# **Thursday** February 27, 2025 Onden **CHESTER** COUNTY Dedicated to the welfare of Henderson and Chester County

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# **Jasce Alexander** nominated by **CCBOE** members

#### **By Kara Crump Staff Writer**

The Chester County Board of Education met at Chester County Junior High School on Tuesday evening, Feb. 18. All board members were present. No public comments were made during the meeting.

The board began with delegations; the first one came from the class of 2025 student leaders on behalf of Project Graduation. Class President Nathan Salvador, Student Council member Zoey Campbell, Vice President Josiah Cook and Reporter Emily Weekly asked for additional funding from the board for no specific amount on behalf of graduation night in May of 2025. It was approved unanimously to donate \$2,000 to the Class of 2025 on behalf of Project Graduation.

For the celebration portion of the meeting, the board spotlighted Chester County Junior High School. Eighth grade STEM teacher Amber Murley and seventh grade STEM teacher Carrie Daniel introduced a STEM presentation to the board and attendees.

Chester County Junior High students Levi Lavenue and Adelae Gott took over to deliver a PowerPoint presentation to the board. They explained how they used Cricut Design Software to design the blue t-shirts they were wearing for their presentation. Circuit technology uses graphic design that ultimately prints using a 3D printer. They ended the presentation by explaining how they use Tinkercad Software for graphic design, video game design, architecture and animation design. Junior High students Abigail Cook and Aubrey Blackwell led a PowerPoint presentation on STEM sewing. They explained the basics of threading through a sewing machine, rethreading a bobbin, making a straight stitch and how sewing applies to STEM through math, engineering and science. The third PowerPoint presentation was given by students Bristol Cherry, Jori Miller, Gabrial Nelson and Copper Essary titled "A Glowforge Laser Cutter in STEM" to the board. They explained the Glowforge is a laser cutter that uses an app to create designs that are used in the STEM classroom. It can cut many materials, such as non-reflective metals, cardboard, wood, paper and acrylic of varying thickness. The students also discussed how laser cutting is used in numerous fields today, such as automative, wielding, agriculture and other manufacturing industries. During Christmas time, the students used this laser cutter to make ornaments and choose their designs.

The next item on the agenda was the assignment of Norris Frank to the Capital Projects Subcommittee by the Chester County Board of Education Chairman Shane Connor. Connor explained that Frank was previously on that subcommittee before returning to the board and that this was not a voting item on the agenda. Connor asked Frank to serve this position to which he agreed. He was added to this position to serve with board member Ben Cupples. They will represent the board ongoing projects on jobsites that help the board make decisions and choices on upcoming projects.

Board members discussed recommendation to the board to approve the nomination of a 2025-26 State Board of Education Student Member Jasce Alexander. District Director of Schools Troy Kilzer II discussed how he received an email from the Executive Director of the State Board of Education requesting every school in the state of Tennessee submit a nomination to Governor Bill Lee. Alexander is a Chester County High School Sophomore student. If selected, he will serve on the State Board of Education for his Junior and Senior years. It was approved with no one opposed.

The next Chester County Board of Education meeting will be scheduled for 5 p.m. at Chester County Middle School on Tuesday, March 18.





dreams burned bright, when hope lit the way, and when the vision of a better tomorrow inspired hearts to rise above hatred and division. But something happened when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was taken from us. It was as if, in losing his life, America lost its ability to dream.

We stopped imagining what this country could be. We stopped daring to see beyond the walls that divide us, beyond the fears that bind us, beyond the systems that fail us. We stopped believing that the dream of equality and justice could become a reality.

But, my friends, this should not be the case. Dreams are not bound by the lives of those who carry them—they are eternal,

There was a time in this nation when passed from generation to generation, carried forward by the hearts and hands of those who refuse to give up.

We must dream again. We must see again the vision of what this country can be. Not simply what it is, but what it ought to be. And we must commit ourselves to the work of making that vision real.

What follows is my dream. A dream inspired by those who came before us, built on the shoulders of giants, and carried forward by a hope that refuses to die.

My Dream

(Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech)

I have a dream. A dream not born of complacency but of hope; a dream not born of forgetting but of fulfillment.

I have a dream that one day, we will live in a world where Black history will no longer need a month because it will be woven into the very fabric of humanity's story. That the triumphs of Black innovators, leaders, and dreamers will not be confined to February, but celebrated every day alongside the achievements of all people.

I have a dream that one day, the world will no longer speak of Black excellence as a defiance of the odds, but as a reflection of the boundless potential that resides in all people. That young Black children will no longer feel the weight of proving their worth in systems not designed for their success but instead will walk boldly in a

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# Gov. Lee designates March Keep Tennessee Beautiful Mo

Governor Bill Lee has once again designated March as Keep Tennessee Beautiful Month. To kick-off the activities, KTnB will host a rally and awards luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EST, March 6, at Dollywood's HeartSong Lodge & Resort in Pigeon Forge. James Lewellen will bring the keynote address. Jointly, the state's kick-off of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup will be part of the

"March is the perfect time to spotlight the essential work of both the Keep Tennessee Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful local affiliates as well as our statewide partners," Executive Director Missy Marshall, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, said. "We are grateful to Gov. Lee for supporting this month-long celebration. Having James Lewellen speak to our group is an inspiring opportunity. He has first-hand knowledge of the important work of the affiliates, their volunteers and how the KTnB mission helps create successful communities."

Lewellen, town administrator (retired) for Collierville for an impressive 27 years, served through three administrations. He led the town through the creation of the Collierville Municipal Schools and through population growth from 18,000 to 52,000. Lewellen is known for his leadership, public relations skills and strong work ethic. A skilled orator, Lewellen's presentations often include inspirational quotes and stories to make a point.

The March 6 program will also feature the presentation of The Love Where You Live and The Leader Against Litter Awards. In addition, The KTnB Three Grand



Missy Marshall welcomes Trashercisers to kick off Keep TN Beatiful Month Photo Credit Keep Tennessee Beautiful

Divisions Scholarships will be presented to nine outstanding high school seniors from across the state. The scholarships prove Tennessee will be in the hands of great environmental stewards in the future.

To kick-off 2025's Great American Cleanup, KTnB and Keep Sevier Beautiful will host a community wide cleanup at 9 a.m., EST, March 7, on "The Spur" at 1011 Banner Road in Gatlinburg. The GAC annually engages more than 500,000 volunteers throughout the country.

Keep Tennessee Beautiful Month and the Great American Cleanup help accomplish the mission of KTnB: to educate and inspire Tennesseans to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment.

About Keep Tennessee Beautiful:

Keep Tennessee Beautiful is the state level affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and serves as a state resource for litter prevention, community greening, and recycling and waste reduction education.

Keep Tennessee Beautiful is a grantfunded organization sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Transportation as a community engagement program at The University of Memphis Center for Regional Economic Enrichment.

Songwriters Night at the Historic Princess Theatre

**Buddy Cannon with Jimmy Melton,** Ash Bowers, and Marla Cannon-Goodman.

At Community Bank, we believe in giving back to the people and organizations that make our West Tennessee region stronger. We're proud to present Songwriters Night at the Princess, benefiting the Henderson County Carl Perkins Center—an organization that brings hope and support to children and families.

Thursday, February 27 | 7:00 PM | Doors open at 6:30 PM

Tickets are available at the Henderson and Lexington Community Bank Locations—\$ 35 per person.



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knows no color.

I have a dream that one day, the scars of slavery and the pain of segregation will no longer cast their shadows over this nation not because we have erased the past, but because we have reckoned with it.

I dream of a world where the truth has been told, where justice has been done, and where healing has taken its rightful place.

I have a dream that day, no mother one will have to teach her child how to survive being misunderstood, how to endure being underestimated, or how to navigate a world that questions their humanity. That the conversation will no longer be about survival but about thriving, no longer about fear but about freedom

I have a dream that one day, the barriers of racism and prejudice will crumble—not through silence, but through courageous action, through the unyielding belief that we are better together than we could ever be apart.

I have a dream that the beauty of diversity will shine like the morning sun, not as a point of division but as a beacon of unity. That the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and perspectives will weave together a story that is truly universal.

I have a dream that one day, the idea of "firsts" will no longer exist-not the first Black astronaut, or the first Black president, or the first Black CEO—because the doors will have been wide open for so long that such milestones will no longer be necessary.

I have a dream that the lessons of Black history will not be forgotten, but they will no longer be treated as an exception. That the stories of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Malcolm X, and Rosa Parks will sit alongside those of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Eleanor Roosevelt-not as separate, but as essential chapters in Americas story.

I have a dream that one day, justice will not be a cry from the streets but a song in the hearts of all people. That peace will not be a distant hope but a daily reality. That love will not see race or creed but will embrace all of humanity with open arms.

I dream of a day when Black people look upon one another and see not a rival, not an enemy, but a brother, a sister, a kin. When the hands that were once taught to strike desperation in are extended in love and lifted in unity.

I dream of a time cherish the when we beauty in each other, when we guard each other's dreams as sacred, when we rise together, bound by a love that is stronger than the lies that have tried to divide us for generations.

This is my dream. And though it is a dream, it is also a promise. A promise to keep working, to keep building, to keep loving until this dream becomes our reality.

And when that day comes, when the need for a Black History Month has faded away, we will not forget. No, we will remember the struggle. We will remember the sacrifice. We will remember the voices that cried out in the wilderness and paved the way for this promised land.

And on that day, we will sing together as one people: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

This is my dream. And I will hold onto it until that dream is no longer a vision, but the world we live in.



