peyton Barham and Christian Swift each with two. The Eagles were also 12-18 from the charity stripe.



A Riverside defender attempts to take the ball away from Kloe Taylor during last Tuesday night's game.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



Jayden Williams shoots for two of his 22 points in the game against Riverside last Tuesday night.

Photo by Caneisha Turner

Eagles drop two at Madison Academic

Academic last Friday night, the Eagles and Eaglettes both took one on the chin, making for a winless week of high school basketball for Chester County.

The Lady Eagles are still searching for its first win of the season, losing 33-50 against the Lady Mustangs.

In the opening period Eaglette JuJu Prather's shooting accounted for all four points, ending the quarter down five to Madison 4-9.

Prather, Ester Osburn, Kloe Taylor, and a three pointer by Savannah Williams in the second quarter kept Chester County in

The Lady Eagles struggled in the third with missed shots and the inability to control the ball but were able to put 11 more points on the board with scoring by Prather, Alexis Rivers and Karley Heinsohn that included a three pointer. The score was 23-36 at the end of the quarter.

Osburn and Prather each scored in the fourth. Heinsohn nailed her second three of the night, but it was not enough to overcome Madison's lead.

Leading scorers for the Lady Eagles were Prather with 12; Heinsohn with 10;

Traveling to Madison range, down 12-23 at the Osburn with four; Williams with three; and Rivers and Taylor each with two

> points. The boys game began with Madison putting the first five points on the scoreboard. Eagles Aiden Welch, Jayden Williams and a three-pointer by Christian Halford kept the game close at the end of the first, down one point,

The Eagles kept it close in the second period with scoring by Williams and a three pointer by Jayce Goff. The half ended with the Eagles down two, 15-17.

Madison began the third quarter with a series of three pointers, boosting their lead to 31-15. The Eagles added 10 points to their total with baskets by Welch, Williams and Halford, ending the quarter down 25-36.

Down 11 going into the



JuJu Prather brings the ball down the court in Friday night's game against Madison Academic. Prather led the scoring with 12 points.

Photo by Caneisha Turner





Miller Willis is pictured working his way through traffic toward the basket to score in last Monday night's game against Adamsville. The Junior Eagles lost 42-51. Willis was the leading scorer with 26. Izaiah Armstrong scored six, followed by Marlon Massengille with five; Johntae McNeal and Jackson Welch each scored two followed by Payton Dickerson with one.

Photos by Caneisha Turner



Chester County Junior High Head Coach Wes Murphy talks with his players during a timeout in last Monday night's game against Adamsville. The Lady Eagles were defeated 25-34. Izzy Knipper led the scoring for the Eaglettes with 10; Makayla Bridges with six; Leura Rowsey with five; and Kamora Clark and Amilli Eanes each had two points. Photos by Caneisha Turner



FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS



Lion basketball escapes Running Eagles

Freed-Hardeman University were driven down to the wire by a scrappy Life (Ga.) University Running Eagle team, but the men in maroon and white were able to hit late 3-pointers before sealing the 85-80 win with free throws.

After Makai Vassell got things started with a jumper, the Lions (13-1) watched as Life bucketed eight unanswered points including two 3-pointers. The Lions were aided by triples from Ryley McClaran and Sam Powell to right the ship before Blake Dean's 3-pointer gave the Lions back the lead. Freed-Hardeman never had a safe lead with Life answering every bucket. For FHU, the ranged attack was ben-

The No. 3 Lions of eficial with Powell tallying another at 5:21 before Jordan Stephens, Dean, and Jayson Nixon's 3-pointers helping give FHU their largest lead at intermission at 37-29. It was the FHU bench that proved the difference-makers in the first half. With every statistical category nearly even after the first 20 minutes, the Lion's bench scored 21 points to Life's nine.

The Life (9-4) team came out the locker room white hot by scoring 10 unanswered points to start the half and forcing an FHU timeout after claiming the lead 40-39. Triples from Peyton Law and Nixon would put the score back in favor of the Lions, but during the game, the Lions and the Running Eagles

and drew even three times. Phil Horton's old-fashioned three-point play at for the final time before a thunderous dunk from Geraldo Lane lit a fire under the Lions who would score seven unanswered points to jump to a 70-61 advantage. Chaze Harris and Tyreke Johnson were the only Running Eagles to score the rest of the game, but they kept Life within two possessions the remainder of the game including a set of free throws making the score 80-78 with 19 seconds to go. Thankfully for FHU, Nixon, Stephens, and Law were able to hit their free throws late to put ice on the 85-80 victory.

