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Dads, daughters dance the night away

The Chester County Carl Perkins Center held its seventh annual Daughter "Daddy Dance" (sponsored by The People's Bank) at West Chester Elementary School gymnasium on Saturday evening, Jan. 18. County Director Kirbi Fahs, MSW stated, "Thank you to everyone who attended the Daddy Daughter Dance. We are blown away with your attendance. 280 people, 13 gallons of punch, six gallons of water, 275 cookies, 150 fruit chews, 200 bags of chips, seven volunteers, and one horse-drawn carriage later.... We had an amazing night!" To keep up with upcoming events with the Chester County Carl Perkins Center, visit www.carlperkinscenter. org or call 989-7222.





MLK celebration set for Jan. 26

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration will begin at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 at Henderson City Hall. The evening's keynote speaker will be Dr. Joseph Fisher. Fisher is Pastor at the Temple Worship Center C.O.G.I.C., in Parsons. The program will also feature music from the MLK Mass Choir.

For more information, contact Dr. Jerry Woods at 901-484-3687 or Amanda Johnson, 989-5470.

All are invited to attend.



County meets Monday

The Chester County Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, in the upstairs courtroom at the Chester County Courthouse.

The commission is set to approve budget amendments and quarterly reports and will hear updates from the Health Department and Fairgrounds area, as well as to hear any public comment. In addition to any other business, the commission will discuss/approve or update the Private Act and hear from Mike Neisler for Dixie Youth.

Bo Bates takes role of County Schools Facilities Supervisor

Chester County Stakeholder and Coach Bo Bates will begin the 2025 semester as the Chester County Schools Facilities Supervisor. Coach Bates, class of 1994, started working for the Chester County School District in 2002 as a Physical Education teacher and sports coach. Chester County Schools looks forward to his work in this new role and position for the 2025 semester school year.



BO BATES

School board updates policies, announces local reward school designations

By Kara Crump Staff Writer

The Chester County Board of Education met Tuesday, Jan. 14, at East Chester Elementary School. For the spotlight/celebration portion of the meeting, Amanda Brasfield was congratulated by the board members for the start of the 2025 school year and the official beginning of her career as principal of East Chester Elementary.

Brasfield announced that Paraprofessional Robin Privett created a video presentation to show the board. Privett told the board that she could show "what" faculty/staff do (i.e. festivals, functions, etc.) at East Chester but decided to show the "how" the faculty/staff do things at East Chester instead.

There were no comments on the actionable agenda items. Next on the agenda was the recommendation to the



board of education to accept the TSBA recommendations for adjustments to the Chester County Board of Education Policy Manual

The first was for Policy 4.603 of Promotions and Retentions. This adjustment was for families to choose for kindergarten students (or younger) to be retained. If the child is ineligible to be detained, then the school will be responsible for telling the parents in writing to inform them of their ineligibility.

The second was for Policy 5.118 on

background investigations. All regular full-time/part-time faculty and staff must complete a background check before they work with the students. This policy would be updated to require all applicants, employees, contract workers and volunteers to complete a background check before employment. Both policies were approved unanimously.

The remodeling of the field house was discussed among the board members. The budget of around \$300,000 was made to start off for the remodeling project, and

to add projects/costs if needed as they continue. There was a discussion about new doors that need to be added as a project/cost.

It was announced that East Chester Elementary School and West Chester Elementary School were awarded as 2024 Reward Schools by the Tennessee Department of Education.

The next board of education meeting will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Chester County Junior High School.



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Mayo Clinic: Thyroid cancer seems to be on the rise; know the basics

Cancer affects millions of people every year across the globe and does not discriminate based on age, gender, economic status, or ethnicity. Cancer also can affect any part of the body, including the thyroid, a large, ductless gland in the neck that secretes hormones which regulate growth and development.

Thyroid cancer does not garner the same level of attention as more common forms of the disease. However, thyroid cancer is still a formidable enough threat to justify gaining a basic understanding of the disease.

What is thyroid cancer?

Cancer is characterized by an abnormal growth of cells. When such growth begins in the thyroid, a person is diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

Are instances of thyroid cancer increasing?

The Mayo Clinic notes that rates of thyroid cancer seem to be on the rise. In fact, the National Institutes of Health reports that incidence rates for thyroid cancer have continuously increased across the globe over the last three decades. That may be particularly notable for women, as the American Thyroid Association reported in a 2017 study published in the journal Clinical Thyroidology for the Public that thyroid cancer is now the fastest growing cancer in women.

Does thyroid cancer produce symptoms?

The Mayo Clinic notes that most thyroid cancers do not produce signs or symptoms in the early stages of the disease. In fact, the MD Anderson Cancer Center reports that it's possible that an individual could have thyroid cancer for months if not years without knowing it.

Though it's important that people recognize the likelihood symptoms will not appear prior to

receiving a thyroid cancer diagnosis, the MDACC notes the following are some potential warning signs to take seriously:

- · a lump in the front of the neck
- · swollen thyroid or swelling in the neck

· pain in the front of the neck that may extend to the ears

- · hoarse voice
- · trouble breathing
- · persistent cough · problems swallowing

The MDACC urges anyone experiencing these symptoms for three weeks or longer to visit their health care provider.

What causes thyroid

The American Cancer Society reports that it's not always clear what causes thyroid cancer. However, researchers have identified some notable risk factors for the disease, including:

· Sex: The ACS indicates thyroid cancer occurs nearly three times as often in women than in men.

· Age: Thyroid cancer is most commonly diagnosed in people in their thirties and through their sixties.

Family history: Individuals with a firstdegree relative, such as a parent or sibling, with thyroid cancer are at heightened risk of

developing it as well.

· Excessive body weight: The ACS reports that a person's risk for thyroid cancer appears to increase as body mass index (BMI)

Thyroid cancer rates appear to be on the rise, making now an ideal time to discuss the disease with a physician.



City and County fire trucks clean all pumps



The city of Henderson and Chester County Fire Departments partnered up to get all their firefighter truck pumps cleaned through Safe Industries' Mobile Apparatus Service truck at the Henderson Fire Station on Thursday, Jan. 16. Safe Industries' Mobile Apparatus Service is from the Nashville area. This company offers repairs, pump tests, preventative maintenance and more. Safe Industries stands as a trusted and experienced partner for fire departments, offering comprehensive solutions for custom apparatus design and order. Visit www.safeindustries.com.

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efighters team-up for a mutual-aid meeting

The Chester County Firefighters and city of Henderson Firefighters marked their first "mutual-aid meeting" together on Tuesday, January 7. The firefighters were given the opportunity to tour Premier Manufacturing. With Premier Manufacturing being such a large facility, both departments would likely be working together if any major emergency happenedintheplant. During the tour, firefighters learned what kind of products are made, the types of chemicals that are used/stored within and saw the layout of the building.

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Student Health Council hosts Hygiene Drive

The Student Health Council Hygiene Drive is inviting the local community to join in celebrating their choices and to support their initiative for the beginning of the new year. The deadline is to donate until Friday, February 28. The drop location is at Chester County High School, attention to Mia McNeal.

For more information contact Chester County's Office of Coordinated Health Department's District Mia McNeal at (731)-989-5134 or Mia.McNeal@ chestercountyschools.org. May also e-mail Teresa Barker atTeresa.Barker@ chestercountyschools. To review student's product wish list, ask above for the link.



MEETING NOTICE

Chester County Commission Meeting Monday, January 27, 2025, @ 7:00 PM Chester County Courthouse Courtroom 133 East Main Street, Henderson, Tennessee 38340

- Call to order
- Prayer and pledge
- Roll call
 - Approve minutes of the November 18, 2024
- Public comment (person limited to 3 minutes)
- Approve budget amendments
- Quarterly reports

School system

Highway department Trustee

County general Solid waste department

Fire department

Library

Building and zoning

Emergency management Others

- Public comment (person limited to 3 minutes) Approve private act or update
- Updates
 - Health department Fairgrounds area
 - Mike Niesler for Dixie Youth
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EDUCATION

FHU's Servants' Day commissions students to serve the community

Instead of attending their usual classes, Freed-Hardeman University students rolled up their sleeves and immersed themselves in acts of service for the university's fourth annual Servants' Day.