# **Duck certifies with CTAS**



**Chief Deputy of the Chester County Election Commission** Stephanie Duck recently completed all the requirements to be certified in Basic County Finance by the University of Tennessee County Technical Services Association. Duck is pictured above with CTAS County Government Consultant Kelsey Schweitzer, who presented her with the award on Monday, February 10.

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# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The First Farmers Cooperative will hold its

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Thursday, March 13th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The Lexington High School Cafeteria.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.



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# **Jacks Creek Elementary**



# **Second Grade Math**

"Jacks Creek Elementary is proud to recognize Mrs. Dawn as our February Teacher of the Month! Since stepping in as our second-grade math teacher in October, she has brought experience, dedication, and a passion helping students succeed. Mrs. Dawn has done a fantastic job ensuring her students build strong math skills. We appreciate her hard work and the positive impact she has made in our school."

~Principal Todd Lewis.

# **Elementary**



#### Nancy Davidson. **RTI Coordinator**

"Nancy is known for her unwavering dedication teaching at West Chester for to both students and staff. six years and is currently Her tireless work ethic teaching and willingness to step in Every day, she fills her wherever needed make classroom with passion and her an invaluable asset to fun, creating memorable our school. Whether it's experiences that her providing crucial support students will cherish for or offering guidance to team player, and we are so administration, Her positive blessed that she is a part of attitude, compassion, and the West Chester family!" collaborative spirit have made a lasting impact on our school community."

~Principal Amanda Brasfield

# **East Chester West Chester Elemetary**



Myra Henry, Kindergarten

"Myra Henry has been Kindergarten. classroom teachers years to come. She is a ~Principal Amy Wooley

# **C.C. Middle School**



#### **Kristie Newson and** Jennifer Davidson, **Office Staff**

ladies "These essential to the everyday functions of the school day. They perform administrative and clerical tasks to support the smooth day-today operations of the school office, including answering phones, transportation changes, attendance reports, managing mail, scheduling appointments, documents, welcoming visitors, and providing administrative general

to have them!" ~Principal Renee Thomas

support. CCMS is fortunate

## **Chester Co. Junior High**



**Sixth and Seventh Grade Science** 

sixth and seventh grade science teacher, she brings nine years of experience in education, including three years of teaching, to her first year at CCJHS. enthusiasm and positive presence brighten the building every day, inspiring both students and colleagues alike!"

> ~Deborah Lambert, Vice Principal



**Chester Co.** 

**Paraprofessional** 

"Mrs. Jones "Whitney King is a as a ParaProfessional at CCHS, mainly in our math department. She helps students individually and in small groups that need a little extra help with math. She is a true professional and does whatever is asked of her. We are fortunate to have her at CCHS."

~Principal Clay Murley



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# **Davidson** receives degree from **UT Martin**

Kendyl Brianne Davidson, of Henderson, was among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 14, 2024, with some 300 students participating.

Davidson received a Master of Business Administration degree.

UT Martin is a comprehensive regional institution in the University System Tennessee offering 23 bachelor's degree programs and eight master's degree programs. The main campus in northwest Tennessee is one of five primary UT campuses, and UT Martin regional centers are located in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville. For more information, visit utm.edu.

## **Local students** named to **UT Martin Chancellor's Honor Roll**

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2024 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Local residents named to the honor roll include Haley A. Reed, Highest Honors, from Jacks Creek; Sydney M. Cherry, Honors; Annaleisa D. Sieffert. Honors; Austin W. Vest, Highest Honors, all from Enville; and Alexis M. Boggs, High Honors; Kallen C. Emison, Honors; Stephanie Gutierrez; Highest Honors; Presleigh A. Hatch, High Honors; Bethany A. Lewis, High Honors; Emmalee Melton, Honors; Jena C. Melton, Highest Honors; Brooke M. Thomas, High Honors; Joshua C. Turner, High Honors, all from Henderson.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

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**GARY AND ROSEMARY MCKNIGHT** 

# **Gary and Rosemary McKnight Endowment Fund to support and grow FHU Music Program**

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Although officially retired from Freed-Hardeman University, Dr. Gary McKnight takes comfort in knowing that his family's legacy will continue to shape a program that is close to his heart. The newly established Gary and Rosemary McKnight Endowment Fund for Music will provide vital resources to support and expand the FHU Music Program.

With the unwavering support of his wife, Rosemary, Gary McKnight dedicated more than 30 years to teaching, directing and mentoring students in the FHU Music Program before retiring 2024. Former colleagues launched this endowment both as a tribute to the McKnights' decades service and as opportunity

grateful alumni to invest in the program's continued growth.

"Gary has

the face of the music program for many years," said Dr. Alan Kinningham, associate professor of music and program coordinator. "Together, he and Rosemary have profoundly impacted generations students—welcoming them into their home, caring for them and making them part of both their personal family and the FHU extended family. I don't know that words can describe everything that they have done to positively influence the lives of their students, both on and beyond campus."

Designed provide financial support for the FHU Music Program, the for endowment will fund for decades at FHU."

important resources beyond the university's standard budget. Annual grants will support areas such as technology, research, multimedia, travel, enrichment services, capital improvements and scholarships to recruit and retain vocal music majors.

"It is very humbling think someone would want endowment fund in our names to be included with all of those who have helped students throughout the years," Gary McKnight said. "Rosemary and I are excited that there will be another source of help for the music program and its students. It will give the opportunity for other students to experience that special magic that has been part of the choral music program

McKnight is eager continue to flourish. including new facilities and the pursuit of accreditation an Department of Music. and friends of the university who are just waiting for this kind of opportunity to help of Music," he shared. here, the time is right, and we are glad we can be a part of it."

Those wishing to contribute to the Gary and Rosemary McKnight Endowment Fund for Music can visit fhu.edu/mcknightendowment to make a donation. Personalized gifts may also be made in memory or honor of a loved one.

More information is available at fhu.edu.

Looking ahead, to see the program potential official "I feel there are alumni the future Department "The opportunity is

> Mississippi while come from Tennessee, five call Alabama home, one hails from California and one joined the international honor society from San Isidro, Buenos Aires, Argentina. One hundred and eighty-

**Adkins** 

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into **NEMCC** 

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Community College's Iota

Zeta chapter of the Phi

Theta Kappa honor society

welcomed approximately

240 students into the

international honor society

during its Spring 2025

induction on Monday, Feb.

15, in the Claude Wright

Room of the Haney Union

on the college's Booneville

of the Phi Theta Kappa

honor society at Northeast

Mississippi Community

College during the 2025

Spring Induction was local

resident Brooke Haven

in

Iota

chapter, a student must

have completed at least 12

hours of coursework with a

cumulative 3.25 grade point

average on a 4.0 scale and

be a full-time student at the

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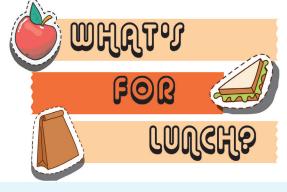
Northeast Mississippi

five (185) of the 242 to join the organization Northeast's county service area of Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union.

Inductees represented 66 different cities, towns and communities throughout the southeastern United States and abroad and have expressed interest in majoring in accounting, agriculture, architecture, art, biology, business, civil engineering, communications, construction, criminal justice, dental hygiene, education, electrical engineering, English, health sciences, law, mechanical engineering, medicine, medical technology, management, nursing, pharmacology, political sciences, psychology, radiologic technology, sociology, theatre, veterinary medicine and other areas of concentration. About Northeast Mississippi Community

College Northeast Mississippi Community College is a leading educational institution that provides comprehensive academic, technical, and workforce training programs empower students and promote lifelong learning. With a commitment to excellence, Northeast Mississippi Community College fosters a supportive environment that prepares individuals for success in their chosen fields.

For more information about Northeast Mississippi Community College, visit http://www.nemcc.edu.



### **Chester County High School**

Monday, March 3 B-Chicken slider, Pop-Tarts Chocolate crescent, banana bread L-Popcorn chicken/biscuit Mashed potatoes/gravy Squash casserole CFS sandwich

Tuesday, March 4 B-Sausage/biscuit, honey bun Caramel cinni minis L-Beef or chicken nacho bar Nacho toppings, cheese sauce Refried beans, fiesta rice, corn

Wednesday, March 5 B-Tasted bacon/egg sandwich Mini bagels, cinnamon roll, Pop-Tarts L-Boneless buffalo wings, roll Broccoli/cheese, glazed sweet potatoes Celery/carrot sticks Max sticks with marinara, carrot/celery sticks

Thursday, March 6 B-Sausage/biscuit, honey bun Blueberry muffin L- Poppyseed chicken, roll Green beans, coleslaw, Ranch potatoes Mini max cheese triangles

Friday, March 7 B-Breakfast pizza, cinni minis Chocolate swirl, Pop-Tarts L-BYO Sub: Hoagie -Ham, turkey, pepperoni slices, cheese Tri-Taters, toppings, Pizza

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

Monday, March 3 B-Funnel cake waffle/powdered sugar Jr. High: Chicken slider, banana bread Chocolate crescent, Pop-Tarts L-Chicken tenders, roll, fruit Smile fries, glazed carrots

Tuesday, March 4 B-Steak biscuit Jr. High: Sausage/biscuit, honey bun Caramel cinni minis L-Taco soup/cheese toast Or Wild Mike's Cheese bites/marinara Salsa/chips, pinto beans, Raisels

Wednesday, March 5 B-Breakfast pizza Jr. High: Toasted bacon/egg sandwich Cinnamon roll, mini bagels, Pop-Tarts L-Manager's choice

> Thursday, March 6 B-Chicken slider Jr. High: Sausage/biscuit Blueberry muffin, honey bun L-BBQ/roll Mini corndogs Baked potato/toppings Salad, fruit

Friday, March 7 B-Bacon/egg toasted sandwich Jr. High: Breakfast pizza, cinni minis Chocolate swirl, Pop-Tarts L-Wild Mikes cheese or pepperoni pizza Broccoli/cheese, Romaine salad, fruit

\*Available Daily: Variety Milk, Juice, Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Cereal. Menu is subject to change depending on deliveries and availability of items.