The turnover battle was

swapped leads six times close - FHU forcing 15 turnovers while committing 11 - the Lions took advantage of those giveaways, 7:54 save the Lions the lead scoring 20 points off of turnovers while Life managed four. Again the Lion's depth paid dividends with FHU's bench bucketing 46 points to Life's 18.

> Phil Horton was the leading scorer for the Lions, going 6-7 from the free-throw line to score 14. Right behind him was Sam Powell who went 3-7 from deep to score 13. Peyton Law extended his double-digit point streak to nine with 10 points. Law has scored 10+ points in 13 of FHU's 14 games. Horton and Law both grabbed five rebounds while Jordan Stephens had six assists in the win.

Women overcome slow start, finish with win

Despite scoring the fewest points in a quarter all season, the (RV) Freed-Hardeman University Lady Lions had another big fourth quarter to keep their unbeaten start alive with a 67-45 victory over Life (Ga.) University in the first game of the Life U Classic.

Both the Lady Lions (12-0) and the Running Eagles were ice cold in the first quarter, combining to go 6-19 from the floor. Rachel Satterly's jumper put the first points on the board at 8:01 before Kaylee Odom and Lilly Kee joined with layups. A late jumper from Life in the final minute made the score 8-6 at the end of the first ten minutes. The eight scored by FHU was the lowest in a single quarter this season.

Expecting the Lady Lions and their NAIA-leading 3-point play, the Life Running Eagles (8-5) played fantastic perimeter defense by not allowing a single 3-pointer to fall in the first half, forcing FHU to go 0-10 in the first half. Thankfully for FHU, Odom was playing lights-out post offense with seven points across one minute. All 12 points scored from the floor came inside the key for FHU with Kee's layup at 1:32 giving the Lady Lions a 22-18 lead at the break. Adapting well to the de-

fense, the Lady Lions only attempted one 3-pointer in the third quarter, again scoring all of their field goals in the paint. Kee also had a solid quarter at the charity stripe, going 4-6. Meanwhile, the long ball was falling for Life, narrowing the gap to start the fourth quarter down three with a 38-35 Freed-Hardeman lead.

As has been the case all season, the floodgates opened for the Lady Lions at the most opportune time: in the fourth quarter. Satterly got the collective monkey off the back of the team by sinking FHU's first 3-pointer in the first shot of the quarter to spark a 6-0 run. The Running Eagles answered in turn with backto-back triples to make the score 44-43. The 3-pointer at 5:53 proved to be the last shot from the floor Life had fall with the Lady Lions forging ahead with a 12-0 run capped by a 3-pointer from Carissa Curtis. Across the last five minutes of the game. Freed-Hardeman out-scored Life 23-2 to escape the first game of the Life U Classic with a 67-45 victory over the hosts.

The Lady Lions were dominant down low, out-rebounding Life 41-30 while scoring 34 points in the paint to the Running Eagles' eight. With their strong ball-handling skills, the Lady Lions dished out 17 assists.

Kaylee Odom had her best night of the season, going 8-11 to help her eclipse 20 points for the first time this year. Carissa Curtis was right behind her by tallying 17 points. Lilly Kee chipped in with 10 points. Curtis led the rebounding with eight with Brooklyn Crouch and Rachel Satterly both dishing out six helpers with Satterly tying her career-high.



JULIA MILLER - OCT. 4, 1936 - DEC. 13. 2024

Miller, 88, of Enville passed away Dec. 13,

Julia Louise Crowe Health & Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services were 2 p.m. 2024, at the Henderson Tuesday, Dec. 17, at

Faith Baptist Church Cemetery with Bro. Rick Babin officiating. She was born Oct. 4, 1936.

Study shows drop in use of antiviral medications in young children with influenza

Despite national medical guidelines supporting the use of antiviral medications young children diagnosed with influenza, a recent study reports an underuse of the treatment.

"Antiviral Use Among Children Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Illness: Prospective, Multicenter Surveillance Study" was published in Clinical Infectious Diseases, the flagship journal of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Flu illness accounts for up to 10% of all pediatric hospitalizations during the winter season in the United States.

While guidelines recommend all hospitalized children with suspected or confirmed influenza receive prompt treatment with influenza-specific antivirals regardless of symptom duration or vaccination, results study show adherence to guidelines fall short.

