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Trussler exemplifies Henley, Coffee County Bank spirits

Daughter of late bank co-founder Ed Henley, Dr. Leslie Trussler, carries torch of community service and spirit through career in physical therapy, flight instruction and bank board leadership



(Pictured from left to right: DANIEL POWERS, Board of Directors; RUSH BRICKEN, Board of Directors; BUD RIDDLE, Board Chair; LESLIE TRUSSLER, Board of Directors; KENNETH KIRBY, Board of Directors; CARTER SAIN, CEO)



MANCHESTER, Tenn. – Belief in a better future for Coffee County has driven two generations of the Henley family toward great heights.

In the mid-1970s, passion for his hometown led local businessman Ed Henley, along with co-founders, to capitalize and launch Coffee County Bank in Manchester. It was a local bank built for local people, with a culture that continues to prioritize investing in the community 50 years into existence.

And the same passion that pushed Henley to start Coffee County Bank in the 1970s is now on display in Henley's daughter, Dr. Leslie Trussler.

A record-setting student-athlete in track and field at the University of Tennessee in the 1990s, Trussler has helped patients navigate pain and rehabilitation for 20 years in Manchester as founder and director at STAR Physical Therapy.

But since hanging up the mostly-daily duties associated with STAR, Trussler has also activated new outlets, including aviation and banking. And not only is she the newest member of the Coffee County Bank board of directors, Trussler is also a licensed pilot and certified flight instructor.

"Coffee County Bank has been deeply integrated into the fabric of our community for 50 years now. The bank was started the year I was born in 1975, and I was immersed into this bank through my father's involvement, both in the excelling and struggling times," Trussler said.

"Today, Coffee County Bank is stronger and better than ever due to the resilience of its founders, as well as the recruitment of the absolute best and strongest team members. I feel very fortunate and honored to be the newest member on the Coffee County Bank board and I will work diligently to serve our community and continue a strong foundation at CCB."

It's no surprise to see the Henley family carrying on this legacy of larger-than-life accomplishments and service, said Carter Sain, CEO at Coffee County Bank.

"Ed Henley established a permanent standard in Coffee County for giving back," Sain said. "Not only did Ed accomplish unbelievable things himself, he also poured into others along the way. He was not content to succeed alone, and Coffee County is better because of him."

Henley was a star student-athlete in his own right, establishing Ohio Valley Conference records in low hurdles at Tennessee Tech University in the 1950s – records he still holds today. Henley coached



various sports upon graduating from Tennessee Tech and returning home to Coffee County. He refereed TSSAA high school basketball games for half-a-century.

In Nov. 2024, Henley passed away peacefully at his Manchester home. Coffee County Bank set up the Ed Henley Memorial Scholarship for graduating seniors at Coffee County High School the following spring.

For Henley's children, the bar was set high.

And that makes Trussler, who owns SEC and NCAA championships in pole vaulting from her time at the University of Tennessee, uniquely qualified to carry the banner forward.

"Ed was a great man who did things for this community because he cared, and because he wanted to leave Coffee County better than he found it," said Bud Riddle, one of the co-founders who helped start Coffee County Bank with Henley, and who earlier this year was voted into the board chair seat formerly held by Henley.

"The board of directors, leadership team and myself are delighted to have Leslie involved in this bank, bringing the same love and passion for the community as Ed," Riddle said. "From her days at the University of Tennessee to now teaching flight students, Leslie's focus on excellence and passing on her knowledge make our bank stronger and positioned better than ever for the future."

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