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The Local Pick:



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A donation check was presented to the Hanover Christmas Mother in December 2019. It was enabled by Celebrate Hanover event sponsors and Hanover Chamber members. Shown are, from left, Mark Lea of Richweb, Melissa Miller Haley of the Hanover Chamber, Amanda Porch of Village Bank, Hanover Christmas Mother Carolyn Bowles, Ed Coleman of Cavalier Rifle & Pistol Club, Ken Powell of James River Equipment, and Janeen Shaffer of Shaffer Coaching.



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Sponsors of "A Salute to Our Heroes" present the Hanover County Sheriff's Foundation with a \$12,000 donation in 2019. The Hanover Chamber Foundation hopes to increase the donation this month.

Chamber supports Christmas Mother with \$1,230 donation

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MECHANICSVILLE -- "This is one more way our community supports each other," said Amanda Porch, 2019-2020 Hanover Chamber of Commerce board president and vice president of Small Business Banking for Village Bank, of the \$1,230 donation given in December to the Hanover Christmas Mother.

Funds were raised through an annual event called "Celebrate Hanover" in admission, sponsorships and raffle tickets. This donation, given to 2019 Christmas Mother Carolyn Bowles, marked the 10th year of supporting the Hanover Christmas Mother.

The Hanover Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1980 and consisting of 325-plus member companies and organizations, supports the growth and sustainability of area businesses paired with a mission to connect the community.

Because of this emphasis, the Chamber recently launched a 501(c)(3) Foundation to better accomplish its goals of giving back and leadership development.

Later this spring, the Chamber Foundation will announce and award at least four scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to continue their education at a two- or four-year college/university or in a trade.

EXTRA MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO KEEP WORK SITES SAFE

To our subscribers,
As we continue to gather and deliver the most relevant, reliable and credible news coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic, we want you to know that we are taking extra measures to keep our work environments safe.

We have instructed our employees to work from home if they have health or scheduling concerns and to observe universal good hygiene guidelines, something all of us should observe:

- Washing our hands frequently
- Maintaining social distancing
- Avoiding touching our face
- Covering our mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing

We also have taken measures to disinfect the working areas at our facilities to ensure that The Mechanicsville Local gets to you safely.

Our newsroom staff is working non-stop to report on all aspects of this health emergency, including producing stories about closings and cancellations, medical repercussions, the decision-making processes of local leaders and much more, such as expert advice and tips about how best to deal with the impact of the virus.

Additionally, we are providing COVID-19 news coverage in our weekly print editions, on our website, and on social media platforms so our entire community can stay informed.

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