Organized by FHU staff, academic groups and social clubs, the day focused on spreading positivity through more than 50 meaningful different service projects. Across the community, students could be found lending a helping hand, reflecting the spirit of servant leadership by bringing joy, assistance and encouragement to those in need.

From singing hymns with Southern Oaks residents to spending time with children at West Chester Elementary School or cleaning the Chester County Library, FHU students embraced a wide range of service activities. Each project allowed them to make a tangible impact, showing the power of compassion and community.

Participating students were impacted by the work of the day with many stating how the work was inspirational to them. FHU senior Jesse Allen joined a group of about 35 FHU Chorale students to sing worship hymns with the residents at Southern Oaks assisted living home. The residents were so encouraged by the singing that they requested additional encore songs from the students. "I enjoyed making the elderly people smile and enjoy the songs that we picked



Pictured above, members of the FHU baseball team help clean the West Chester Elementary cafeteria.

At right, University Chorale members sing hymns with residents of Southern Oaks Assisted Living.







Pictured at left, students in the PTA program volunteer to pack boxes of food for those in need. At right, members of the FHU cross country and track and field teams help complete tasks in and around the Chester County Library.

for them. I know it was as for me," Allen said.

Junior Eliza Poe spent her morning working with the university's cross country team to clean the Chester County Library. "Servants' Day is important because as Christians we are called to serve others and Christ in all that we do," Poe said. "This day gives us an opportunity to do something that's not for ourselves and to give back to the community."

Joshua Bybee, freshman Bible

preaching major, uplifting to them as it was Servants' Day as the perfect opportunity to let his light shine. "It's important because at any facet of life, we're going to have kids looking up to us, whether that's out at a game or just seeing us in a grocery store," Bybee said. "I believe we're called to be disciples of Jesus and be good examples. So that's why it's important to be the best version of yourself, because you never know who's watching."

> At Jack's Creek Church of Christ, a group of

physical therapy students worked with Misión Para Cristo Executive Director Benny Baker to make care packages of food to be sent to people in need. Many of these same PTA students will travel on a mission big impact." trip to Honduras next summer. "This project is a missionary effort to address hunger and malnutrition, which is the second greatest need in the world – food insecurity," Baker said.

"I like that this is super simple," said Vivian Blackmer, who is currently in her first year of the PTA personally," Baker said.

program. "We have no excuse to not be able to do it. This is not manual physical labor where you need a certain skill set. We just put stickers on, put stuff in bags, and it has a

Along with fellow organizers, Baker expressed his appreciation for FHU students and their dedication to serving others. "We are excited to involve people. Seeing the students active and part of this project is just an absolute joy for me

students Local named to Austin **Peav dean's list**

Austin Peay University is recognize students on the Dean's List for academic achievement during Fall 2024. Local students recognized are Raamiah Pattenaude and Emma Richerson, both of Henderson.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater.

Mia Hurst earns dean's list honor at Lee University

University congratulates Mia Hurst of Henderson, on earning Dean's List honors during the Fall 2024 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Lee University is a private, Christ-centered university located Cleveland, Tennessee, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The university's reputation as a quality institution is seen in the high caliber of faculty, students, and friends who are drawn to campus. Over the past three decades, Lee has experienced remarkable transformations including significant growth in academic programs, athletics, institutional facilities, student enrollment, and faculty expertise and diversity. For more information, visit www.leeuniversity.edu.

East Chester Elementary Jacks Creek Elementary West Chester Elementary Chester Co. Middle School Junior High School

Monday, January 27 B-Warm egg croissant Jr. High: Chicken slider, Pop-Tarts banana bread, chocolate crescent L-Chicken sliders, toppings Sidewinder fries, baked beans, fruit

Tuesday, January 28 B-Chicken biscuit Jr. High: Sausage/biscuit Chocolate filled donut bites Caramel cinni minis, honey bun L-Ravioli casserole, Texas toast Max cheese breadsticks, Raisels Sweet potatoes, green beans

Wednesday, January 29 B-Mini powder donuts Jr. High: Toasted bacon/egg sandwich, Pop-Tarts Cinnamon roll, mini bagels L-Baked chicken, biscuit Mashed potatoes/gravy Green peas, fresh fruit

Thursday, January 30 B-Banana bread Jr. High: Steak slider, honey bun Blueberry muffin Chocolate filled donut bites L-Hamburger, toppings Baked beans, fries, sidekick

Friday, January 31 B-Sausage slider Jr. High – Breakfast pizza, Pop-tarts Cinni minis, chocolate swirl L-Stuffed crust cheese pizza, fruit Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza Steamed broccoli, tiny tri taters

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Chester County High School

Monday, January 27 B-Chicken slider, banana bread Chocolate crescent, Pop-tarts L-Chicken tenders, roll Rib patty sandwich Seasoned potato wedges Broccoli/cheese, chips/queso

Tuesday, January 28 B-Sausage/biscuit, honey bun Caramel cinni minis Chocolate filled donut bites L-General Tso's chicken, Calzone Fried rice, carrots Stir fry vegetables, roll

Wednesday, January 29 B-Tasted bacon/egg sandwich Mini bagels, Pop-Tarts Cinnamon roll L-Chicken tenders, roll Rib patty sandwich Seasoned potato wedges Broccoli/cheese, chips/queso

Thursday, January 30 B-Steak slider, honey bun Blueberry muffin Chocolate filled donut bites L-Country fried steak/gravy Mashed potatoes, roll Blak eyed peas Mini triangle pepperoni pizza

Friday, January 31 B-Breakfast pizza, cinni minis Chocolate swirl, Pop-Tarts L-Homemade chili, hotdog Baked potato, grilled cheese Corn, chips/queso

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Greetings go out to the people of Chester County everywhere. This is a new week, and I give thanks to the Lord for being with you in your home, on your job or wherever you find time to read the paper. It is just great to be part of your life. For this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! I hope you enjoyed your federal holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

This week, I would like to encourage all my friends to come to the Dr. Martin Luther King Day Program. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan 26. The location will be City Hall, 121 Crook Ave, Henderson TN 38340. The speaker will be Bishop Joseph Fisher. Coretta Scott King said, "This is not a black holiday; it is a people holiday," so everyone is welcome!

Our little town is a family of love; sure, we have our ups and downs, but doesn't every family have some ups and downs? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Another way that you love your enemy is this: When the opportunity presents

itself for you to defeat your enemy, that is the time which you must not do it. There will come a time, in many instances, when the person who hates you most, the person who has misused you most, the person who has gossiped about you most, the person who has spread false rumors about you most, there will come a time when you will have an opportunity to defeat that person. It might be in terms of a recommendation for a job; it might be in terms of helping that person to make some move in life. That's the time you must do it. That is the meaning of love." What a powerful quote! If you can find time in your busy schedule, I hope to see you at the program on Sunday, Jan.

Congratulations to the son of Audria (Brown) Dunn. On Jan. 16, Edward Reeves received his Private Pilot License! Edward is a graduate of Chester County High School. Edward is a Sergeant in the U.S. Airforce, and he has a beautiful wife named Angel. Edward, thank you for your service! We pray for safety as you "Aim High/Fly-Fight-Win."

The Chester County Senior Center, located at 247 E Main St Henderson, TN, would love for you to come and visit them. The center is open Monday through Friday, and there is always something exciting going on there. There will be some special January events at the center. If you

would like to know what these special events are, you will have to go to the center or give Jennifer Todd a call at 989-7434; she will be more than happy to give you information and sign you up as a member.

