

4th Quarter 2019

10/01/19 – 12/31/19

WRQR 97.5 FM and AM 1000

NEWS: 8-2:22 minutes of local news, covering events, government meetings, city and county.

CITY TALK: 15-30 minutes coverage of what's happening in the city and county. This program is hosted by the city and/or county mayor and the program runs each Saturday at 8 am.

CHAMBER SPEAKS: Live interview with the Henry County Chamber director talking about local events that the Chamber is involved in, in the community.

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Big Crowd Attends, Food Added to FUMC Pantry on \$2 Movie Night



Paris, Tenn.- Chilly weather didn't stop a big crowd from showing up with two in-date food items to help stop the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry Thursday night during the annual \$2 movie night at the Parisian Theatre. Movie goers got into the movie of their choice for \$2 when bringing two food items. The partnership between the Parisian Theatre, the Peddler Advantage, WLZK 94.1FM the Lake, and First United Methodist Church continued to provide this program again this November. (Garry Ann Smith photos)

American Red Cross

During this season of giving, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give the gift of life to help ensure patients don't have to worry about the availability of blood this winter. Blood and platelet donations of all types are needed, especially type O.

Holiday travel and severe winter weather often lead to a decline in blood donations. However, a patient's need for lifesaving treatment doesn't take a vacation or stop for nasty weather. Blood and platelets are needed every day for those receiving treatment for cancer and leukemia, accident and burn victims and surgical patients, among others.

As a special thank you for being the lifeline for patients this holiday season, those who come out to give blood or platelets with the Red Cross now through Jan. 5 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the free [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

How to donate blood- Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass[®] to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](#) or use the Blood Donor App.

Blankets For Kids

Paris, Tenn.--This Christmas every child in the Paris Special Schools District got the gift of a blanket, thanks to local businesses and citizens who came together to make this generous donation. The businesses and citizens--who want to remain anonymous--came together to play secret Santa for every child at Rhea, Paris Elementary and Inman Schools who received new blankets. Kids were so happy with their gifts that many stayed wrapped in their blankets the rest of the school day and many parents have commented that their children and their blanket have been inseparable at home, too. Sara Beth Patterson, in photo, enjoyed hers so much she didn't want to stop snuggling. (Kim Patterson photo).



City, County Investigating Thefts

Paris, Tenn.- HCSO responded to a call of a stolen truck on Jones Bend Rd. The owner had gone out of town for a few days and when he returned his 2001 blue Chevy truck which was full of toolboxes and tools was missing. A total of four toolboxes in the bed of the truck as well as everything from hand saws to drills was inside the cab of the truck. The value of the truck was estimated at \$5K and the tools at \$8K.

Officers believe this may be the same Chevy truck that was found on Grooms Rd. two days before which was deemed a total loss due to fire damage. This investigation has been turned over to CID.

Paris Police has investigated a Break In at Biohazard room at HCMC by ex-employee. Nurses noticed a suspicious person lurking around bio hazard room at the hospital. They saw someone go into said room and went to investigate.

The suspicious female was going through the Sharps containers which store used syringes and vials of various medicines. When confronted the female left out of the emergency room door. The female was identified as Dana Freeze, age 44, of Hornsbeak, who had been terminated from the hospital on 12-19-18. A warrant for burglary has been issued.

PPD responded to a call of theft at E. Blythe St. on Saturday. A Lawn Pros work truck was parked in the driveway of the residence. When the owner went out to the truck the next morning he noticed his Dewalt 6ga 165 PSI air compressor valued at \$200 and green air hose valued at \$35 had been stolen from the bed of the truck. There are no suspects at this time.

PPD responded to a call of theft at Byrd Rd. The owner of a 90's model Yamaha 250 Timber Wolf ATV, gray in color with a camo seat and camo down the sides of the tank, valued at \$1500.00 was missing along with a 5x8 black utility trailer valued at \$400.00, and a 10ft aluminum extension ladder. The trailer with the items on it had been parked across the street from the home. There are no suspects at this time.

CASA Chili Cook-off For Children

Paris, Tenn.-CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates is holding a Chili Cook Off for Children! The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 5pm until 7pm in the Enoch Building at the Paris Fairgrounds. Awards include Grand Chili Champion, People's Choice Award and Best Theme, Costume, and Decorated booth. There will be great food, live music, games for children, door prizes, and fellowship. Come and eat! The cost is \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door for adults. Children are \$5.00 in advance, and \$7.50 at the door, kids under 3 eat free. Please come out and support the CASA Foster Children of Henry County!

Donations Sought for No Blue Christmas Toy Store

Paris, Tenn.- The NO Blue Christmas Toy Store serves families with children who are low income, some of which have suffered from abuse and neglect, or are in non-parental custody and those that have only recently entered safe, loving homes.

NO Blue Christmas wants to ensure that these children experience a happy holiday season that they will hold in their hearts forever. Last year thanks to community generosity, the program helped over 158 children and families. This year's goal is to collect 400+ toys for over 200 children.

They are asking the community to help them collect NEW TOYS, BOOKS, GAMES or GIFT CARDS for children of ages (3-18) at a suggested value of \$5-15. They are also accepting monetary donations in any amount. Donations can be dropped off November 22nd through December 13th at the 24th Judicial District office, 101 West Blythe Street, Paris, TN 38242. You may call ahead to schedule a time to deliver your unwrapped gifts/donation or for pick up by one of the volunteers @ 731-644-9191.