'Our findings limited use of antivirals in hospitalized children with influenza illness is concerning," said James Antoon, MD, PhD, MPH, assistant professor Pediatrics at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. "We found that almost half of hospitalized children did not receive antiviral therapy despite widely endorsed recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control

(CDC), Infectious Diseases Society of America and American Academy of Pediatrics. Use of these antivirals reduce how long children have symptoms prevent influenza complication."

Antoon, along with Justin Amarin, MD, coled a multicenter study of a cohort of children hospitalized with confirmed flu diagnosis at seven pediatric medical centers in the CDC New Vaccine Surveillance Network (NVSN) between Dec. 1. 2016 and March 31, 2020. A total of 1,213 children with lab-confirmed flu were included.

Among with those research clinical or influenza testing, only half received antiviral treatment and among those with clinical influenza testing by a physician, almost twothirds received an antiviral.

Study findings also saw almost 37% of hospitalized infants younger than 6 months old, who are not eligible for flu vaccination, did not receive an antiviral.

"The low use of influenza antivirals shows the need for additional efforts to understand the barriers to treatment and improving clinical testing. Improved antiviral treatment critical for optimizing care in this population of patients," said Antoon.

Natasha Halasa, MD, PhD, Craig Weaver Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric

Infectious Diseases Monroe Carell, served as the site principal investigator.

"Data from two national influenza surveillance networks indicate that antiviral treatment hospitalized children and adolescents with influenza has declined from 70%-86% during the 2017-2018 season to less than 60% in 2023-2024," noted Halasa.

"Only 30% of children adolescents higher risk for influenza complications prescribed antivirals during outpatient visits."

These findings mentioned by Halasa were published in the CDC digest Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on Nov. 14.

Antoon said antiviral treatment results in shorter symptom duration, lower risk of developing subsequent pneumonia and sinusitis and otitis media infections. Some data suggests that use of antivirals is associated with decreases in hospital length of stay, use of mechanical ventilation and intensive care unit admissions.

"Future studies should also focus on improving influenza testing and prompt antiviral treatment for children with influenzaassociated hospitalizations as well as standardizing care both within and across institutions," he said.

DAVID ROSS – MARCH 31, 1949 – DEC. 13, 2024

David Brent Ross, 75, of Beech Bluff passed away Dec. 13, 2024, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were

11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Shackelford Directors Funeral Crook Avenue with Bro. Manning Garrett officiating. Burial followed at East Laurel

Baptist Church Cemetery in Jackson. The family received friends at Crook Avenue from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday.

He was born March 31, 1949.

What to expect when donating blood

Donating blood is a selfless act that benefits countless individuals each day. The need for a steady blood supply is ongoing. In July 2024, the American Red Cross faced an emergency blood shortage after its national blood inventory fell by more than 25 percent. The Red Cross recently reported its lowest donor turnout in 20 years. There may be different reasons why people do not give blood, and confusion the process could be one of them.

The process of donating blood is simple, safe and quick. Although each organization may run a blood drive differently, here is what a blood donor can expect of the donation process.

· Register for the blood drive at an organization close to you. Many groups require you make an appointment, but some may accept walk-ins.

· Get plenty of rest and stay hydrated the day before the donation appointment. Also, set aside your identification. The type of identification needed may vary by donation center.

· The day of the donation, be sure to wear a short-sleeved shirt or one with sleeves that can be rolled up.

Arrive for appointment and complete a mini-physical and health history. Your temperature and blood pressure may be taken, and other vital signs may be checked. The attendant will ask questions about behaviors or illnesses that may exclude you from being able to donate blood.

· You may undergo a finger prick to test whether you are anemic, or when your body doesn't produce enough red blood cells or hemoglobin.

During the donation whole blood, 500 milliliters, or roughly 17 ounces, will be collected. A phlebotomist will cleanse an area on your arm and insert a new, sterile needle for the blood draw. The quick pinch is over in seconds. For a donation of platelets, a special machine called an apheresis machine will be connected to both arms.

· A whole blood donation takes about eight to 10 minutes to complete, during which you can be seated comfortably or lie down. For platelets, the machine will collect a small amount of blood, remove the platelets, and return the rest of the blood through the other arm. This cycle repeats several times for a period of about two hours. Bandages will be placed on your arm at the conclusion

of the donation where any needles were removed.