Happy belated birthday to a very special young lady that keeps on moving! She will not let anything stop her. Mayriene Moten, we pray that you had a wonderful birthday on Jan 5. We hope you had a wonderful day.

Jan. 26 is a special day for another special lady! Doris Ethridge will celebrate her birthday on Jan. 26! The City of Henderson wants to wish you a Happy Birthday, and we pray the Lord will bless you and Mayriene with many more!

On our prayer list this week are our children, teachers and families and the sick and shut in. Do not forget our military men and women who are protecting our country and the President.

To the people of Henderson, remember to patronize with our local businesses here in town; let us try to support our own as much as we can. If you live in the City of Henderson and have news about your family, birthday, anniversary, announcements, and things happening in the City, please text me at 608-6132 and include the heading "News from the City."

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How breed affects dogs' trainability

Every dog lover has a different set of criteria for what they look for in a dog. Some make size a priority, preferring a pooch who is small enough to be a constant companion. Others seek a dog that has shorter fur for less grooming upkeep. Still, some people prefer a breed that is known for flashy looks that will turn heads on neighborhood walks.

Trainability is another consideration when researching potential pet companions. Many veterinarians attest that positive reinforcement training is one of the tools to keep a dog happy, healthy and well-behaved. Training also can offset behavioral issues that may make spending time in and out of a home with a dog less enjoyable, thus reducing the chances the pet may be surrendered to a shelter. The American Kennel Club says that each dog breed has a distinct personality, instinctive drive and genetic heritage. These factors can affect trainability.

Highly trainable dog

According to renowned dog researcher Dr. Stanley Coren, certain breeds are more trainable than others.

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German shepherd: There is a good reason this breed is regularly used for police and military work. The German shepherd is a workhorse and wants to please.

· Border collie: This breed can learn very fast and will be eager to learn

Poodle: Although that curly coat may lead a person to believe this breed is more fluff than brains, quite the opposite is true. Poodles are keen to work and willing to please.

· Collie: Collies are known for their unwavering devotion and loyalty, not to mention trainability.

Golden retriever and Labrador retriever: Some of the most popular family dogs around, these retrievers tend to be gentle, friendly, trainable, and eager to please.

Rottweiler: This imposing pup is a natural protector that wants a job to do. That makes the Rottie highly trainable.

hounds, beagles, huskies, and Akitas, are among the most challenging to train, according to experts. Such dogs' focus may be on sensing prey or doing other things they find fun, and not on a handler.

Some dogs, such as

But people should not grow discouraged if they have their hearts set on less-receptive-to-training breeds.

What about mixed breed dogs?

What can you expect if you have an Akita mixed with a golden retriever? Perhaps aloofness will mix with friendly exuberance and result in a mildmannered pup. It often is challenging to determine the heritage of a mixedbreed dog with the hopes of gauging its willingness to be trained. "Mutts" tend to have more muted traits. However, if two highly trainable, active breeds comprise the DNA of a mixed-breed dog, that intense desire to work may be a negative in the home environment. Much like other factors regarding mixed-breed dogs, owner won't know what he or she is getting until spending time with the dog over time.

Trainability is a factor people consider when picking a dog. Certain breeds may adapt to training more readily than others, but most dogs will learn the skills necessary to live peacefully with their human companions.

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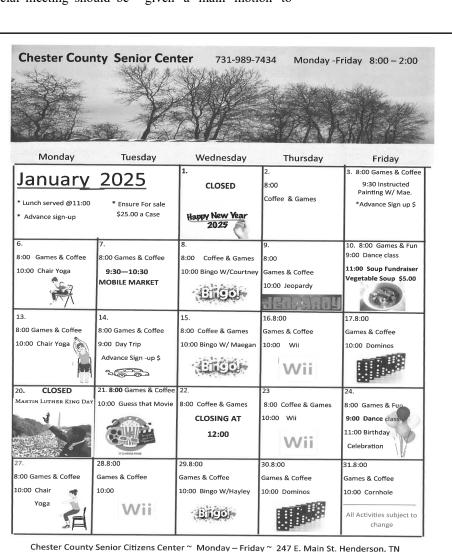
Pictured are the Chester County FFA Conduct of Chapter Meetings (CCM) students on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Chester County FFA continues to be proud of every one of their students, their attitudes through the whole learning experience and their commitment to their team.

Chester County FFA tries a new competition

The Chester County FFA tried a new competition for their group, Conduct Chapter Meetings (CCM). This contest is a seven-person team made up of all Freshmen students that show how an official meeting should be

conducted. These students worked hard and learned a lot about parliamentary procedures. This contest consisted of a written exam, opening ceremonies, conducting a properly run meeting where they are given a main motion to

make mingled with other motions to be moved and disposed of according to Robert's Rules of Order, closing ceremonies, then a round of oral questioning. It was noted to be "definitely intense but rewarding."



Deanburg First Tuesday 7 p.m. Enville First Tuesday 6:30 p.m. New Friendship Third Friday 6 p.m. Hickory Corner Fourth Thursday

Community Club Meeting Schedules

Jacks Creek Second Thursday 6-7 p.m.

First Monday Sweetlips First Saturday in February





from Enville! Hello Hopefully, everyone is having a great week. This week is very cold. There are near single digit temperatures at night and frigid temperatures for our daytime highs. I see in the 10-day forecast that they are calling for a rain-snow mix. I hope that goes away and does not get to West Tennessee. I am ready for warmer weather!

Enville sends out Happy Birthday wishes to James Vinson on Jan. 24, Jane Whitten on Jan. 27, Brenda Poupard and Jean Pickett on Jan. 29. We hope you all

enjoy your special day!

Our prayer list this week is Harold and Janice Maness, Robert and Linda Johnson, Jeremy Crowell, Mary Lee Guyon, Mary Lou Avent, Ann Pugh, Shirley Hampton, Della Mixon, Kaye Killingsworth, Shirley Bishop, Robert Smith, Karl Starnes, Janice Massengill Strickland, Jack Hampton, James Vinson, Jimmy Robertson, Jeff Finley, Glenn Butts, Gene Hanna, Rick Ooley, Mike Pugh, Mike Finley, all who have lost loved ones, our firefighters,

first responders, enforcement, healthcare workers, military, schools and school board, our county and country and, as always, each other.

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If you have news to share, call me at 608-3058, or if you want to rent the community center, call Pat Cates at 688-5125 or 315-8062.

Have a blessed week everyone. This is the day that the Lord has made; rejoice and be glad in it. Also, count your many blessings!



and they are due for this



The snow we had looked beautiful across the landscape, but I am so thankful it did not have lots of ice with it, and I am praying we do not end up with that on this next front that is headed our way. Try to stay in and stay warm as much as possible through these cold times. With all the cold weather we are having, please be mindful of pets that are outdoors and any elderly living by themselves during this extremely cold weather. This is a time to be able to make a difference for someone you know that may struggle with paying their heating bill or just need a hot meal.

Montezuma sends out Happy Birthday wishes to Becky Monks on Jan. 24 and Ray Wells and Madison Cook on Jan. 29. Montezuma sends out Happy Anniversary wishes to Jake and Autumn Brown on Jan. 23.

We appreciate all our members at the center and would love for more of our community to get involved. With more help, we could plan more events for our community. Membership dues are \$25 after your first initial year of joining,

current year. Membership dues need to be paid now to be considered an active member. We also take donations. Payments can be mailed to Edith Sills at 4475 Sunshine Rd, Henderson, TN 38340. Call Ann Moore at 608-2033 or myself if you have any new ideas for the center or wish to get involved. People who want to rent the community center should contact Betty Cooper at 879-9078 for booking. We ask those renting our facility to please follow our rules and show respect for the building. We try to keep it in the best order possible, and it takes everyone cooperating to make that happen. If you care about this community, please get involved in what is taking place to continue to grow our county and make it a better place to live and raise a family. Get to know what is changing in our local government, schools, churches and communities through the news, friends, your church, teachers, etc., and if it matters to you, there are ways to help make things better.