See complete menus online at chestercountyschools.org



Hello to all from this little corner of the world. Monday was a beautiful day to wake up to. The sun was shining, the skies were a lovely blue and birds are at the feeder. I feel pretty good today even with a bloody eye from an injection. Well, the last recheck on my eye was not very good. My vision was hazy, and I just thought it needed more time, but the doctor visit told otherwise. I have edema (swelling) from a blocked vessel in the eye. I was sent to the retina eye clinic and again had a battery of tests that required an injection into my eye. They numbed it up, and before I knew it, it was over. I have had no pain; it just looks rough. I will have to have several of these, but it is not a long-term issue. Praise God for that.

It was a very pretty weekend. It was a little chilly, but the sun was out and that helped. Thank goodness for that. There is never a good day for a funeral, but it is much better to have sunny weather than cold, damp, dreary weather.

We attended the visitation Donald Rowlett Saturday evening and went to Medina after church for the funeral of my friend's niece, Melissa Mitchum, who passed away at the age of 51. We will remember each family in the days ahead. Prayers for God's comfort and strength now and in the days ahead. Condolences to all who have lost loved ones.

Happy belated birthday to Jerry Rogers, 2-17; Margie McGhee, 2-18; and Dwayne Williams, 2-21.

belated Happy anniversary to Melinda and John Miller, 2-17.

Happy birthday Taylor Morris and Josh Westbrook, 2-24; Braylon Sanford, 2-25; Sue Lewis and Mallery Crame, 2-27; Tanner Butler, 2-28; and Jim Newsom, 3-1.

Prayer requests for Keith Brown, J.T. and Jeanette Butler, Nancy Connor, Tim Cupples, Joie Freeman, Charles Haggard, Danny Hodges, Martin Hurst, Alvin and Eva Jones, Sue Lewis, Doris McKinney, Martha Mainord, Debbie Morris, Julia Parchman, Pam Priddy, Doris Rowlett, Terry Seaton, Bill Wood, and the family of Donald Rowlett. Also, remember our first responders, military, firefighters and law enforcement officers.

"Can We?" by Diane Ranker Riesen - "Can we really make a difference/ with just a simple wave/Or can we change a person's

day/with that one smile we gave/Don't ever think you're useless/or that you have no power/We can help so many people/ within one single hour/A gesture doesn't need to be/tremendous in its way/ Most people need just little things/to help them through their day/I've seen a sad and lonely face/change quickly in my view/From just a stranger's soft "hello"/as he went passing through/ It doesn't take much time at all/to tell someone you care/I'll bet that simple kindness/is something... they will share/A simple grin is easy/and it seems to be so small/But it can make the smallest child/feel taller than them all/An old man's wink once caught my eye/ when I felt all alone/He changed my day, and made me smile/just by the care he'd shown/When you wake up each morning/try hard to keep in mind/That you can make a difference/ in each person that you find."

I pray you all have a wonderful week and may it be filled with love, joy, peace and blessings. Remember: if you have news, please email me at mimmiepots@gmail.com. I would truly appreciate any news. People from here and those who have moved from our area but still want to keep in touch through the newspaper are hungry for news from home. Until next week, Happy Trails to



By: Betty Quarles

Hello there from Deanburg! If you are a reader of the community news columns, you might have noticed that I missed last week's edition, so this is news from the past two weeks.

Did you enjoy the snow? I have heard a lot of people who are ready for this cold weather to go away and are looking forward to spring. I think some people enjoyed the extra days at home, especially the children.

We were so blessed in our area to not have received any tornadoes or flooding. We need to pray for those who were not so fortunate.

I am having a problem

with lady bugs in my room. I tried bay leaves to get rid of them, but they are still here. Maybe the dry ones in the spice racks are the wrong ones. I sure would like to know something that works.

I hope all enjoyed some Valentines gifts. I got flowers, strawberries and lots of good fragrance items.

Continue to pray for JoLiene Harris, Judi Concialdi, and Tony Brenda Collins, Judy and Bill Loftis, Mary Dell Gilchrist, Carolyn Goff, Dot Bratcher, Cora Talbott, Shirley Mainers and the people who watch out for and protect us.

Say Happy Birthday this week to Norma Tulley, Feb. 18; Kimba Harris, Feb. 24; Joey Lillard, Feb. 24; and Jeana Kate Perry, Feb. 24.

Sympathy to all the warm and take care.

bereaved – the Glynn Flatt family; the Royce Hunter family; the Jeanette Bolton family; Marty Rowland's wife, Melissa, and parents, Virginia and Larry; and the extended families of each. Also remember the families of Lizzie Stansell Vinson and Mr. Larry Rouse. I feel as if we have lost so many younger people lately.

A celebration of life for Mr. Bill Alexander was Feb. 22 at Pleasant Springs Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Pleasant Springs Church.

The Deanburg Community Club will meet at 7 p.m. March 4. To rent the building, call Shane Burkeen at 608-7262.

Please call 731-988-5122 with any news or announcements.

Until next time, stay

# **LIFELINE Blood Services announces** critical appeal for all blood types

An urgent need for all blood types was announced by LIFELINE Blood Services Monday. West Tennessee's blood supply is at a critically low level and LIFELINE is in dire need of donors willing to roll up their sleeves as soon as possible.

"A common belief is that most blood is needed after major disasters. However, daily personal emergencies and the ongoing medical needs of thousands of patients require a constant and ready blood supply. It's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives. West TN patients rely on your donations for their care, and we need those donations now more than ever. We cannot manufacture blood products, so please consider donating TODAY!" said Melinda Reid, Marketing Manager with LIFELINE Blood Services.

The shortage is caused by several canceled community blood drives due to the recent

LIFELINE has a special Center promotion. Anyone who donates at our Jackson or Dyersburg Centers will be registered to win 2 of 4 tickets to see the Braves play in Atlanta. On March 3 two winners will be drawn for two different games!

"This is a critical appeal, Community Mobile Blood

All Blood Types Needed! Lifelinebloodserv.org 731.427.4431

CRITICAL

and we need everyone to donate at either our Jackson or Dyersburg Center or on one of our mobile blood drives in order to save lives. Massive traumas occur without warning, making it imperative that volunteers donate whenever they can to ensure blood is available at all times," said Melinda Reid, Marketing Manager with LIFELINE Blood Services. LIFELINE Blood Services,

located at 183 Sterling Farms Drive, is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. The Dyersburg Center is located at 1130 HWY 51 Bypass, Suite 19 & amp; 20, and is open Saturday and Wednesday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday through Tuesday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

A Chester County

Drive will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at East Chester Elementary School.

LIFELINE Services plays a critical role in serving 21 counties in West Tennessee, including 17 hospitals, 21 emergency helicopter service locations, and one ground ambulance service. Annually, the Center collects approximately 26,000 blood products (red cell units, platelets, plasma, etc.) to meet the needs of patients. Of that total, 75% of those products are usually collected on the bloodmobiles across West Tennessee.

LIFELINE also provides reference lab and crossmatching services healthcare facilities. For more information, lifelinebloodserv.org.

## Lifestyle Pricing

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#### **Pictures from the Past Submitted by: James Bright Chester County Historian**

## **Montezuma School. Class of 1946**

Row one: James Ballard, Hugh Harvell, Dennis Emerson, Verna Cupples, Barbara Harvell, Josephine Muse, Judy Bulliner, Evelyn Morrison and Patsy Caraway. Row two: L.W. Burkhead, Max Harvell, Robert Morrison, Larry Bulliner, Royal Clements, Peggy Taylor, Clayton Skinner, Norma J. Wade, Katherine Evans, Howard Cupples, Gordon Jones, Billy Cooper, Bobby Cupples, Troy Cooper, Don Clayton and Doris Wamble (teacher). Row three: Gene Moss and Pete Muse.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch is served @11:00 Advance sign up = )				All Activities Are subject to change
3.	4	5.	6.	7.
8:00 Games & Coffee 10:00 Chair Yoga	8:00 Games & Coffee 10:00 Mobile Market 9:30—10:30	8:00 Coffee & Games 10:00 Wii	8:00 Games & Coffee 10:00 Mike & Jerry LiveMusic	8:00 Games & Fun 9:30
10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
8:00 Games & Coffee	8:00 Games & Coffee	8:00 Coffee & Games	8:00 Games & Coffee	8:00 Coffee
10:00 Chair Yoga	10:00 Music With BOBBY BROWN	10:00 Bingo W/Courtney	10:00 Yellow Dot Information Session	10:00 Birthday / pot luck/ bring a dish =)
andrea Comment	18.	19	20.	21.
Happy	8:00 Games & Coffee	8:00 Coffee & Games	First Day Of Spring	8:00
St. Palick's	10:00 Wii	10:00 Bingo W/ Maegan		Fun Coffee & Games
24.	25.	26. 8:00	27. 8:00	28. 8:00
8:00 Games & Coffee	8:00 Games & Coffee	Games & Coffee	Games & Coffee	Games & Coffee
10:00 Chair Yoga	10:00 Dominos	10:00 Bingo W/Hayley	10:00 Wii	10:00 Corn Hole

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## JAN JOHNSON

Hello from Enville! Another month is almost over. I hope everyone is enjoying this Spring like weather this week; it is very welcoming after last week's weather of rain and more rain, snow and cold temperatures! We are now in the "spring of deception" stage of Tennessee's 12 Seasons. We will have "third winter" soon, so let's go ahead and get that over with and move on closer to Spring!