· Following the blood draw, you'll be allowed to rest and recover. There likely will be small snacks and beverages in a refreshment area. After around 10 to 15 minutes, you'll be allowed to leave and continue your normal routine.

· It's best to avoid vigorous activities for at least four hours after the donation. Make an effort to remain hydrated for two days following the donation.

· While most donors feel fine afterwards, it is not uncommon to experience mild dizziness, lightheadedness, fatigue, or bruising and pain at the draw site. These symptoms resolve fairly should quickly.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says you can donate blood and blood products at these intervals:

- Whole blood donation: 56 days

- Platelet donation: 7 days

Double red cell donation: 112 days

- Plasma donation: 28

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Open your eyes to the threat of glaucoma

It is easy to take sight for granted when eyes are working as they should. When vision begins to diminish, people may seek the advice of an eye professional to determine if there is something they can do to prevent further deterioration.

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, advises the Cleveland Clinic. Unlike some other vision problems like cataracts that affect the lens or surface of the eye, glaucoma impacts the optic nerve directly. However, blindness from glaucoma often can be prevented with early treatment.

Under pressure

Glaucoma is brought on by abnormal pressure buildup in the eye. The American Academy of Ophthalmology® says the eye constantly makes a substance known as aqueous humor. When new aqueous humor flows into the eye, existing aqueous humor should drain out through an area called the drainage angle. But if the drainage angle is not working correctly, the fluid builds up and intraocular pressure in the eye increases. Over time, this pressure damages the optic nerve. The primary function of the optic nerve is to transmit visual information from the retina to the brain.

Open-angle and closedangle glaucoma

The most common type of glaucoma is known as open-angle glaucoma, which occurs when the drainage angle becomes blocked or there is resistance to the fluid draining out, says the Cleveland Clinic. This disease may go undetected for years because most people do not experience symptoms early on. The Mayo Clinic says gradual development of blind spots in peripheral vision and, in later stages, difficulty seeing things in central vision may occur.

In closed-angle glaucoma, also called angle-closure glaucoma, a person's iris is very close to the drainage angle and the iris itself can end up blocking the drainage angle. When the drainage angle becomes completely blocked, pressure in the eye can rapidly increase. The AAO says this is known as an acute attack and is a true emergency that can result in blindness. Signs of an acute attack include:

- · Suddenly blurry vision
- · Severe eye pain · Headache
- · Nausea

· Vomiting

· Rainbow-colored rings or halos appearing around

Glaucoma risk factors

Glaucoma can affect anyone, but the risk increases with age (over 60) and is higher among Black and Hispanic populations. Asian and Inuit populations are more susceptible to closed-angle glaucoma, says the Cleveland Clinic. People with diabetes also have a much higher risk of getting glaucoma. In addition, individuals with a family history of glaucoma; people with high blood pressure; and people with previous eye injury or surgery are at risk for glaucoma.

Treatment

The main treatment for glaucoma includes prescription eye drops that will decrease fluids and improve drainage in the eye. Laser therapy also may be recommended to help improve fluid drainage. Surgery also can achieve better eye pressure, but it is more invasive and additional methods may be tried first.

Glaucoma is something to take lightly. Routine eye exams that measure intraocular pressure can help determine if eyes are healthy.

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Good Grief

Life is Precious

By David Coy Good Grief

Life is a beautiful gift, as is our God given freedom to choose, which some people want to take away or severely restrict. When this happens, eventually, others will resist that restriction on their freedom to choose, and, regrettably, this had gotten some people killed. The so-called civilized world has turned a blind eye to these atrocities saying it is not their business. We are not our neighbor's keeper? Well, how is that working out? One such example is a young 26 year old lady who lost her life in Evin prison with a bullet to the head as a political prisoner. Evin prison was well known for torture, abuse and control of mind and body. Afterward, her family were sent her bloody clothing, the bullet and a bill for the bullet. Her death was part of a mass execution in 1988. It is estimated that 5,000 or more political

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crime worthy of death.

Such cruelties happen all

over the world.

As we enter the holiday season that seeks celebrate love and good cheer, this is the perfect time to add to our prayer list the countless that are oppressed, held as captives, or are the innocent victims of man's inhumanity to man in countless other ways. Many in the name of politics or human religion people are kidnapped, raped, married in their adolescent years, sold into slavery or something else. Let us also remember the countless families left behind who mourn their separation from those who have been taken or murdered in the name of false gods for their pseudo-honor. Matthew



David Coy

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