

Parade of Lights this Saturday, Dec. 6



Above: A scene from Parade of Lights 2024. The Christmas Parade of Lights 2025 will take place this Saturday Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. All participants will begin lining up after 4:30 p.m. behind the Jakel building. Tree lighting will take place on court square with local entertainment. The Best In Parade Winner will be announced on court square after the parade.

Santa at library Sunday afternoon

On Sunday, Dec. 7, Cookies with Santa will be held 2-4 p.m. at The Hickman County Memorial Library on Craig Lane (the library is across the road from Clinton Bank - entrance on Mayfield Road side). Bring your camera and letters for Santa! The library's Smithsonian exhibit will also be available for viewing and will run through the month of December.



Justin Turner of Clinton, Ky., captured this drone footage of the decorations on the lawn of the Hickman County Courthouse (this view Hyw. 51 side).

Free meals for the public Saturday, Dec. 20

The West Kentucky #1 Stunnas are having a December Community Meal on Saturday, Dec. 20 starting at 11 a.m. until food is gone. It will be held at the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center in Clinton, Ky. The meal

includes chicken and dressing, green beans, corn, mac & cheese, sweet potatoes, rolls and desserts. Water will be provided for drinks.



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Hickman County School System to provide free holiday meals for community Dec. 11

By GAYE BENCINI

The Hickman County Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday evening, Nov. 25 in the board office. Present were Superintendent Heather Spillman, Finance Officer Kim Wilson, Board Members Matt Latham, Klint Kimbell, Stephanie Grubbs, and Caleb Deweese, Elementary School Principal Tiffany Ray, Christel Nall, director of Pre-school and director of Special Education, and guests Holly Burgess, Harlee Carter, Jaedon Peyton, and Gaye Bencini

There will be two runs for free holiday meals provided by the Hickman County School System on Thursday, Dec. 11. The first run will be from 3:15-4:15 p.m., drive through, with student volunteers giving out the to-go meals. The second run will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for dine-in or to-go meals. Superintendent Heather Spillman

told the Hickman County Board of Education last Tuesday night that school Family Resource Director Kelly Terry, and Food Service Director Lindsey Cunningham had taken on overseeing this special event, and students have volunteered to pitch in with volunteer work to make it happen. "Hosting a community holiday meal strengthens relationships between the schools and the families they serve," Spillman said. "It creates a welcoming, inclusive environment where parents, students, staff, and community members can come together in a positive, relaxed setting." Spillman said it not only builds trust and encourages open communication but also "supports families who may be experiencing financial stress during the holidays, ensuring everyone will have the opportunity for a nice family style meal. Overall, it conveys and reinforces the district's commitment to community, con-

nection, and support." Spillman said parents are asked to sign up online or call the school if they plan to get a meal.

Peyton special guest at board meeting



Jaedon Peyton talks to the Hickman County Board of Education

his enlistment in the Air Force.

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These photos of the former Harper's Ham plant location on Hwy. 51 N, Clinton, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 2 show where Tosh Farms is putting in a semi-truck trailer washing facility.

Tosh Farms' interest in natural gas line extension continues

By GAYE BENCINI

Clinton City Council met in regular session Monday night, Dec. 1 at Clinton City Hall. Present were Mayor John Kelly, Council Members Wynita Dillard, Betty Morrow, Jerry Rushing, and Jerome Jenkins. Council Members Tommy Kimbro and Laura Poole were absent. Also present were Chief Tom Dickson, Clerk Kaitlin Wilson, and visitors Kenny Wilson, Steve Ward, Todd Carter, and Gaye Bencini.

There were no new updates Monday night concerning Tosh Farms' interest in having the gas line run to its new facility under construction on Hwy. 51 where the former Harper's Hams plant was located, but the project is still being considered. Clinton has a 23 percent ownership in New Commonwealth Natural Gas based in Wickliffe. At the November council meeting, Tosh representative Brent Stinent explained what was being built at the former Harper's Hams location. Tosh Farms is a pork production company and is constructing a wash bay at the former Harper property they purchased a while back. Tosh Farms sends about 30 semi-trucks a day to Louisville, Ky., to JBS, which owns Pilgrim's Pride. Each time

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