Mark your calendars for March 8! The Enville Volunteer Fire Department will have their spaghetti dinner and cakewalk from 5-7 p.m. that evening. Cakewalk will be around 6-6:30 p.m. Everyone, come out and support your local fire department.

Danny and I enjoyed ourselves in Gatlinburg last

week. It snowed as it did here, and it was absolutely beautiful. We had a great time and lots of R&R. We

love the mountains! Ash Wednesday next week, March 5. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Christian denominations. It marks the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Some churches will have an Ash Wednesday service.

Enville sends out Happy Birthday wishes to Tyler Ooley on Feb. 28 and Robert Barnett on March 3. Happy Anniversary to Lynn and Sarah Canaday on March 2. We hope you all enjoy your special day!

Please remember in prayer Robert and Linda Johnson, Harold and Janice Maness, Robert Smith, Mary Lee Guyon, Mary Lou

Avent, Ann Pugh, Shirley Hampton, Della Mixon, Kaye Killingsworth, Jeremy Crowell, Karl Starnes, Janice Massengill Strickland, Jeff Finley, James Vinson, Jimmy Robertson, Tom Harwell, Glenn Butts, Mike Pugh, Rick Ooley, Jack Hampton, Mike Finley, all who have lost loved firefighters, ones. our first responders, law healthcare enforcement. workers, military, schools and school board, our county and country and, as always, each other.

If you want to rent the community center, call Pat Cates at 688-5125 or 315-8062. If you have news or someone to add to the prayer list, call me at 608-5058.

Have a blessed day everyone!



# Community NEWS



**GAYLE COX** 

We have definitely experienced a cold and bitter winter this year. Some say this is nature's way of controlling the bug population for next year. I think we had enough hard freezes this year to definitely make a difference. I am thankful that we have some warmer temperatures although winter is not finished yet. Come on, Spring!

All members or people interested in becoming members of the Montezuma Community Center are invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 3. We will be discussing some financial matters for the center and what we can do going forward. Hope to see many of you in attendance.

Local governmental meetings need more 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.

Montezuma sends out Happy Birthday wishes to Wanda Cook on Feb. 27,

David Cox (my wonderful husband), Randi Burke, Aria Quarles, Granville Russom, Camilla Phelps on March 2, Clayton Skinner on March 3, Evan Hutcherson on March 4 and Riley Murley on March 5. Montezuma sends out Happy Anniversary wishes to Chad and Renee Lott on March 3.

We appreciate all our members at the center and would love 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, and they are due for this 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, 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 society with 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 friends. Please be in prayer for our local and federal government, law enforcement, school staff, teachers, unspoken prayer requests and the listed individuals of Dobber 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 Larry Rouse, Donald Rowlett, Dr. Milton Tucker and other families that have recently lost loved ones.

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!

#### SILERTON Community **NEWS**

By: Marcus X. Fry/ Mary Lynn Lambert

A fine time was had at the Silerton Baptist Church social last Saturday night. Twenty-nine souls had a merry time enjoying each other's company, the many

tasty dishes served and various games. The Frys, Gail Mayfield and Annette Simer learned how to play Spinners, one of the many variants of games using dominoes/bones. Unbeknownst to them, they made the terrible mistake of sitting with the group that included the notorious Spinner shark, Grady Stack. Grady promptly trounced the group and sent

them all packing.

A reminder that chair yoga is back at Silerton Baptist at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The event is co-ed and free of charge.

An early reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. local time Sunday, March 9. Please set your clocks forward one hour.

# Community NEWS

#### with **GLORIA HOLIDAY**

Hello to my family and friends. This is a beautiful day! Why? Because this is a day the Lord has made! So let us rejoice and be glad in it! Thank you, Lord, for all the beautiful white snow, rain and sunshine; you know exactly what we need. I am thanking God for taking care of us and our animals during the snow and ice.

It was cold. Thank God and Southwest Electric for keeping us with electricity. Thank God for water and food.

It is the last Monday for the month of February. That means Spring is around the corner. I hope that all of you had a wonderful week, and you took some time to spend with your family. My grandmother Zelma Bass always said, "A family that prays together stays together." You can also add, "A family that plays together will have fun together." With the months getting warmer, it is almost time for the softball/baseball season to begin. Parents, the last chance to sign up for baseball and softball is 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday March 1, at Chester County Dixie Youth. I can remember when LaWanna and Frank, Jr. played many years ago; we had so much fun! Most of the time in July, we always celebrated LaWanna's birthday while we were traveling playing

ball! Mr. Kirk, thank you for the article from last week, "The forgotten history of Black people before slavery." Yes! It does need to be taught in our school! Not just about slavery but about the accomplishments of the Black race, and we do need to teach the children, families, friends and the community. Black History highlights the achievements of notable individuals like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B Du Bois, Ida B. Wells, and many others.

Today, Black History Month continues discussion of Black people and their contributions through activities such as museum exhibits and films and by encouraging the study of achievements by African Americans year-round. Be proud of who you are and teach the children so they will know who they are! This is the last week in February, and I am

going to leave you with famous Black some Inventors: Harold Amos (1918–2003) Occupation: Microbiologist Notable Achievement: First African-American department chair at Harvard Medical School. George Edward Alcorn, **Jr.** (1940–) *Occupation*: Physicist, Inventor Notable Achievement: Invented a method of fabricating an imaging X-ray spectrometer. Archie Alexander (1888–1958) *Occupation*: Civil Engineer Notable Achievement: Responsible for constructing roads and bridges, including the Whitehurst Freeway and the Tidal Basin Bridge. Leonard C. Bailey (1825-**1918)** Occupation: Inventor Notable Achievement: Known for the folding bed (though some sources attribute this to Sarah Goode in 1885). Alice Augusta Ball (1892–1916) Occupation: Chemist Achievement: Notable Extracted chaulmoogra oil for the treatment of Hansen's disease (leprosy). Benjamin Banneker (1731–1806) *Occupation*: Almanac Author, Surveyor, Farmer Notable Achievements: Constructed a wooden clock and assisted in surveying the original boundaries of the District of Columbia; authored a series of almanacs and observations. natural Augustin Banyaga (1947-)Occupation: Mathematician Notable Work: Contributions to diffeomorphisms symplectomorphisms. Janet Bashen (1957–) Occupation: Inventor, Entrepreneur, Professional Consultant Notable Achievement: First African-American woman to receive a patent for web-based software invention, "Link Line," an Equal Employment Opportunity management and tracking software. Patricia Bath (1942–2019) Occupation: Ophthalmologist Notable Achievement: First African-American female physician to receive a patent for medical invention; developed the Laserphaco

Andrew Beard (1849-1921) Occupation: Farmer, Blacksmith, Carpenter, Railroad Worker, Businessman, Inventor Notable Achievements: the Improved Janney coupler; invented car device #594,059 (November 23, 1897) and patented a rotary engine (#478,271, July 5, 1892). Earl S. Bell (1977–) Occupation: Inventor, Architect, Entrepreneur, Industrial Designer Notable Achievements: Invented a chair with sliding skin (2004) and a quantitative display apparatus (2005). Miriam Benjamin (1861–1947) *Occupation*: Inventor, Educator Notable Achievement: Invented the "Gong and Signal Chair for Hotels"; the second African-American woman to receive a patent. Leonidas Berry (1902–1995) *Occupation*: Gastroenterologist Notable Achievement: Pioneer in gastroscopy. Henry Blair (1807–1860) *Occupation*: Inventor Notable Achievement: Second Black inventor to issue a patent; invented a seed planter and a cotton planter. Sarah Boone (1832–1905) Occupation: Inventor Notable Achievement: Invented an ironing board that allowed for easier ironing of sleeves on women's garments. I could only name a few of these great inventors; however, you can read the entire list. Just go to https:// blackinventor.com/

The city would like to wish Happy Birthday to the following: Joyce Bass on Feb. 22 and Cooper Arnold on Feb. 25. On March 2, 61 years ago, I was blessed to have a baby brother. His name is Dennis Brown. Your family and big sister would like to wish you a happy birthday. We pray that all of you had and will have a blessed birthday!

On the prayer list this week: our children, teachers and families, our men and women that are serving our country and also the incarcerated. 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, I need to hear from you. Call me at 989-1907 and leave your message, or you may email me at gloria\_ holiday@msn.com. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

#### Chester County students pour red sand for a noble cause

churches and communities

The Chester County Student Health Council against took a stand human trafficking by participating in the Red Sand Project Wednesday, Jan. 29. Wearing blue in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, students poured red sand into the cracks in front of Chester County High School, symbolizing those who have fallen through the cracks of society and become victims of this heinous crime.

This initiative was a

collaborative effort between and available resources to the Student Health Council and the Chester County Health Department's Public Health Educator, Danielle McHaney. Students who attended the Tennessee Teen Institute selected the Red Sand Project as part of their Action Plan to bring awareness to human trafficking and its a victim or need assistance, devastating impact.

Tennessee The of Health Department encourages all Tennesseans to educate themselves on the risk factors, warning signs

combat human trafficking. As a crime affecting millions worldwide, human trafficking often unnoticed. However, by recognizing the signs and on knowing how to take action, individuals can play a crucial role in prevention.