There is much spiritual warfare with society accepting things that go against who God is and what HIS laws are that we are to follow. Every day of life has its challenges, but if we look to God for the right path, it can be a good one. Enjoy what time you have with your creator, your family and your friends. Please be in prayer for our local and

federal government, law enforcement, school staff, teachers and the listed individuals of Dober Dyer, Brenda Hannah, Donna Doyle, Mike Lott, Linda Hopper, Cindy Kilzer, Quinten Johnson, Jerry Fletcher, Curtis Morrison, Renee Jordan, Ruby Hannah, Donnie Brooks, Linda Plunk, Mike Tedford, Sherry Fletcher, Chuck Beacham, Sandra Lott, Faye Crouse, Janice Morris, Jeanette Walker, Paul Schilling, Nancy Crouse and others that are sick or healing. We especially want to remember the families of Michael Presler, Linda Morris and other families that have recently lost loved ones.

With new leadership taking the seat, we can pray that God's hand will be in decisions made about our country going forward to help our economy and the taxpayers of this country. Our local governmental meetings need community support. If you care about Chester County, please pay attention to what is taking place in our county and come out to commission meetings and show your interest or concerns. Everyone should be mindful of what is going on in our county and care enough to help make a difference.

I am always looking for noteworthy news to share in this column. Please send to gaylescox1977@gmail. com or text me at 608-2857. As always, until next time, I am wishing a very blessed week to all you readers!



By: Marcus X. Fry/ Mary Lynn Lambert

Silerton was saddened by the passing of Carolyn Stack, wife to Grady Stack. Carolyn has worked in the city as a bookkeeper and assisted with elections. Carolyn worked faithfully in the Silerton Baptist Church Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and she was also the church treasurer for 30 years. Her love for children not only manifested itself in her church work but also when she was manager of the school cafeteria at Toone Elementary. For the last few years, Carolyn has dealt with health issues. She will be missed by many, especially by her community of Silerton.

Alan Crowley from Marietta, Ga., and Whitney Crowley from Round Rock, Texas, were in town for the burial of Carolyn Stack. Jacie Reagan from Milwaukee was also in town for the burial.

Also, Ed and Betty

Burnett and Will and Valerie Trautman and children from Huntsville, Ala., were in Silerton for the burial of Carolyn.

Guinness Dale Young, daughter of the late Pat Sisco and Lemuel Lambert, passed away. She spent her childhood in Silerton.

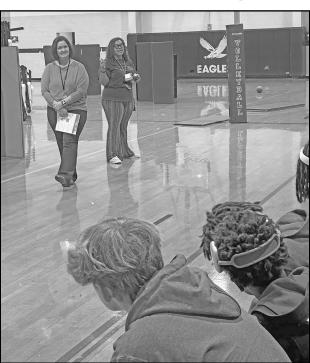
Chair yoga classes hopefully will resume in the early part of February. Watch for dates in the Silerton News section.

Piney Grove Baptist Church will be ordaining Youth Minister Jake Hill at 3 p.m. this coming Sunday. Fellowship to follow.

Students receive education on Tennessee Dental Sealant Program

Office The Coordinated School Health partnered with the Chester County Health Department's Dental Hygienist Shelia Summars and Public Health Educator Danielle McHaney to provide Chester County Junior High students with valuable education on the Tennessee Dental Sealant Program on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, and Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024. This statefunded program offers free dental sealants to students in grades K-8 directly at their schools.

Eligible students can receive the sealants with a signed consent form, providing a convenient way for families to ensure preventive dental care. The program also includes the option of Silver Diamine Fluoride treatment for children with existing tooth decay, which helps to halt the progression of cavities. This benefit is available to all students, even those who already visit a dentist regularly. For parents of



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Chester County Junior High students with questions about the program, please contact Mia

McNeal at Mia.McNeal@chestercountyschools.org for more information.



Lifeline Blood Services held donations at City Hall

Lifeline Blood Services held a blood drive at Henderson City Hall Friday, Jan. 3. In return for community members giving the gift of life (to and for those in need of blood transfusions), donors received a free long-sleeved Lifeline Blood Services t-shirt. For more information on the next local blood drive, visit lifelinebloodserv.org or call (731)-427-4431.

Lifestyle Pricing

The Chester County Independent charges \$35 for engagement announcements with photo, wedding announcements with photo, anniversary announcements with photo and miscellaneous lifestyle photos. Birth announcements are free without photo, \$28 with photo and \$38 for color photo. Hunting and fishing photos are \$30. For more information, call 731-989-4624 or email news@chestercountyindependent.com

What is the Year of the Snake?

Chinese New Year is cultural phenomenon China. In fact, the National Museum Asian Art indicates Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China, where a 15-day celebration incorporates age-old traditions commemoration of the nation's culture and history. Chinese New Year also has a global footprint, and celebrations in various countries commemorate this unique event that heralds the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar.

One notable tradition associated with the Chinese New Year involves animals. That tradition is traced to an ancient Chinese poem that told the story of 12 mythical animals

that descended from the heavens in a particular order. The Rat was the first animal to arrive and help celebrate the coming spring, and the Pig was the last to make its presence known. Each Chinese New Year commemorates a different animal from that ancient poem, which is why celebrations are often characterized as "Year of the (Name Animal)." Chinese New Year celebrants will commemorate the Year of the Snake in 2025. According to National Museums Liverpool, the snake is wise and intense. The Snake emphasizes physical beauty, which is why it's often associated with vanity. Travel China Guide adds that the snake carries meanings malevolence, cattiness and mystery, but also notes that

some in China believe a snake found in a courtyard is an omen of good luck. In addition, Chinese mythology characterizes the creator of the world as having a human head and the body of snake.

Compatibility is another notion associated with the animals of the Chinese Zodiac that feature so prominently in Chinese New Year celebrations. The Snake is considered most compatible with the Rooster, which the poem suggests was the tenth animal to descend. The Pig (twelfth) is considered the least compatible animal with the Snake.

Chinese New Year is a notably unique celebration. In 2025, the Chinese New Year begins on Wednesday, January 29.

Did You Know?

Dental caries, commonly referred to as cavities or tooth decay, continue to be big problems among young children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease in the United States and the leading cause of missed school among children. More than half of children between the ages of six and eight have had a cavity in at least one of their baby teeth. In 2019, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists reported in its State of Little Teeth findings that while tooth decay had decreased overall, one in five children under the age of five have experienced tooth decay. Oral health experts surmise that controversy over the use of fluoride may be one contributor. Diet also has an effect on oral health. Children who consume sugary drinks and treats, like fruit bars and gummy snacks, are doing their dental health a disservice. Amanda Hill, a registered dental hygienist, says she has seen an uptick in the number of young children with crowded baby teeth, leading to poor facial growth and unhealthy airway development. This may lead to "mouth breathing," which increases risk for decay and gum disease. Hill suggests soft foods and "pouch" treats like yogurts and applesauce may be robbing developing children from chewing, thus leaving them with an underdeveloped jaw. Children should see a dentist, if not at the time their first teeth erupt, by their first birthdays. Establishing a consistent dental routine also can ensure healthy teeth and catch dental issues early.



Chester County Democratic Party Meeting Jan. 23

The Chester County Democratic Party meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Henderson City Hall, 121 Crook Ave., on the second floor in the classroom. All Democrats and Concern Citizens are invited to attend. For more information, contact Gloria Holiday at 608-6132 or go to Facebook @ChesterCountyDemocratics.

