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A Legacy in the Making- From Junette's Vision to Kyleigh's Classroom



When Kyleigh Compton enrolled in the cosmetology program at the New Castle Career Center, she thought her career path was clear. But after volunteering with special education students at Blue River Schools, she realized she was drawn to teaching and helping students build confidence, independence, and life skills. This experince led her to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Because of the support Kyleigh received from the Janice Paige Hughes Scholarship Fund, Kyleigh was able to continue her education without added financial pressure. Read the full story on our website.

Read More

Double Your Impact!

Recovery efforts following August's historic flooding are ongoing, and the Foundation continues to request support for those impacted.

Thanks to a generous donation from Jefferson and Mary Shreve, your impact is doubled when you donate to the flood relief fund.

Click below to make your gift go twice as far:

Donate Now



2027 Lilly Scholarship Finalists Are Announced



Seven outstanding Henry County high school seniors have been named finalists for the 2027 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program.

While we anticipate the winner's announcement in December, we will feature each finalist on our social media. The finalists will be shared in alphabetical order.

- Evan Blackburn – Blue River Valley High School
- Sydney Dobbs – Hagerstown High School
- Savannah Dowell – Tri Jr./Sr. High School
- Colton Gift – Shenandoah High School
- Brycen Glaser – Union Jr./Sr. High School
- Danise Li – New Castle High School
- Mason Smith – Knightstown High School

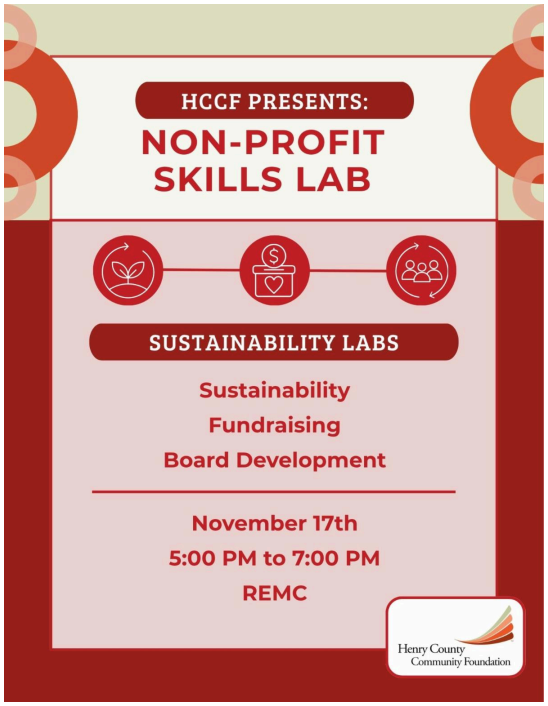
We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

All Aboard the "Choose Henry Express"



Local supporters boarded the "Choose Henry Express" bus tour last week! We visited the **Henry County Historical Society, Inc** and the **Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum** to see firsthand how Choose Henry Flex Fund grants support rich local history, preservation efforts, and free student field trips. Thank you to everyone making history happen in Henry County!

Register for our Non-Profit Skills Lab



Our final Non-Profit Skills Lab in 2026 is coming up soon. Staff and board members are encouraged to attend this workshop.

- Tuesday, November 17
- 5 - 7 pm
- REMC Building (3400 IN-3, New Castle)

Dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP -
765-529-2235 or
info@henrycountycf.org

Teens About Serving the County (TASC) Grant Is Open



Are you a non-profit leader or volunteer who is looking for grant funds for a program or project that benefits Henry County, Indiana youth?

The TASC grant cycle is open for grant requests up to $2,500. This cycle's applications are due at noon on Friday, December 4.

Learn more

High School Scholarship Applications Are Now Being Accepted



Learn More

Upcoming Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, Closed
Thanksgiving Holiday, Friday, November 27, Closed
Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, Closed
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, Closed
New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, Closed at Noon
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, Closed

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

At the request of family members, we are pleased to accept donations in memory and honor of the following individuals.



In Memory of:

William "Bill" Thomas Pugh

November 20, 1934 — October 9, 2026

Memorial contributions may be given to the **Cancer Society of Henry County** within the Henry County Community Foundation.

October Memorials

Celia Balph Fleming
Joy Elizabeth Sitler
O.B. Smith and Bill Smith
Mona Wilson

October Pet Memorials

Boone and Bella

October Honorariums

Steve Alford
Amanda Angle
Mike and Patty Broyles
Dr. Phyllis Grant
Geneva Henderson
John Henderson
Hank Broyles White
Hailey Woods

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WE LOVE

The following individuals made a contribution during the month of October.

Elliot and Betts Adams
Steve and Tanya Alford
Kevin and Cindy Brown
Mike and Patty Broyles
Amy Carter
Eastern Indiana Federal Credit Union
Eastwood Elementary School
Josh and Jan Estelle
Jennifer and Jeremy Fox
Kevin and Michelle Frazier
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Christopher and Lindsey Wilkey
Ralph Willis
Joyce Winchester
Robert and Anita Workman
Holly Zimmer

Community Events



New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Walk

Friday, Nov. 20
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Downtown New Castle



The Official Lighting of New Castle's Singing Christmas Tree

Friday, Nov. 20
6:00 pm
1400 Plaza



Symphony of Trees at Bundy Auditorium (801 Parkview Dr., New Castle)

Companies & organizations are invited to decorate a tree on Nov. 23. The tree will be on display throughout the holiday concert season.

Food donations are being accepted for the favorite tree. Donated items will be given to local food banks.



Donate NEW winter attire for the Secret Families of Henry County Winter Attire Drive.

Donate until Nov. 30.

Donation sites are:
Henry County REMC
Belgian Horse Winery
Shenandoah School Corporation
Shepherd's Call Community Church
Broad Street Blends
Eastern Indiana Federal Credit Union



6th Annual Christmas at the Academy Opening Day
(340 N Adams St., Knightstown)

Businesses, individuals, and organizations are invited to decorate a tree that will be enjoyed in the Academy all season long.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 - 8 pm

Trees will be on display from Dec. 5 - 20
Fridays: 4 - 8 pm
Saturdays: 12 - 8 pm
Sundays: 4 - 8 pm

Visit with Santa: Dec. 5 & 12; 2 - 4 pm

Photo with a Cop: Dec. 5, 12, 19; 4 - 6 pm



Destination Henry County

Stay up to date on great things happening in our community through this helpful page!

Find the Facebook page here

Attention local nonprofits and community event planners -

Do you have an event coming up that you want people to know about?
Send your event information and any additional photos to **intern@henrycountycf.org** to be included in our e-newsletter.

We want to help spread the word about great things happening in Henry County!

Community Sponsors

Thank you to our 2026 Platinum Sponsors for investing in the work of the Henry County Community Foundation!

Because of your support, we are able to connect donors with causes they care about, support local nonprofits, and create opportunities that will benefit our community for generations to come.

We are grateful for your partnership and your commitment to making Henry County a place where everyone can thrive. Thank you for helping us make a lasting impact!

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