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This photo shows a simulated baby drop off at a Safe Haven Baby Box. The real locations do not have cameras installed to ensure confidentiality.

Safe Haven Baby Box to be installed in county

BY JEFF SOPLAND
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When Mike Frye, president of the Mt. Washington Lions Club (see sidebar), was asked why he was interested in raising money for a Safe Haven Baby Box, he replied “To open eyes, and to educate. This could possibly change the life of a mother or baby. The community donates their money at the monthly fish fries and other fundraising events, so we wanted to give back to the community. This is a gift that we hope is never needed.”

The club gave a presentation to the Mt. Washington Fire Department Board of Directors on Oct. 26. When asked if they wanted to partner in installing and maintaining a Safe Haven Baby Box, fire chief Micheal

Dooley stated “Absolutely, we want to be a part of this project.” The board then voted unanimously to go forward with the planning and implementation.

Frye said that the club was originally going to only cover the \$10,000 for the cost of the box, but then decided to try to also cover the cost of installation. That estimate was between \$4,000 and \$6,000. Also, the club is willing to pay for monitoring the box for the first year. An additional \$5,000 was raised, making the grand total \$15,000.

The baby box will be installed at station number one, located at 772 North Bardstown Road in Mt. Washington sometime mid January. The station

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A true Community Christmas

Taylorsville Community Church coordinated its Adopt-a-Child event to help provide a Christmas to many kids in Spencer County.

There were many ways for members of the community to participate, such as sponsoring a child, providing wrapping paper and/or tape for presents, organizing and/or wrapping incoming gifts, or what I chose to do this year, going shopping with a child and their wish list.

Thursday night, 30 children were driven by bus to Meijer on Westport Road in Louisville to spend an allocated \$300 each for clothing and gifts. Although they try to get a volunteer per child for a one-on-one experience, there were a few that had to assist two children at once.

I was paired with a 12-year-old sixth grader. We started in the clothing department, as each child is to get articles of clothing like shirts,

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SPENCER CIRCUIT COURT INDICTMENTS

The following indictment was handed down by the Spencer County Circuit Court on Nov. 24

Christa L. Hall, 4918 Raven Road, Louisville, was indicted on one count illegal possession of a controlled substance, first degree, schedule 1, heroin, a class D felony, and one count illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, stemming from an incident on July 10.

The following indictments were handed down by the Spencer County Circuit Court on Dec. 1:

James Caisse, 70 Parkers Cove, Taylorsville, was indicted on 11 counts distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor, a class D felony, stemming from an incident on June 20.

Joseph Aragon, 2709 Castle Highway, Eminence, was indicted on one count illegal possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, methamphetamine, a class D felony, two counts tampering with physical evidence, a class D felony, and one count illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, stemming from an incident on August 11.

Walter Curtis, 1162 Westbay Avenue, San Leandro, CA, was indicted on one count trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, methamphetamine, under 2 grams, a class C felony, one count illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, one count operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, and one count careless driving, stemming from an incident on Oct. 26.

The following indictments were handed down by the Spencer County Circuit Court on Dec. 2:

Justin W. Shipp, 3026 Nepperhan Road, Louisville, was indicted one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree, a class D felony, stemming from an incident on April 8.

Matthew R Waits, 585 Goodlett Road, Mount Eden, was indicted on one count trafficking in marijuana (five pounds or more), a class C felony, and one count trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, drug unspecified under 10 units, a class C felony, stemming from an incident on Dec. 29.

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The Lady Bears winning streak comes to an end
The Lady Bears lose their last two away games after starting the season out strong with a 4-0 winning streak. On Thursday, the loss came via Anderson County with a final score of 38-50.

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Chamber Christmas luncheon has 'extra dirty' Dirty Santa exchange

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The Spencer County-Taylorsville Chamber of Commerce held its Chamber Christmas Luncheon at the Tanglewood Golf Course Barn on Thursday. The food was catered by Fresh Take Market and music was supposed to be provided by the Spencer County High School Choir, but it had finals that day.

After everyone introduced themselves and Jim Hodge provided the prayer, attendees helped themselves to sandwiches, potato salad, chips, and cookies. After that was when the fun began.

The annual Dirty Santa game began with no rules. Chamber Secretary Teresa Winkler announced to the room “Today there is not a limit on how many times a present can be stolen. This makes it extra fun, extra dirty!”

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Just under 30 people attended the Chamber's Christmas Luncheon inside The Barn at Tanglewood Golf Course on Thursday.



JEFF SOPLAND/The Spencer Magnet

A husband and wife team were the 'life of the potty' at the Chamber Christmas Party on Thursday. Chris and Jessica Brown with Miller Document Solutions both individually picked out toilet-themed gifts during the Dirty Santa present exchange.

Happy Birthday Jesus!
"Let us adore Him"



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