SWHRA Head Start Pre-

Registration Jan. 29-31
Southwest HRA Head Start program is now accepting applications for three and four-year old children to attend classes beginning fall 2025. The program is designed for pre-school children of low-income families who are on or under poverty guidelines. Pre-registration in Chester County will be from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29; Thursday, Jan. 30; and Friday, Jan. 31, at the Chester Co. Head Start, 1495 White Ave. Parents must provide

the child's birth certificate, a copy of the child's TennCare/insurance card and family income for 2024. To verify income, bring one of the following: W-2 form, income tax for 1040, pay stubs, written statement from employers or Families First Verification, and SNAP benefit letter. For more information, contact the Head Start Center at 989-5192 or Family Case Managers Rachael Goodman at 608-9102 or Susie Strickland at 608-9049.

Finger Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry Feb. 8

The Finger Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fish fry and barbecue chicken dinner from 2-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. There will be all you can eat catfish or chicken with all the trimming and homemade desserts. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. Takeout is \$14. All proceeds will go towards the operating expense of the Finger Fire Dept.

OPINION/RECORDS



City of Henderson Police Department

January 13, 2025

Candice Barham, 33, Henderson was arrested and charged with domestic assault fear. She was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$2,000 bond.

January 15, 2025

Zachary Reeves, 34, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with simple possession of a schedule controlled substance possession of drug paraphernalia. He released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

January 17, 2025 Colton Dickson, Jackson, was arrested and

charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving without a valid driver's license. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

January 18, 2025

Thomas Mitchell, 31, Jackson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license and operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock device. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

William Thompson,

Ramer, was arrested and charged with simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

City of Henderson Fire Department No reports.

Sheriff's Department

January 13, 2025

Jonathan Wilson, 41, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections -Misdemeanor. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$550 cash bond.

Dean McMasters, 43, Jackson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance

January 14, 2025

James Daniels, 28, Jackson, was arrested and charged with simple possession of schedule

II methamphetamine. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

James Miller, Henderson, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence .08% or more with one prior conviction and violation of the implied consent law. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$5,000 bond.

January 15, 2025

Joshua Bowman. Huron, was arrested and charged with violation of probation. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

January 16, 2025 Hilario Rubio,

Harrison, Arizona. was arrested and charged with attempted theft of property \$2,500 to \$10,000. He is held in the Chester County Jail while awaiting court appearance.

January 17, 2025

Shantell Essie, Whiteville, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections Misdemeanor. She is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

William Middleton, 24, Henderson, was arrested and charged with disorderly

and public intoxication. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

Chester County Fire Department

January 14, 2025

10:30 p.m. - Masseyville responding, 3150 Cave Springs Road, motor vehicle crash.

Chester County Circuit Court

No reports.

All information included in Your Right to Know is provided by law enforcement, emergency service agencies and the Chester County Court System, and reflects reports, bonds, charges, jail status and court disposition at the time the report is received.

Tussle over secrecy of lethal injection protocol shakes loose some records

By Deborah Fisher

Two years after an independent investigation into the Tennessee Department of Correction's mishandling of drugs used in executions, the department's first instinct when facing questions by the news media was to keep its

new lethal injection protocol for executions confidential. Gov. Bill Lee ordered an

overhaul of the protocol after a stinging 2022 investigation report (https://tcog.info/ wp-content/uploads/TN-Lethal-Injection-Protocol-Investigation-Reportand-Findings-12-13-22-1. revealed missteps and sloppiness by prison leadership and staff and the companies they work with. For example, the state and the companies that provided the drugs did not comply with requirements to test drugs for contamination, which could lead to failed executions.

The Associated Press and other news organizations reported on Jan. 2 that the correction department would not release its new lethal injection protocol (https://apnews.com/article/ tennessee-confidentialexecutions-protocol-75d9fab dcf3a92b95d1bd545b60742 8f). The department claimed the document outlining the process for such executions fell under a public records exemption that allows the state to withhold the identity of people or entities involved in the execution.

But a week later, after the news reports circulated, the department said it would like to "revise" its withholding of the document and released a version with redactions (https://tcog.info/wp-content/ uploads/Protocol-01082025_ Redacted.pdf). The redactions appeared to be of some of the job titles — although not all of the job titles — of people with functions related to the execution. For example, the job title of the person charged with keeping the records of the execution was redacted. The department did not explain

why some job titles (such as "warden") were not redacted while others were.

Tennessee has 46 people on death row. Executions have been on hold while the state revised its protocol.

In 2023, the state hired a new Department of Correction commissioner, Frank Strada, who previously served as deputy director of Arizona's prison system.

Anti-death penalty advocates argue lethal injection too secret

Anti-death penalty advocates and others have argued that the state has kept too much about the state's lethal injection executions secret, particularly about where the state buys drugs used in its lethal injection executions and lack of transparency about the efficacy of the drugs. They point to how faulty drugs have led to botched executions in other states.

Some states, including Tennessee, changed their public records laws to allow the source of their drugs to be secret (https://tcog. info/execution-drugs-statesecret/). But it has been no secret that many states have turned to compounding pharmacies. Compounding pharmacies operate in a less regulated market — the drugs they make don't have to go through an approval process by the Federal Administration (https://www.fda.gov/drugs/ human-drug-compounding/ compounding-and-fdaquestions-and-answers). for example. But they have become the go-to source for states for execution drugs after large traditional drug manufacturers stopped providing them.

State officials often claim that the sources of their execution drugs could dry up if they became public. Antideath penalty advocates claim, on the other hand, that secrecy results in less oversight over the drugs, which can lead to faulty drugs that don't work

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correctly and could violate the constitutional rights of the person being executed. Lawmakers consider other

execution methods During the last legislative

session, a bill was filed that would have removed the public records exemption that allowed the company names to be kept confidential, but the bill never made it out of committees.

State lawmakers have wrestled with expanding the methods of execution as problems have arisen in other states over lethal injection drugs. Lethal injection remains the primary method of execution in Tennessee, but in 2000, the legislature passed a law that allowed death row inmates to choose electrocution instead (https://www. tn.gov/correction/statistics/ executions/death-penalty-intennessee.html). Since then, one person was executed using the electric chair, and five others have chosen to be. A bill last year that would have added an execution option of a firing squad (https://www.axios.com/ local/nashville/2023/03/16/ tennessee-firing-squad-billsidelined-committee) was set aside for cost.

Deborah Fisher been executive director of Tennessee Coalition for Open Government since 2013. Previously she spent 25 years in the news industry as a iournalist.



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Electronic roll call for House committee votes will replace controversial voice votes

By Deborah Fisher

For years, citizens and lawmakers complained that voice votes on bills in Tennessee House legislative committees reduce transparency and, sometimes, are unfair.

In a voice vote, the chair

decides if he or she heard more ayes or nays. There is no vote count recorded, and no one really knows who voted

Senate committees don't have this problem where roll call votes are standard for all bill votes.

The House adopted new rules on Thursday that require roll call votes in committees through an electronic roll call system similar to the electronic roll call system used for votes on the House floor. Committee members would not be allowed to change their votes after the votes are displayed.

"All votes constituting final action on any bill or resolution and all votes taken on demand by any three members, or by request of the sponsor if made prior to any vote, shall be taken by the electronic roll call system," says the recommendation

for the new rules from the Select Committee on Rules (https://tcog.info/wpcontent/uploads/114th-Select-Committee-Report.pdf).

A final action on a bill would be the final vote on the The recommendations say

that if the electronic roll call system is inoperative, the committee can take a voice vote or a traditional verbal roll call vote by calling out members' names for their votes. The Calendar and Rules

Committee is the only committee that would have the option to use voice votes or use the electronic roll call system. The new system required

technology upgrades in House committee rooms.

