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## Give A Christmas Dec 14

**Anonymous:** Feasterville, \$100. In honor of the birth of Jesus Christ

**Anonymous:** Holland, \$50. Peace to all. Carol, Elaine and Tom, Leonard and Michael, \$100. In memory of brother, Andrew.

**Ginny and Bill Potts:** Lower Makefield, \$50. On behalf of our grandsons, Immy and Simon.

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newspaper for a question about publication of a donation, contact Managing Editor Karen Naylor at [knaylor@couriertimes.com](mailto:knaylor@couriertimes.com).

## Newtown-area Boy Scout attains rank of Eagle



Frederick Edwards of Washington Crossing Council Troop 29 in Newtown, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts. His project consisted of being part of a team that built two adult benches and two children's benches for a playground at the Bucks

County Homeless Shelter in Bristol Township.

Frederick is currently a senior at the George School and has been named to the Head of School list there. He is also a member of the school's cross country team and involved in many other school activities. He plans to attend college in the fall.

**LEFT: Frederick Edwards, of Washington Crossing Council Troop 29 in Newtown, recently became an Eagle Scout.**  
[COURTESY OF CAROLINE EDWARDS]

## iPads will give first-responders better ability to communicate with ERs

Staff report

Communication is key during any emergency medical situation.

And to better assist those on the front lines, Abington-Jefferson Health recently provided 25 iPads to local emergency medical services agencies.

The devices will allow first responders to provide accident scene information and injury assessments prior to their arrival at Abington Hospital and Abington-Lansdale Hospital, according to a Jefferson Health statement.

Each iPad will be equipped with Twiage, software that acts as a pre-hospital alert system that operates in real time. It relays patient information,

video feeds and photographs of accident scenes.

"Twiage reduces the reliance on antiquated radio communication which leaves a lot of room for miscommunication and error," said Dr. Steven F. Fisher, chair of Abington-Jefferson Health's Department of Emergency Medicine. "This new system significantly expedites the patient registration process. Our patients are now getting better, more immediate care because of this technology."

Funding for the program came from a donation to the Diamond Stroke Center Fund by Martha, Stephanie and Elliot Diamond. Donations to the Diamond Stroke Center Fund, named to honor

the late Dr. B. Franklin Diamond, who established the Stroke Center at Abington Hospital, are used toward education, research and patient care initiatives.



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# UPS delays mount as online shopping hobbles network

By Michael Sasso  
The Washington Post

United Parcel Service delays got worse last week as the world's biggest package delivery company struggled to cope with a surge in online shopping that rival FedEx Corp. handled in stride.

"People are buying more than even the carriers expected," said Satish Jindel, president of ShipMatrix, which tracks the performance of parcel couriers. The company's survey tracks millions of packages, he said.

UPS's performance threatens to weigh heavily on the company's results. End-of-year revenue is generally about 15 percent higher than in other quarters, while daily volume nearly doubles. The stock's direction typically is tied to how well packages are delivered from November to January. UPS got a black eye in 2013, when a rush of last-minute holiday packages overwhelmed operations.

UPS's vast ground network delivered 91.5 percent of its packages on time during the week through Dec. 9, ShipMatrix reported Wednesday. The Atlanta-based courier posted a 94.4 percent on-time rate the previous week. FedEx completed 97.1



**A UPS airplane is unloaded at the company's Worldport hub in Louisville, Ky in 2015. UPS has struggled this year to keep pace with the delivery demands of the holiday season.** [PATRICK SEMANSKY / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

percent of its ground deliveries on time for the latest week, improving slightly from the week before. UPS expects to deliver 750 million packages in the peak holiday season, compared with about 400 million for FedEx.

UPS is processing record volume, said spokesman Steve Gaut.

The courier sent special "ready teams" to hubs in Atlanta; Denver; Oakland, California; and Kansas City, Kansas to contend with a "cyber-surge" following Black Friday, he said. Those locations have since caught up to greater-than-expected volume,

he said. Gaut declined to comment on the validity of ShipMatrix's data.

UPS last week acknowledged that a "bubble" in its network following Thanksgiving extended the time that some packages were in transit. UPS is seeing no bubble currently, Gaut said.

"We're in a position to complete the peak season satisfying our customers," he said.

UPS rose less than 1 percent to \$119.18 at 12:52 p.m. in New York. The stock is up 3.9 percent this year, trailing a 30 percent advance for FedEx and a 15 percent gain for the Dow Jones Transportation Average.

### IN BRIEF

**Bristol Township PD to hold 2nd 'Coffee with a Cop'**

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP — The police department will hold its second "Coffee with a Cop" Thursday.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Golden Dawn Diner, 7115 New Falls Road.

"Coffee with a Cop" gives police and residents an opportunity to come together in an informal atmosphere to discuss what's happening in the township.

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