If you suspect someone is contact the Tennessee **Human Trafficking Hotline** at 1-855-558-6484 or text "BeFree" to 233722.



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# Community Club Meeting Schedules

Deanburg	First Tuesday	7 p.m.
Enville	First Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
New Friendship	Third Friday	6 p.m.
Hickory Corner	Fourth Thursday	
Jacks Creek	Second Thursday	6-7 p.m.
Montezuma	First Monday	6 p.m.
Sweetlips	First Saturday in February	

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#### **CC Democratic Party** Meeting Feb. 27

The Chester County Democratic Party will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 on the second floor of City Hall, 121 Crook Ave., Henderson. For more information, contact Gloria Holiday, Chair of the Chester County Democrats, at 608-6132. You can find them on Facebook at ChesterCountyDemocratic or by email democratic party of chester county@ gmail.com

#### TN Championship Wrestling March 4

Tennessee Championship Wrestling

returns to Chester County High School Friday, March 14, with a 7 p.m. bell time. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Admission for children 12 and under is free. All proceeds benefit the Chester County Exchange Club - Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

#### **Small Town Spring Fling** March 15

Vendors are needed for the Small Town Spring Fling taking place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 15 in The Depot connected to Besso's, 116 W. Main St. Contact Megan Durham at 731-225-5198 or Shelby Dalton at 731-225-5178.

# OPINION/RECORDS

# **Gov. Lee delivers annual State of the State address**

Lee outlines vision for Tennessee's future, Walley pushes for road improvements

By State Senator Page Walley

Governor Bill Lee recently delivered his seventh State of the State address on a Monday evening in a joint session of our General Assembly. where he laid out his 2025 budget priorities. Lee's proposed \$59.5 billion budget includes strategic investments to secure a prosperous future for Tennessee. It prioritizes economic and educational opportunities, infrastructure, protecting communities and preserving Tennessee's natural resources.

The next day our Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee was presented with a more detailed overview of Lee's 2025 budget proposal by Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Jim Bryson. Fiscal

Continued Responsibility

Gov. Lee commended our General Assembly for our role in fostering a strong fiscal legacy. He praised the leadership throughout the state for their commitment to sound economic policies. These policies have positioned Tennessee for long term growth and stability. The Governor emphasized how continued partnership with the General Assembly is key to sound fiscal management.

We remain committed to the state's economic future through fiscal responsibility and promoting economic development.

Lee's proposal includes an additional:

\$35.6 million investment into the Rainv Day Fund, bringing Tennessee's reserves to nearly \$2.2 billion, the largest in state history

Tennessee the Youth Employment Program to operate year-round, double its participation, and reach even more underserved communities

- \$45.8 million for Rural Development Grant Fund to enhance Tennessee's distressed rural and communities through site development, community asset improvements, strategic planning and downtown revitalization

- \$25 million for FastTrack grants to recruit new business to Tennessee and support workforce development

- \$5 million to create TN Accelerates, a partnership between Tennessee **Economic and Community** Development and the Department of Labor and Workforce to create customized workforce training programs tailored - \$7 million to expand to the specific needs of incoming and existing businesses

- \$10 million for the Rural Grant Opportunity Fund to match funding for at-risk and distressed counties seeking state and federal grants

- \$10 million for the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Matching Funds to match federal funds assisting Tennessee startups in securing competitive research and development

#### Sen. Walley pushes for state road improvements

Perhaps the most positive move for our district is a proposal, which I have championed, to invest heavily in improving our roads. I receive more calls about our deteriorating roads than all other topics combined. The budget proposes an additional

\$1 billion for expediting existing road projects and funding new projects.

I met with Transportation Commissioner Butch Eley and with our Senate Finance Chairman to push for prioritizing repairing and resurfacing roads and completing projects already on the books before considering new projects.

There were a multitude other investment proposals put forth by the governor in education, higher education, health care, safety, agriculture, and energy that I will address in the coming weeks in this column.

Please be sure to tune in to our website www. capitol.tn.gov to watch floor sessions live and to see the bills that are being considered. Also, please contact my office at 615-741-2368 for any questions or input you might have.



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for time served. He pled

# YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

#### City of Henderson **Police Department** February 18, 2025

Karina Perez, Henderson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

#### February 21, 2025

Damon Lipford, 30, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with simple possession of schedule II methamphetamine, simple possession of a schedule controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

#### February 22, 2025

Dillon Kinchen, 27, Selmer, was arrested and charged with simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance. He was released from the Chester County Jail with a court date.

#### February 23, 2025 Austin Westbrooks,

18, Jackson, 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 February 18, 2025

11:59 p.m. - 209 E. Main St., Freed-Hardeman University, Paul Gray Hall, burnt food in microwave set off alarm.

#### February 19, 2025

12:21 a.m. – 335 E. University St., Freed-Hardeman University, Sewell Hall, burnt food in microwave set off alarm.

3:46 p.m. – Intersection without bond. of US Hwy 45 N at Premier Way, motor vehicle crash with injuries, no entrapment. 10:13 p.m. - 375 N. Church Ave., Oden's Marathon, false alarm, alarm activated while

#### closing store. February 20, 2025

9:02 a.m. - 441 White Ave., possible house fire, smoke coming from vents determined to be HVAC malfunction. No fire.

6:32 p.m. – 823 E. Main St., Eagle Warehouse, false alarm, unknown cause.

#### February 22, 2025

3:46 p.m. – US Hwy 45 N at State Route 100, motor vehicle crash with no injuries, no entrapment.

#### February 24, 2025

12:44 p.m. – 250 E. Main St., Freed-Hardeman University, Jones Family Dining Hall, false alarm, dust in particle detector.

7:45 p.m. – E. Main Street at Front Street bridge, assist Henderson Police Department in extinguishing

#### **Sheriff's Department** February 18, 2025

Zachary Barboza, 23, Beech Bluff, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections – Misdemeanor. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

David Richardson, 40, Huron, was arrested and charged with violation of probation. He was transferred to another

### February 20, 2025

William Mansfield, 47, Morris Chapel, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections - Misdemeanor. He is held in the Chester County Jail

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Devante Marcell, 24, Selmer, was arrested and charged with violation of Corrections. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,500 cash bond.

#### February 21, 2025

Samuel Sanders, 43, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$250 cash only bond.

Cordarrius Woods, 27, Henderson, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections Misdemeanor. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$1,400 cash bond.

#### February 23, 2025

Richard McNeil, 54, Enville, was arrested and charged with 911 call during nonemergency situation. resist stop/frisk/halt/arrest/ search (no weapon) and two counts domestic assault - fear. He is held in the Chester County Jail without

#### February 24, 2025

Jackie Thomas, 50, Henderson, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault domestic

-weapons and injury. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

#### **Chester County Fire Department** February 20, 2025

9:02 a.m. - Station One responding, 441 White Ave., mutual aid for Henderson Fire Department.

2:27 p.m. - Station One responding, 290 Williams Road, electrical arcing.

#### **CCFD Medical Response** The Chester County Fire

Department responded to a total of seven medical calls in Chester County during the week of Feb. 17 through Feb. 23.

#### **Chester County Circuit Court** January 24, 2025

Elton Ray Land, 54, case 24-CR-103, pled guilty to count one, class A misdemeanor possession methamphetamine and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, 30 days mandatory minimum sentence length due to methamphetamine charge, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, receiving credit

for time served pretrial, and ordered to pay all court costs plus \$750 in fines. He pled guilty to count two, class A misdemeanor simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, with credit for time served pretrial, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, and ordered to pay costs plus \$250 in fines. He pled guilty to count three, class A misdemeanor simple possession of a schedule V controlled substance and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail with credit for time served pretrial, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, and ordered to pay costs plus \$750 in fines. Land pled guilty to count four, class E felony theft of property \$1,000 to \$2,500, and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility at 45% service prior to release eligibility, with

guilty to count five, class A misdemeanor possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail with credit for time served, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, and ordered to pay costs plus \$150 in fines. He pled guilty to count six, class D felony tampering with evidence/ attempt and was sentenced to eight years in a TDOC facility at 45% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served. He pled guilty to count seven, class B misdemeanor driving while in possession of methamphetamine and ordered to pay costs plus \$100 in fines, receiving credit for time served pretrial. All counts are concurrent with each other and consecutive to a 12-year Lauderdale circuit sentence. There is no work release, no post-plea expungement and driving privileges are revoked for five years.

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.

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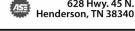
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Exodus 35-36

Moses assembled the people of Israel and told them that the Lord had commanded that they were to take an offering for the Lord from what they had. "Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering.......", he told them. Moses continued, "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded: the tabernacle with it's tent and ....."

who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the Tent of Meeting. Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every

The whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence and everyone

skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability? and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought. The people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. The workmen said to Moses, "The people are 1+1+1 bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done." Moses sent word throughout the camp that no more offerings were to be made because they already had more than enough.

They direday had more than enough.

