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Adult Day Center Staffers Gaining Education & Experience

A visit to Mercy Love County Adult Day Center (ADC) is a refreshing and enjoyable half or full day out for participants who may otherwise be homebound or require another adult at home with them to help them with their daily needs. Van transportation to and from the center is provided in many cases.

Finding out what the participant enjoys and styling activities to meet their preferences is a priority. Indoor and outdoor games, crafts, hobbies and traveling to interesting places around the area are highlights.

Curtis Hembree, CNA

When it's time to ride, Curtis Hembree, certified nursing assistant, is behind the wheel. "We have a new 12-seater van that is equipped for wheel chairs. We take short trips to destinations like the new Lake Murray Lodge, the Chickasaw Recreation area at Sulphur, and interesting places in Gainesville, TX," Hembree said. "Some days we just decide to get in the van and go to Braum's or Sonic or to a store. On the trips and in the center, we're helping everybody enjoy themselves and socialize when they could be sitting at home by themselves."

Hembree started in the helping field at age 17. "I went to work in the kitchen of the nursing home in 2012. Nurses there recommended me for CNA training. In 2016, I joined the adult day center. I've been taking college classes since 2014. I have an associate's degree in history from Murray State College and am now enrolled in their registered nurse program. I've got work and school down to a science."

He lives in Thackerville. His hobbies are traveling and collecting oddities.



Laura Beck

Laura Beck has been assisting participants since February 2018 and will be upping her skills to Certified Nursing Assistant level by attending school in the fall.

"I enjoy helping with the activities. With different clients I play card games or chess or work puzzles or we read books together."

Beck formerly was a customer service representative in the clinic. She has spent her career serving the public, with prior experience in restaurants and stores. She was raised in Ardmore and attended Murray State College.



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