State Rep. Chris Todd, R-Madison County, praised the new electronic roll call votes on the House floor on Thursday. He said that he

has heard complaints from constituents ever since he was elected about the lack of a roll call vote in House committees. He said one constituent even offered to pay for any system that allowed roll call votes.

Another new recommended rule adds a penalty to a member who "transgresses the rules" of the House after the member has already lost the ability to be recognized because of other rule transgressions. The member can be removed from the House chambers upon a House majority vote and loses the ability to vote for the next three legislative days. However, the member would be allowed to vote remotely from a room designated by the Chief Clerk.

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Jethro

Exodus 18

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought Moses' family to meet him in the desert.

During his stay, Jethro observed Moses acting as the only judge among the people to make known to them God's will and to settle disputes.

Jethro suggested that Moses could not do this job by himself because it would soon wear him down. He recommends that Moses select capable men who feared God and were trustworthy and who hated dishonest gain - and appoint them to serve as judges over the minor cases. They would bring only the difficult cases to Moses.

Moses listened to Jethro and did as Jethro suggested.

Jethro returned to his home.



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The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit action and solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on the aquatic environment. Pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108 and Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-40-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Ouality Certification. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and draft permit and rationale,

and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. At the conclusion of the public notice period a final determination will be made whether to issue or deny the permit.

P E R M I COORDINATOR

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LOCATION

NE of intersection Eric Bell Road and Hwy 45 S, Henderson Chester County Latitude: 35.846744 Longitude: -86.474667 To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition, visit the Division's map viewer at http://tdeconline. tn.gov/dwr/ and search on the permit number or coordinates listed in this Public Notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

/ PURPOSE
The project consists of a convenience store, fuel stations, associated roads, and parking. The site is historically disturbed. Current habitat within the site is disturbed, old field habitat. Water resource features include one wet

site is disturbed, old field habitat. Water resource features include one wet weather conveyance (WWC 1), one stream (Stream 1), and one wetland (Wetland 1 - 3.00 ac). Development proposes to partially fill Wetland 1 (0.26 ac) to allow for development of an access road into the site. WWC 1, Stream 1, and remaining acreage of Wetland 1 (2.74 ac) will not be impacted. Due to the known presence of Hatchie burrowing crayfish within Wetland 1, Wetland 1 is considered an Exceptional Tennessee Water ETW). Therefore, the project

proposes on-site mitigation

through the preservation

of Wetland 1 at a 10:1 ratio. 2.60 acres would be required to mitigate the 0.26 acres of wetland fill. The project will preserve the remaining acreage of Wetland 1 (2.74 ac).

ANTIDEGRADATION STATEMENT In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the Division has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activities will result in de minimis degradation of Exceptional Tennessee Wetland because the proposes applicant provide in-system mitigation to offset any permanent appreciable loss of resource values. For more information, please reference Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement which is found in Chapter 0400-40-03 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department Environment Conservation.

FACTORS CONSIDERED In deciding whether to issue or deny this permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The division will consider the nature, scale, and effects of proposed impacts. The Division will consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

HOW TO COMMENT

TDEC is requesting public comment on this proposed permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within thirty days following distribution of the approved public notice materials (including signage and newspaper ad). Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to water.permits@tn.gov. After the Division makes a final permit determination, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the

Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. contact Please Brian Canada at brian.canada@ tn.gov or 615-979-1406. Si le resulta dificil leer, o comprender hablar TDEC puede inglés, proporcionarle servicios traducción interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Brian Canada at brian.canada@ tn.gov or 615-979-1406.

FILE REVIEW The permit application, supporting documentation, including detailed plans and maps, draft permit and rationale, and related comments are available review on internet at the Division's data viewer at https:// dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/ dataviewers/f?p=2005: 34001:15600742245: entering the permit file number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed and copied at the address listed below.

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Engineering Coordinators involving design and construction of complex distribution lines. Work with developers to extend electric facilities to and within subdivisions. Work with state and local officials to coordinate electric relocations for roadways, bridge improvements, and other projects. Work with GIS Coordinator to ensure documentation and system maps are kept accurate. Design and implement system coordination through system relays, distribution equipment, and software analysis. Software Used: Microsoft Office

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GIS software, and various types of coordination and relaying software. Education Degrees, Certificates, Licenses, and/or Training. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Engineering from an ABET accredited four-year college or university, FE/EIT certificate, Analytical and project management skills, strong written and oral communication, interpersonal and team skills, have and maintain a valid driver's license. Preferred: Professional Engineer license in the State of Tennessee, three (3) or more years of experience

in electrical engineering, preferably with an electric utility, experience in substation design, specifically in protection and controls with digital relays, a working knowledge of distribution systems and their analysis, experience with AutoCAD and experience with GPS and other surveying equipment. Please contact STEMC for a full job description. Benefits include health, dental, life, and LTD insurance, 401K, paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays. An application must be submitted to any Southwest Tennessee EMC office, or downloaded from our website at stemc.com and e-mailed to atipton@stemc.com or sdinkins@stemc.com by 5:00 p.m., February 7, 2025. An equal opportunity employer male/female/disabled.



Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation

State Forest Timber Sale Public Notice

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, is offering for sale certain timber on Chickasaw State Forest near Henderson, Tennessee. Sealed bids will be received in the West Tennessee District Office of the Division of Forestry, located at 220 Eastern Shores Drive, Lexington, TN 38351 until 10:30 AM on January 28, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened.

Sales # A-03-25-04 and A-03-25-05

The Division of Forestry estimates, but does not guarantee, that 902,600 board feet (Doyle Rule) of sawtimber is available for removal.

Only bids submitted on bid forms furnished by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, will be considered. The successful bidder will be required to sign a timber sale contract, at which time they will pay the full purchase price and post a performance bond equaling Seven (7) percent of the sale price of the timber. Each of these amounts will be in the form of a certified check payable to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry (separate checks will be required).

Division of Forestry personnel will conduct a tour of the sale area(s) on January 21, 2025. Those interested should meet at 1865 Fire Tower Rd, Medon, TN 38356

Sale A-03-25-04 Sale A-03-25-05 Please contact John Kelley for a tour. (901) 686-0508

Interested bidders may obtain bid forms, pro forma contract, a map of the sale area(s), and additional information at:

https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/state-forests/state-forest-timber-sales.html

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rewrite the story correctly.

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born into slavery, but he grew up to be one of America's greatest scientist. He invented

more than 300 products made

it was hard for a Black child to get into school when Carver

was young but. He never gave

up. He eventually finished skool and got a job as a teacher

Carver wanted to help poor

farmers. He told them to grew

peanuts. The farmers thought

Carver invited some farm to

lunch. They had soup, mock chicken, creamed vegetables,

bread, salad, ice cream, cookies

Imagines their surprise when Carver told them that everything was made with peanuts!

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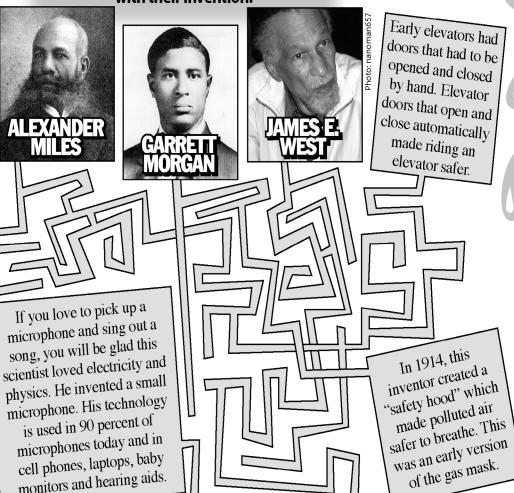
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LACK HISTORY MONTH

Black Inventors and Science Pioneers Touching Lives Every Day

Have you ever ridden in an elevator, worn shoes, played with a Super Soaker or used a microphone? Then your life has been touched by an African-American scientist.