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Owner Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/ Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-1

The following real estate located in Chester County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Beginning at iron pin found at the Southeast corner of Bob McDonald as recorded in Deed Book 142, Page 144, Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee and in the North line of herein described tract;

Thence from the point of beginning and on new through Pusser, following calls: South 88 degrees 15 minutes 50 seconds East 59.48 feet to a fence corner; South 04 degrees 18 minutes 54 seconds East 142.42 feet to a fence 16 minutes 47 seconds West 300.51 feet to a P.K. Nail set in the centerline of Sand Mountain Road;

Thence, with the centerline of Sand Mountain Road, the following calls:

South 89 degrees 44 minutes 03 seconds West 70.67 feet; South 85 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds West 113.86 feet to the Southwest corner of the herein described tract;

Thence, on a new line through Pusser, North 01 degrees 37 minutes 25 seconds West 453.45 feet to an iron pin set in the South line of McDonald;

Thence, with the South line of McDonald, East 138.72 feet to the point of beginning, 2 containing acres. ID: Tax 037 00011037 01603 Current Owner(s) of Property: **BRENDA DYER** AND **DYER** 

**JAMES** A. The street address of the above described property is believed to be 2505 Sand Mountain Road, Enville, TN 38332, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced shall control.

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In the Chancery Court of Chester County, Tennessee Docket No. 2023-CV-1446 James Ray Simpson Amber Nicole Carter Simpson

In this cause of a Complaint for Absolute Divorce, it appearing from the Petition, which is sworn to, that the address and whereabouts of the Defendant Amber Nicole Carter Simpson cannot be ascertained by diligent search and inquiry, the Defendant Amber Nicole Carter Simpson is therefore required to file an answer for the Petition in the above styled action with the Clerk & Master of the Chester County Chancery Court, 333 Eric Bell Drive, Tennessee Henderson, 38340 on or before April 1, 2024, and to serve a copy of said answer on Plaintiff's attorney, G.W. Sherrod III, P.O. Box 126, Henderson, Tennessee 38340, in order to make defense to this Complaint filed against her or otherwise the complaint will as to him be confessed. This notice will be published in the Chester County Independent for four consecutive weeks. G.W. Sherrod Attorney for Plaintiff Phone: (731) 989-0485

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CHESTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM RANDALL THOMPSON,  $D \ E \ C \ E \ A \ S \ E \ D$ 

2025-PR-809 NO.

**NOTICE** CREDITORS Notice is Hereby Given that on 2-18-2025, Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of WILLIAM RANDALL THOMPSON deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Chester County, Tennessee. All persons, resident,

and non-resident, having claims, matured unmatured, against his/her Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of above-named Court, within four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or of the posting, as the case may be) of this notice, their claim otherwise will be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Date: 2-18-2025

Patricia Thompson, Executor/Administrator Date: 2-18-2025

Lloyd R. Tatum, Attorney Date: 2-18-2025

Keith Frye, Clerk and Master

Notice Creditors to As Required by **TCA** §30-2-306

Chester County Chancery Court Chester County Henderson, Tennessee

Number 12CH1-2024-PR808

In the Matter of the Estate of: JANICE LOUISE Deceased HUDSON, Notice Hereby is Given this the 18 day of February, 2025, Letters of Administration, in respect to the Estate of Janice Louise Hudson deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Chester County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident, and non-resident, having matured claims, unmatured, against his/her Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court, within four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or of the posting, as the case may be) of this notice, otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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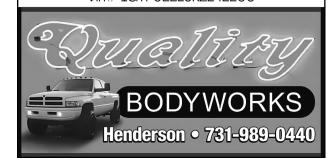
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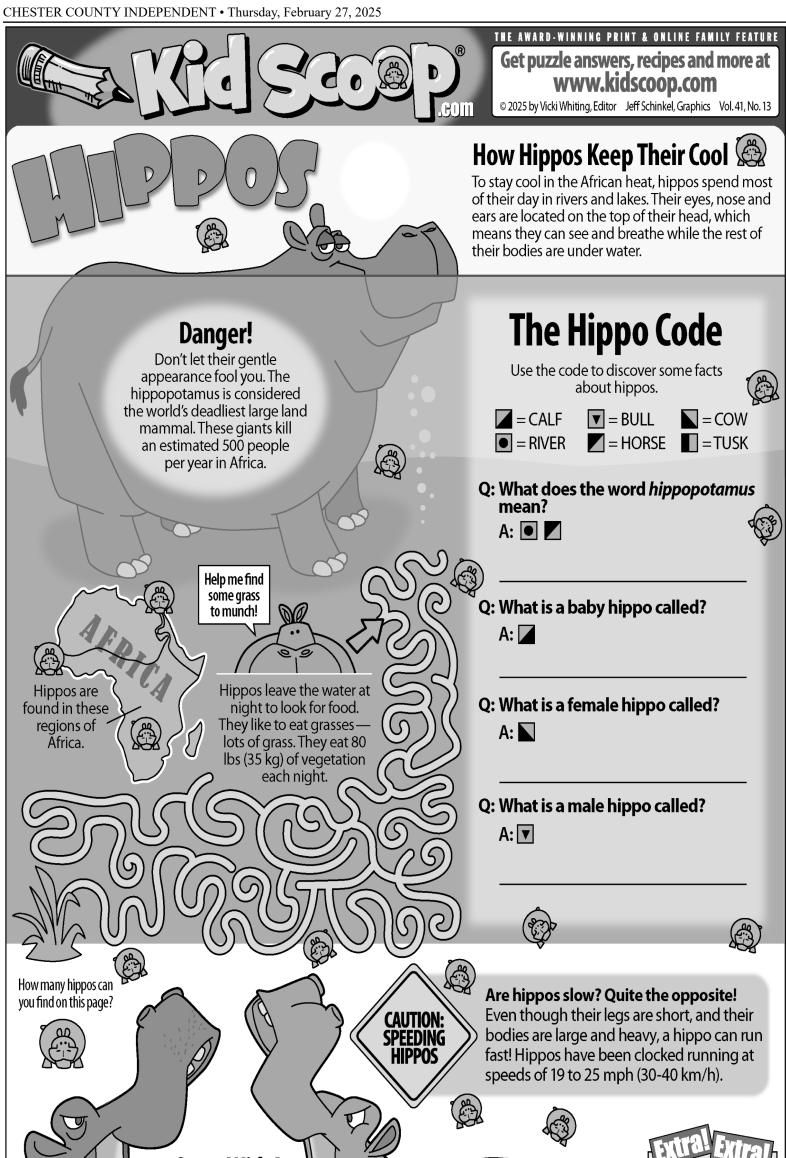
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Try to use the word **combat** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

called it.

**Open Wide!** 

Hippos have a huge

mouth, measuring

up to 4 ft (1.2 m)

when opened wide!

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**Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?** 

their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools

a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and

drying out — and acts as a sunblock, too!

they observed, they gave it a name.

**DBKLTOWOYDJSAWPEDAVT** 

When early European explorers first

noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos

Circle every other letter to see what they

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of

it stays on the skin and protects it from

**How many** 

differences

can you find

between

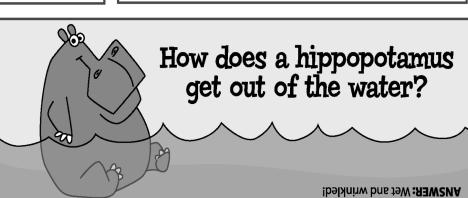
these two

hippos?

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**Fact and Opinion** Look through the newspaper to find and circle five facts. Then look through the newspaper to find and underline five opinions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Know the difference between fact and fiction.



Hippos have a pair of huge incisors

in each jaw. The large, curved lower

canine teeth are like tusks as they grow

throughout a hippo's life. They can

reach a length of 1 foot 8 inches (50

cm)! These teeth are used for combat,

not eating. When a hippo yawns, it's

not tired but it is a sign of a threat.

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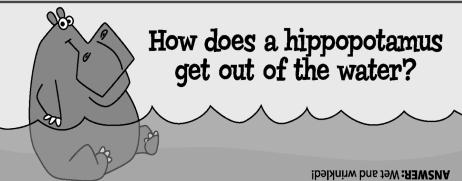
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Hippos hardly hold hankies is a sentence where every word starts with the same letter. This is an alliteration. Write three alliterations.



# FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

# **Baseball splits first day** of Midwest Clash

Competing in the first day of the 2025 Midwest Clash the Freed-Hardeman University Lions fell 9-5 in the first game against the Indiana University Kokomo Cougars before wrapping up the night with a 4-3 win over the University of Northwestern Ohio.

#### Game 1 **IUK - 9 FHU - 5**

Freed-Hardeman (9-6) had a good start when Cam Madding lifted a two-out double into the right field before Jordan Carter drew a walk. A double-steal set up a wild pitch to drive Madding home to score the first run of the game.

The Cougars (3-9) answered quickly in the top of the second. A couple of singles and a walk loaded the bases for a two-run single to put IUK on top 2-1.

The Lions flipped the script in the bottom of the second when Trace Anderson hit a triple to score Dawson Massengale. Cade Fuller followed with an RBI single up the middle to put the Lions back on top 3-2.

A sacrifice fly in the top of the fourth tied the game before the Cougars stormed ahead in the sixth inning with a five-run output. Gage Burt had a high spot with a pinch-hit home run to narrow the gap to 8-5, but a sac fly in the seventh finished the scoring in the 9-5 defeat.

Trace Anderson and Dawson Massengale each tallied a pair of hits in the

Cooper Johnson had the start for the Lions where he struck out two in as many innings. Justin Smarr (0-1) was the pitcher of record, taking the loss as the third of four relievers.

> Game 2 UNOH - 3 **FHU-4**

The Lions (10-6) ended the day on a bright note despite the University of Northwestern Ohio leadoff hitter sending the first pitch of the game over the wall in right. Trace Anderson got the Lions on the bases with a leadoff single. Cade Fuller then went to the opposite field for a mammoth two-run blast to put FHU on top 2-1.