Festival of Trees Opens Up, Winners Announced



Mockingbird Catering Tree took first in Most Traditional Tree

By: Tim Alsobrooks

Paris, Tenn.- The 2019 Festival of Trees opened to the public Tuesday morning at the Chamber Coffee at the Paris 5 and 10 Center located directly across from the front square of the courthouse downtown.

Some pre-judged category winners were announced to open up the Festival of Trees Tuesday morning. In Most Traditional, 1st Place went to Mockingbird Catering, 2nd Place to Tennessee Valley Community Church, and 3rd Place HCMC.

For Most Creative, 1st Place went to BPU, 2nd Place to the W.G. Rhea Library, and 3rd place to the Carl Perkins Center. Out of the box award to Sweet Jordan's Laundry Company.

HCHD Closing Portion of Gum Springs Road Immediately

Paris, Tenn.- The Henry County Highway Department will close Gum Springs Road immediately at the bridge North of Brown Road. It will be closed until further notice for Bridge Repair. Herrondale Road can be used for alternate routes.

HCSO Graduates 20 New Reserve Officers



Paris, Tenn.- The Henry County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the graduation of 20 new SRO Reserve Deputies. The group has been through over 120 hours of training in various aspects of law enforcement, however, much of it was geared towards school safety and security. This group of men and women will now join along the current SROs throughout the city and county to bring extra help through the school year. During the graduation awards were given to the top performers in certain categories. They are -Emergency Vehicle Operations - Robby Smith, Academic Award - Robby Smith, Firearms - Randy Mabe, Best overall in class - Larry Hale

Henry High School Band Chili Supper and Auction

Paris, Tenn.— The Henry County High School Band will be hosting their annual chili supper on Tuesday, November 5th. Tickets are on sale for the chili supper and silent auction fundraiser on Tuesday, November 5th at the First United Methodist Church in Paris. The event will be held from 11 am til 2 pm and 4:30 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 and includes chili, hot dogs, dessert, and a drink.

To go orders are also available. The silent auction will be held during the day with a variety of items available.

Several items have already been donated, items include two movies autographed by Summer Crockett Moore and Tony Glazer; as well as a Playbill autographed by Cherry Jones, Daniel Radcliffe, and Bobby Cannavale for the play "Lifespan Of A Fact" in which they appeared on Broadway. There are also four-section baskets with Paris/Henry County items, bonfire spa and family fun game night items; a hand-crafted sign by FFA Advisor Ryan Inman; items from Jack Jones, Lura Lee's Gift Shoppe, Paula Kelley's, the Gold Nook, Butler and Harber, Moon's Jewelers, the Iron Place, Southern Roots, and gift certificates and/or donations from Pepper's, Joe and Jerry's, the Paris Civic Center and more.

Inman Middle School Holiday Food Drive

Paris, Tenn.- On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Inman Middle School of the Paris Special School District ended their Holiday Food Drive.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades competed to see who could contribute the most food to the Paris, Henry County Food Bank.

The school collected 3,223 food items.

The top contributors were;

Ms. Emma Mayo's 6th grade class, #1 with 882 items,

Ms. Landa Elizondo's 6th grade class, #2 with 629 food items and

Ms. Lori McClain's 7th grade class, #3 with 237.

All three classes will receive a pizza party sponsored by the Paris Police Department and the Henry County Food Bank.

Pictured is Ms. Mayo's winning class, Paris Police and Paris Public Works. Photo by C. Elizondo



Market Street Bakery Ribbon Cutting

Paris, Tenn.- There was a large supportive crowd at the Market Street bakery Friday afternoon to welcome our newest business to the court square. The official ribbon cutting took place. There were smiles and tears of happiness from the owner, Wendy Wratten as wellwishers surrounded her to congratulate her on her new journey. Wratten stated " If they can think it, I can make it". She has beautiful and creative designs on her display cakes and it was heard that she makes the Best macarons! Come and check out her shop located at 112c N. Market St., call (731) 641-1222 or find her on facebook.



Paris City Cemetary Cleanup

The cleanup of the Old Paris Cemetary on Saturday was undertaken by hard working, caring supporters of this town's history. The City of Paris provided water for the team to use in their efforts. They use a cleaner called D2 in the cleaning of the tombstones as it is not as harsh on the old stone as bleach and pressure washing. They have had assistance in raising some of the monuments out of the dirt and standing them up to be cleaned and observed. There will be a Dedication next spring for one of the graves belonging to David Edward **Jackson** who gave his name to the valley of Jackson Hole, Wyoming after a winter spent on the shores of **Jackson** Lake. Photos and story by Kristina Dufresne



Tennessee County Health Departments Now Offering Free Flu Vaccine

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The flu vaccine is now being offered at no charge to patients at Tennessee's county health department clinics as long as supplies last. Seasonal influenza is now widespread across Tennessee, but it's not too late to get a flu shot!

"I urge anyone who has not received a flu shot this flu season to get one as soon as possible," said Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. "It's extremely important for young children, the elderly and pregnant women to receive a flu vaccine because they are at the most serious risk for illness or death from influenza."

Vaccine supplies will vary from county to county, so contact your local health department for information on getting a flu vaccine. To find a county health department near you, visit www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html. In addition to health department clinics run by TDH across the state, free flu vaccine is also available now at the Shelby County Health Department in Memphis and the Metro Public Health Department in Nashville.

After getting the flu vaccine, it's still important to wash your hands with soapy water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers and cover coughs and sneezes with a sleeve or tissue to help prevent the spread of illness. People who are sick should stay home to recover and to prevent spreading illness to co-workers, friends and others.

Learn more about preventing seasonal flu at www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/index.html.

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