> Follow the maze to match each inventor with their invention.



This NASA engineer is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water blaster. The success of his invention has funded his own research and he now has more than 100 inventions to his name. Use the code to discover this inventor's name.



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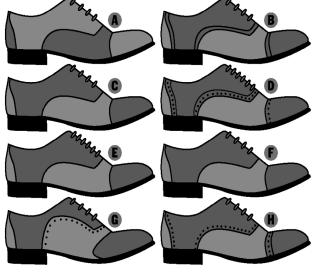


monitors and hearing aids.

Jan Ernst Matzeliger

He invented a machine that could quickly attach the top of a shoe to the sole. The machine made shoes ten times faster than by hand, making shoes more affordable.

Find the two identical shoes.



Replace the missing words.

Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison has always had big_ . Her big dreams took her into space! She is the first African-American female . In

1992, she flew aboard the space shuttle Endeavor.

Mae loved

and dancing as a child. In college she decided to medicine. After becoming a doctor, she went to Africa with the Peace Corps. When she returned _____, she decided to follow another dream—to be an astronaut.

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Look through the newspaper for ten words that describe inventors. Use these words to write a poem or a paragraph about inventors.

Standards Link: Research: Use the

Double Kid Scoop PUZZ

Cut and paste these sentences in the correct order to discover the beginnings of Black History Month.

week to encourage knowledge of the important contributions by the Black community. What began

eventually became a month-long observance known as Black History Month.

as a week-long celebration to honor equal rights pioneers Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln

Carter G. Woodson was one of the first scholars to study African-American history. He lobbied to establish an African-American history

Find the words by looking up, **MICROPHONE** down, backwards, forwards, **AMERICAN** sideways and diagonally. **AFRICAN**

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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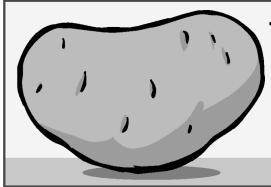
The adjective **automatic** means a device that acts or is set in motion by itself.

The grocery store doors opened automatically as I walked toward them.

Try to use the word automatic in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

STEM Newsmakers

Watch the newspaper for articles and pictures about important men and women in the world of science. Write a short paragraph about each. Keep all of your clippings and paragraphs in a notebook or folder called STEM Newsmakers.



What did the scientist get by combining a two ton elephant with two tons of potatoes?

ANSWER: Two tons of mashed potatoes.

Determination

Write Un!

and Perseverance Determination and

perseverance have helped people accomplish great things. **Fell about a time determination** or perseverance helped you.

CCHS begins district play against South Side, McNairy

By Caneisha Turner Sports Writer

Basketball season gets more exciting in January as district play begins. Chester County faced two of its biggest rivals last week as they traveled to South Side Tuesday night and Mc-Nairy Central Friday night.

The Eagles and Lady Eagles both struggled against South Side with the girls losing 10-60 and the boys falling 43-70.

Lady Eagles

The Eaglettes were only able to put two points on the scoreboard in the first quarter on a shot by JuJu Prather while the Lady Hawks had put up 17 mid-ways through the first quarter. By the end of the quarter Chester County was down 28-2.

South Side was able to stretch its lead in the second, adding 14 additional points while the Lady Eagles were only able to score three additional points. At the intermission the score was 42-5.

The Eaglettes were only able to add a free throw in the third as they continued to miss the basket and turn the ball over. Going into the last quarter, South Side was on top 57-6.

When the final buzzer sounded Chester County

only put 10 points on the board. Kloe Taylor and Brooke Ketchum scored 4 apiece and JuJu Prather added 2.

Eagles

In the night cap the Eagles started out strong with back-to-back 3-pointers by Christian Halford and Jayce Goff. At the end of the first frame Chester County was on top 13-7.

The Eagles missed several shots in the second and gave up the lead at intermission, trailing 20-24.

The third quarter was not any kinder to the Eagles. They continued to miss crucial shots and got into foul trouble while the Hawks were finding the basket and led at the end of the quarter 46-26.

Turnovers plagued the Eagles in the final quarter while South Side continued to increase their margin. At the buzzer Chester County came up on the losing end 43-70.

Scoring for Chester County were Aiden Welch with 16; Christian Halford with 9, including two 3-pointers; Jayden Williams with 5; Jayce Goff with a 3-pointer; Markel Fulton, Peyton Barham and Jordan Hunt had 2 apiece.

Chester County fared

McNairy. The boys played a hard-fought game and came out on top with their first district win 58-42. However, the Lady Eagles were handed their second district loss 18-41.

Lady Eagles

Brooke Ketchum started off the night with a basket, followed by 2 points by JuJu Prather. McNairy got on the board and was able to put up 17 by the end of the quarter. Chester County was down 4-13 going into the second.

The Lady Eagles were having trouble keeping possession of the ball and were only able to put up 5 points before halftime, down 9-22.

Turnovers and missed shots plagued the Eaglettes in the third, adding only 3 points to the scoreboard. The quarter ended with the Lady Eagles down 12-30.

The Lady Bobcats outscored the Eaglettes in the final quarter 11-6 with a final score of 41-18, bringing their season record 5-14.

Brooke Ketchum led the Eaglettes with 8 points, followed by: JuJu Prather with 5; Kloe Taylor with 3 and Esther Osburn with 2.

Eagles

Coach Tarius Johnson's

better Friday night against Eagles hit the hardwood in the Round House Friday night at McNairy Central, determined to add a district win to its record.

> The Eagles were first on the scoreboard on a basket by Aiden Welch, followed by a 3-pointer by Jayce Goff. Christian Halford added another trey in the

first, leading 18-7 at the end of the quarter.

The boys in blue continued to add to their lead in the second going into the locker room up 28-18.

The Eagles came out in the third and stretched their lead to 13 points, on top 39-26 by the end of the quarter.

The Eagles protected

their lead in the final quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 19-16 with a final score of 58-42. The Eagles record in now 5-12.

Aiden Welch and Jayden Williams led the scoring with 20 points each. Jayce Goff followed with 8; Christian Halford with 4 and Christian Swift with 3.



Brooke Ketchum drives to the basket against South Side last Tuesday night. She scored 4 points including a 3-pointer.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



Peyton Barham (No. 4) passes the ball during last Tuesday night's game against South Side. The Eagles lost 43-70.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



Aiden Welch drives for the layup against McNaiary Central. Welch scored 20 points. The Eagles won the district matchup 58-42.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



Hannah Cherry looks for an open teammate in last Friday night's game against McNairy Central.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



BILLY JOE NAYLOR – JAN. 18, 2025

Dr. Billy Joe Naylor, 90, passed away Jan. 18, 2025 at his home in Henderson.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Estes Church of Christ with Mike Cravens, Mark Blackwelder and Doug Burleson officiating.

Burial will follow with Billy Smith officiating Friendship Old Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends at Estes Church of Christ from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. service time Saturday.

He was born and reared in Chester County in the Old Friendship Community, the son of the late Ferry Everett and Vera Irene Woodward Naylor. He graduated from Chester County High School in 1952. He received an Associates of the Arts degree from Freed-Hardeman College in 1954.

He was then drafted to the US Army in Aug. 1954 and served for two years. He served in Germany and was drum major for the Drum and Bugle Corps. He was an honor graduate of the 7th Army NCO Academy, Munich, Germany.

He married Barbara Colwell in 1957 in Bentonville, Ark. They made their home in where he Memphis Memphis attended State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's of the Arts degree in Mathematics and Education. They moved to West Memphis 1960 where he served as Principal in the West Memphis



moved to Springdale, Ark., where he attended University Arkansas and earned a Doctorate of Education degree in Education Administration.

He and his family moved back to Henderson in 1966 where he began working with Freed-Hardeman College.