For the next four innings, neither the Lions nor the Racers (3-7-1) made any headway on the scoreboard until a wild sixth inning. With the bases loaded and one out, the Lions hoped to have gotten a double play, but only the front half was successful. After that, a single to right field scored one run before the second was thrown out to end the inning with UNOH leading



Undaunted, Cade Fuller had a one-out single up the middle before a throwing error allowed Fuller to not only stay alive on the bases, but to move to third. Jordan Carter legged out an infield single to drive in the tying run before scoring the go-

ahead run thanks to Hunter Ryan's RBI single. Though the Racers put the tying run on second, the Lions shut down the Racers to claim the 4-3 victory.

Of the five FHU hits, Cade fuller had two while also driving in a team-high

two RBI. Matthew Riley got the start where he struck out six batters while surrendering one run. Hunter McLemore (2-1) earned the victory after striking out four batters in two innings.

# Lady Lions go winless in Oklahoma

Wrapping up the NAIA Softball Opening Invite, the (RV) Freed-Hardeman University Lady Lions had a tough test against the No. 3 Southern Oregon Raiders before facing the No. 24 Baker (Kan.) University Wildcats. FHU came up short both games, first falling to SOU 7-2 before dropping the finale to Baker 2-0.

#### Game 1 **FHU - 2 SOU - 7**

The Lady Lions (0-2) fell behind early with a three-run first inning by the Raiders. FHU recorded their first base hit in the top of the third inning with a leadoff single from Kiersten Mesler.

Southern Oregon (9-0) continued their hot start by adding runs in the fourth, fifth, an sixth innings. The Lady Lions plated their first run of the season in the top of the seventh when Karli Quillin drove home Kiersten Mesler while an error also allowed Christa Warren to score.

FHU was led offensively by the two-hit games from Myleah Hardy and Kiersten Mesler. Anna Rogers (0-1) was saddled with the loss after four innings of effort.

#### Game 2 Baker - 2 FHU - 0

start to finish, the Lady Lions (0-3) saw their chances evaporate with two onerun innings. Back-to-back walks from Chloe Carter and Myleah Hardy was fol-

lowed by a passed ball, but the Wildcats escaped the inning unharmed.

A two-out error in the top of the second provided the Wildcats (3-4) to strike first. Hardy tagged a double in the bottom of the third, but could advance no further. Kiersten Mesler added a base hit in the top of the fourth before Carter joined with a single in the fifth inning. A passed ball and a double in the sixth put the game out of reach in the 2-0

Kiersten Mesler recorded two of FHU's five hits A pitcher's duel from in the defeat. Kyle Bown (0-2) had a complete game outine where whe punched out five hitters and allowed just one earned run.





# Men's golf signs Texas prospect

Coach Randall Rhodes visited the Lonestar State to pick up his latest addition, inking Keller High School's Carson Nau to join the Lions.

Nau was a three-year varsity starter for the 6A Keller High Indians. During that time he won the Texas Star with a 75 while earning fifth place at the Guyer Fall Classic with a 73. He had several sub-80 scores at the TJGT Invitational, the Independence Elite, and the Showdown

at the Lake with no round rising above 78.

His top swing came with an albatross at the Bridlewood Golf Club.

"When I first stepped on campus I instantly felt a connection with the people and community," said Nau. "Coach Rhodes treated me with complete kindness as well as the staff which helped make it an easy decision. I'm very blessed and excited to be a Lion, and am ready to put in the work in which being a Lion

holds."

Coach Rhodes said, "Carson is an impressive player. He has prepared for college golf in the right ways, committing to practice to grow his game, and playing in highly competitive junior tournaments. His resolve to be a Lion and to make FHU his home were impactful to our team. All these positive traits will make Carson a positive influence on the future of FHU Golf."



#### **Women**'s basketball ends regular season with ranked win

The No. 7 Freed-Hardeman University Lady Lions celebrated senior day after their matchup with the No. 11 Georgetown College Tigers. The Lady Lions stood firm in the paint by outscoring GC 40-20 on the way to a 61-48 win to wrap up the regular season.

It was a back-and-forth first half that began with the Lady Lions (24-4, 8-4 MSC) falling behind by five points before Kelsey Bender and Lilly Kee tallied layups before Kaylee Odom bucketed some jumpers in the key to end the first quarter tied up

To prove the evenness of the squads, the second quarter featured the exact same 10-10 score of the first quarter. The Georgetown (20-7, 6-6 MSC) offense tallied seven unanswered points before Lilly Kee wrapped up the first half with four points to end the half in a 20-20 stalemate.

The Lady Lions began to create separation in the third quarter when Rachel Satterly netted a 3-pointer before Jenna Satterly scored old-fashioned three point play. R. Satterly and Bender capped a 10-point run that ended with FHU leading 40-31 after three complete quarters.

Odom took control in the fourth quarter, scoring seven points to give FHU a regular season finale victory 61-48.

The Lady Lions shot 47.8% from the field while holding the Tigers to a 30.8% mark. FHU held strong at the glass by recording 36 rebounds to Georgetown>s 25.

Rachel Satterly tallied a team-high 17 points while Kaylee Odom celebrated her senior day with 15 points. Jenna Satterly notched 10 points. Kelsey Bender ended with a teamhigh 11 rebounds.

# **Eagles continue to first** round of regional

#### **By Caneisha Turner Sports Writer**

The Chester County boys sealed a spot in the regional tournament that begins next week by defeating McNairy Central 53-49 in the first round of the district tourney.

They went on to play South Side in the second round but were defeated 33-64.

The Eagles played North Side Tuesday night in the consolation round (coverage in next week's Independent). The top four teams will begin regional play next week.

This marks the third time this season that the Eagles defeated McNairy. The Eagles record so far this season is 10-16.

#### **McNairy Central** 53-49

With baskets by Aiden Welch, Jayden Williams, Jayce Goff and Christian Halford the Eagles took the early lead, up 15-13 at the end of the first quarter.

They held on to their lead in the second quarter, up 27-17 at halftime on baskets by Welch, Williams, Christian Halford and Christian Swift.

The Eagles put 16 points on the board in the third boosting their lead by 20 points, ending the third quarter ahead 43-23.

Scoring were Isaiah Stafford, Welch, Williams, Goff, and Jordan Hunt.

McNairy came back in the fourth, narrowing the score at the buzzer 53-49.

The Eagles only scored one basket from the field in the third with Welch, Williams and Halford making eight points from the charity stripe.

Leading scorer for the night was Christian Halford with 18, Welch and Williams added 10 points each, Goff with three, and Stafford, Drae Joy, Swift and Hunt each scoring a pair.

#### **South Side** 64-33

Saturday night's contest against South Side didn't turn out as well as the pre-

vious night. South Side has had the Eagles number all season, defeating them three times in the regular season. They were the top seed in the district with a record of 8-1. Their only loss came at the hands of the North Side Indians on Feb. 4.

The Eagles fell behind early in the first quarter, but captured some momentum midway through the first, taking the lead only to trail at the end of the quarter 13-

The Eagles points came from Aiden Welch, Jayden Williams and Christian Halford.

The second quarter was bumpy from the start for the Eagles. They saw their two-point margin in the first grow by six at the break.

Those scoring in the second were Williams, Welch, Goff and Halford.

The score at the buzzer was Hardin County up 22-16 at halftime.

Hardin County added nine points to its margin in the third. Despite scores by Welch, Williams, Goff and Markel Fulton, the Eagles trailed 26-35 by quarter's

The final quarter was all Hardin County. The put 31 points on the board opposed to Chester County's seven.

Stafford and Welch were the only ones able to find the basket in the fourth.

The leading scorer for the night was Welch with 11, Williams with nine, Halford with eight, Goff and Stafford with two apiece and Fulton with one.



**Head Coach Tarius John**son talks with his team during Saturday night's game against South Side. The Eagles lost 33-64.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



Christian Halford stretches for the basket last week in district action at ainst McNairy Central. Halford scored 18 points in the contest that included three three-pointers. The Eagles advanced to the second round where they sere defeated by South Side. Photo by Caneisha Turner

# **Eaglettes season ends in first** round of district tourney

#### **By Caneisha Turner Sports Writer**

The Chester County Eaglettes season came to an end in the first round of the district tournament last Friday afternoon. The came up short 38-53, losing to the Hardin County Lady Tigers for the third time this season. They finished the season 7-21.

The Eaglettes got off to a rocky start, falling behind early in the first quarter.

They were muster 10 points with baskets by Brooke Ketchum, Karley Heinsohn, JuJu Prather and Kloe Taylor. Savannah Williams was two-for-two

at the free throw point line. The quarter ended with the Eaglettes trailing by

seven, 10-17. The Lady Tigers turned

it up in the second, adding 16 points to the scoreboard while the Eaglettes were only able to add six by half-Scoring was Ketchum,

Prather and Williams. The score at the break was Hardin County in the lead 33-The Lady Tigers came

out of the break, scoring 15 points in the third.

The Eaglettes had their best run of the night, putting 12 on scoring by

Ketchum, Heinsohn, and Taylor added a pair.

The Eaglettes were trailing 28-43 at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Tigers stretched their lead by 15 in the final quarter.

Scoring by the Eaglettes was provided by Ketchum, Hannah Cherry and Taylor adding 10 points.

Leading scorer for the Eaglettes was Heinsohn and Ketchum with 11 a piece, followed by Prather with seven, Taylor with four, Cherry with three and Williams with two.