He was a dedicated member of their



faculty for 40 years. He served as Chair of the Department of Education Psychology, and Dean of Instruction, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Vice-President for Administration. He assisted in developing the Prospectus for Transition Baccalaureate degrees to Master's Degrees. He retired from Freed-Hardeman in 2006. While at Freed-Hardeman, he served for 15 years as an Adjunct Professor for The University of Memphis as a Professor of Educational Research and Statistics. The Tennessee Legislator issued a Proclamation for his role in education and School District for five community service. He and one sister, Lavelle years. In 1965, they served as an educational Mayo.

director for the Missouri Street Church of Christ in West Memphis from 1960 to 1965, and for the Springdale Church of Christ from 1965 to 1966.

He served Educational Director at Estes Church of Christ for two years. He also served as a Consultant for various churches of Christ in curriculum development for Bible school material. 1968, he began serving as minister for the Estes Church of Christ for a total of six years. He then served as Minister at Bethel Springs, Finger and Christian Chapel near Lexington. He returned to Estes and served as an elder for many years. He conducted over 550 funerals in the area. While teaching at Freed-Hardeman, he taught Tennessee History where he became interested in the history of Finger and the surrounding areas. He collaborated with John Talbott in writing and publishing a book entitled, "Finger Prints."

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lucille Colwell Naylor; two daughters, Dana Michelle (Mark) Naylor Harville of Medina and Taryn Danette (Matt) Naylor Bolton of Cookeville; four grandchildren, Aaron Harville, Audrian Harville, Mariel Swann and Ashlyn (Jackson) Petty; two greatgrandchildren, Summit and Rose Petty; and one sister, Florene O'Rear.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ferry Everett, and Vera Irene Naylor; three brothers, Dewayne, James and Everett "Junior" Naylor;

JOYCE MORRIS - SEPT. 20, 1941 - JAN. 18, 2025

Clara Joyce Spencer Morris, 83, of Jacks Creek passed away Jan. 18, 2025 at Henderson Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were 11 a.m. Wednesday at Shackelford Funeral Directors - East Main Chapel. Burial followed Milledgeville Cemetery. The family received friends at East Main from 10-11 a.m. service time on Wednesday.

She was born Sept. 20, 1941 in Chester County, the Needmore Road Community, the daughter of the late Elmer 'Bud' and Wanda



Smith Spencer. May She attended schools in Chester County. She married Jerry Wayne Morris in 1962. They made their home in Greenville, Miss. They moved back to Chester County in 1978.

She enjoyed being a homemaker and mother.

She always had a large garden and enjoyed feeding the goats and chickens. She collected Tiffany Lamps and Waterford Crystal. She was a Christian.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Wayne Morris; a son, Kevin Wayne Morris of Jacks Creek; one daughter, Annette Denton of Jacks Creek; and two sisters, Patricia Montgomery of Henderson and Carolyn Wright of Enville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Barbara Crowe; and one brother, James Spencer.

GLEN KELLER – JULY 8, 1939 – JAN. 11, 2025

Glen Dorsey Keller, 85. died Jan. 11, 2025 at his home in Henderson. A Come and Go Celebration of Life Service is planned from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the Montezuma Community Center.

He was born July 8, 1939 in Mishawaka, Ind., son of the late John Keller and the late Aleen Olive Siders Keller Szlanfucht.

He grew up in South Bend, Ind. He married Mildred Proud on June 27, 1964, and they spent 60 years together living Indiana, Galien, Mich., Jackson and Henderson.



He worked for Bendix in Jackson for about 20 years and then for Chester County Solid Waste at the Cave Springs location for another 20 years, retiring in 2021.

He enjoyed bowling, fishing, hunting and woodworking.

He is survived by his

wife Mildred Keller; a daughter, April Webb of Henderson; one son, Christopher Allen Keller of Jackson; a brother, Ronnie Szlanfucht Florida; two grandchildren, Caleb Hudson and Aimee Moore; and six greatgrandchildren Daniel, Christopher, Jake and Vanessa Hudson and Skyler and Robert Joseph Moore, III.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers, Carl, Stanley, Harold, and Frank Szlanfucht, John, Tom, Vick and Wally Keller; and two sisters, Donna and Millie Keller.

LINDA MORRIS – DEC. 15, 1946 – JAN. 15, 2025

Linda Lou Vinson Morris, 78, of Jackson passed away Jan. 15, 2025, at Jackson-Madison County General

Funeral services were Cemetery.

Sunday, Jan. 19, at Shackelford Funeral Directors Crook _ Avenue with Anthony Goodman officiating. Burial followed at Cabo

The family received friends at Crook Avenue from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday and from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday.

She was born Dec. 15, 1946.

JOYCE STEWART – SEPT. 20, 1941 – JAN. 18, 2025

Mary Joyce Murley Stewart, 96, of Henderson passed away Jan. 18, 2025, at Henderson Health and Rehab.

Funeral services will be noon Saturday, Jan. 25, at Shackelford Funeral Directors – East Main Chapel. Burial will follow at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at East Main from 10 a.m. until noon service time Saturday, Jan. 25.

She was born in Chester County in the Chickasaw area, daughter of the late W.H. and Sudie King Murley. She graduated from



Chester County High School in the late 40's. She moved to Memphis and worked for Kimberly Clarke, later moving to the Deanburg community in the early 70's.

She devoted over 60 years caring for her daughter, Melinda, who was home bound. She married Dee Stewart in the late 80's, and they

made their home in Deanburg. She loved working in flowers and was a very devoted of member Bethel Baptist Church. loved being around her family, especially for holiday meals.

She is survived by two brothers, Cecil B. Murley and Rickey (Celia) Murley, both of Henderson, and a sister, Jane (Earl) Hayes of Lexington.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughter, Melinda Wagner; brother, Charles Murley; and two sisters, Patterson Freddie Mae Smith.

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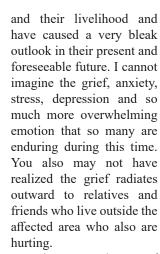
Stress

By David Coy

Last week, we looked at some ways we can reduce our stress during our journey with grief. There are many different ways in which life can cause or contribute to our stress, depression, and/or anxiety in our lives. If we are to reduce, minimize or manage our stress, depression and anxiety in our life, then we first need to recognize these symptoms and their existence. In our recognition and addressing them in our life, it is crucial that we do this promptly proactively. need to seek the cause if we are not immediately aware and get our support system involved if they are available and willing to help. Pursue resources if they are available as our stress and the cause or causes may be more than we can manage without help from others. Do not be afraid to ask for help from whomsoever and wherever. A real world example is the people of LA County

and the wildfires that have

decimated their homes



Perhaps we know of someone who is hurting where we are. If we are a part of their support system or would like to be, here are some tips that may help. Be available in their time of need, no matter how often is necessary. A minister was asked for



David Coy

his secret to a long tenure, he replied, "I show up." It may be uncomfortable, but be there. Expect almost anything. Remember grief is universal and personal. You may experience mood swings and uncharacteristic behavior. Listen. I will address this next week. Call David at 879-6284.

JAELYN WAYNE ADKISSON – JAN. 14, 2025 – JAN. 15, 2025

Jaelyn Adkisson, 1 day, of passed Lexington away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services will be 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Next Level Church at 835 US 45 North with Nick Oshields officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Church from 2 p.m. until



5 p.m. service time.

He was born Jan. 14, 2025, the son of Julius Aaron Adkisson and Katelyn Luann Morris.

He was eight pounds and 13 ounces, and he was 21 inches long with lots of hair.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Addilynn Adkisson; grandparents, Penny Adkisson and Jason and Amber Adkisson, Dustin and Tiffany Morris and Courtnie Fox; many great-grandparents and great-great grandparents; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