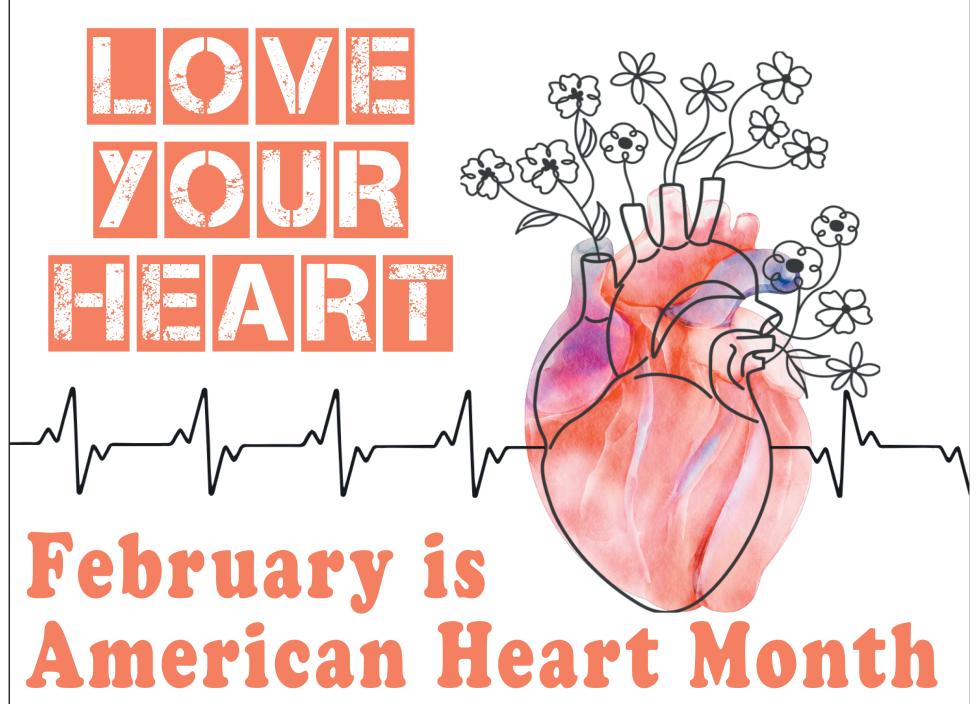
Senior JuJu Prather, on what would be the last game of her career at CCHS fights for the basket against Hardin County in the district tournament. Prather put up seven points.

Photo by Caneisha Turner



Esther Osburn looking to pass the ball, closely guarded by a Lady Tiger in district tourney last Friday afternoon. The Eaglettes lost 38-53, ending their seacon.





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#### DR. MILTON TUCKER – FEB. 20, 2025

Dr. Milton Tucker, botany professor Freed-Hardeman University for 41 years, went to his eternal home on Feb. 20, 2025. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Estes Church of Christ with Charles, Alex and Lucas Tucker and Tucker and John Mark Black as speakers. Burial followed at Unity Cemetery. The family received friends at Estes Church of Christ from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, and from noon until 2 p.m. service time Monday, Feb. 24. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Tucker Family scholarships Freed-Hardeman University.

A proud East Texan, he found a new home in West Tennessee when he came to Freed-Hardeman College in 1958 as a college freshman. It did not take long for him to meet Patricia Bingham, a petite brunette from Jacks Creek. Their courtship resulted in a marriage that endured for 64 years, most of it spent in Jacks Creek. No one who heard him talk about her could doubt his love for her. She was forever his girl. The tears in his eyes told you so.

After his two years at Freed-Hardeman, he completed a bachelor's degree at Memphis State University—followed by a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined the FHC faculty



Generations in 1965. of students remember him as a teacher who taught more than his subject matter, which he knew well. He began his classes by reading scripture, frequently from Proverbs, and a prayer. He loved God's creation, but he loved the Creator more. His students knew that by his words and his deeds. Students also knew that, however challenging his class was, he truly cared about them.

Milton was generous with both individuals and institutions. Mid-South Youth Camp's dining hall bears the Tucker name, as do FHU's intercollegiate softball field and three scholarship separate funds. He built cradles for babies and doll cradles, which he gave to his younger friends. He also built wooden toys and puzzles for many children he loved. His yard was filled with flowers, particularly, but not exclusively, roses.

the teacher, Ever in his retirement he posted photographs of wildflowers, complete with common and scientific names and sometimes the habitat. He developed and taught for several years a course he called Stalking Wild Foods. He and students tromped through the woods, hills, and valleys, seeking edible wild foods, which his wife, Patricia, faithfully cooked.

Having grown up on a dairy farm, he knew about hard work. He raised beef cattle on his Jacks Creek farm in addition to teaching and preaching.

Milton devoted five decades to preaching the gospel at the New Bethany Church of Christ in Hardeman County. He later worshiped with the Estes Church of Christ, forming lasting connections with those around him. Interacting with the children brought him special joy. His legacy faith, knowledge, and unwavering dedication to those he loved will live on in his family, his friends and his students.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Bingham Tucker of Jacks Creek; daughter, Rayla (Greg) Tucker Black of Montgomery, Ala.; son, Charles (Laurie) Tucker of Jacks Creek; six grandchildren, Alex (Hannah), Lucas, Anna, Tucker, John Mark and Olivia Ann; one greatgrandson, Charles Evan; and brother, Buddy (Betty) Bankhead.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dovie Tucker Bankhead; father, Charles Worthy Tucker; and brother, James Moffett.

### LARRY ROUSE – JUNE 28, 1942 – FEB. 17, 2025

Larry Wayne Rouse, 82, of Finger passed away Feb. 17, 2025, at his daughter's home. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Friday at Shackelford Funeral Directors - East Main with Wayne Lambert officiating. Burial followed at Old Estes Cemetery. The family received friends at East Main from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday.

He was born June 28, 1942 in Finger, the son of the late John Henry and Harriet Lutesha McCan Rouse. He grew up in Finger and attended Finger School graduated from Bethel Springs High School in 1960. He joined the U.S. Army in 1964 and served 13 months in Vietnam during the war.

He worked on his family farm and worked for Wally



Construction in Jackson for many years until it closed. He continued farming and worked for Harvey Neal Smith,



Road Commissioner, McNairy County in as a heavy equipment operator for many years.

He enjoyed hanging out with his buddies, Neal Lynch and Phil Garner, after his retirement.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Henderson and did a lot of cooking for fundraiser benefits. He loved farming and spending time with his family.

He is survived by Angela daughter, Pruett of Finger; four grandchildren, Wayne (Savannah) Lambert, Rebekah Sawyer, Andra Pruett and Seth Pruett; three greatgrandchildren, Ellanor Lambert, Karson Jones and Navy Mae Young; a niece who was like a sister, Diane Henson of Durham, N.C.; and several nieces nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Rouse, and four sisters, Leerlene Sanders, Imogene Rouse, Reva Gladys Rouse and Clara Neal Julian.

#### DONALD ROWLETT - MAY 3. 1938 - FEB. 18. 2025

Robert Donald Rowlett, 86, of Pinson passed away Feb. 18, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at Shackelford Funeral Directors Crook Avenue with Bro. Glenn Harris officiating.

Burial followed New Friendship Cemetery.

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

He was born May 3, 1938, in the Sweetlips Community of Chester County, the son of the late Robert Taft and Alma Lessie Bridges Rowlett. He attended County Line Elementary and Chester County High School, graduating in 1956.

He married Doris Jean garden, traveling to the Jerry Burl Rowlett.



Hooper on June 1, 1961, and they made their home in Henderson most of their 63 and a half years together.

He worked for 29 years and three months for the railroad and then for the USPS as a mail carrier for 33 years in both Pinson and Henderson Post Offices, retiring in 2000.

He was a member the Friendship Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon since the 1970's. He enjoyed raising a big

mountains and going to Brenda's Kitchen and Bells Diner.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandsons and watching them trap shoot. He taught them the basics of taking care of trucks and lawn mowers and taught them to drive a stick shift.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Jean Hooper Rowlett Pinson; a daughter, Donna Jane (Douglas) Bishop of Henderson; two grandsons, William Keith Bishop and Justin Douglas (Lindsay) Bishop; greattwo grandsons, Weston Wiley Bishop Waylon and Robert Bishop; and a brother, Jim Rowlett (Jane) of Pinson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Dolores Ann Rowlett; and one brother,

# RICHARD "RICK" RATCLIFF – AUG. 17, 1958 – FEB. 22, 2025

Richard "Rick" Thomas Ratcliff, 66, bassed away on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 in Jacks Creek.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan Grayden Ratcliff; his brothers, Dan (Margie) Ratcliff and Jeff (Darla)



Ratcliff; his children, Jessica (Fausto Crapiz) and (Tamara) Ratcliff; and his grandchildren, Will, Isaac, Bo, and Colton Ratcliff.

He was preceded by his parents, John Ira and Dorothy Ratcliff.

### LINDA TAYLOR - FEB. 13, 1954 - FEB. 17, 2025

died at her home on Feb. 17, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Funeral family

Brummitt McKenzie Funeral Home. The will receive services are at 11:30 friends from 9-11 a.m.

Linda Kay Taylor, 71, a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Friday, and interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. She was born on Feb. 13, 1954 to Rosa and William Woods.

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# **Good Grief**

#### Tongue Tied

By David Coy

Have you ever been in a circumstance where you did not know what to say, or did you keep silent for fear of saying the wrong thing? Sometimes it is very challenging to know what to say and how to say words that comfort and not hurt. While it is important to listen and we should listen more than we speak (James 1:19), it is also beneficial when the opportunity presents itself to speak. At the same time, we should speak of topics we know based on facts we have, not on opinions that we present as facts. When we do the latter, we risk hurting others, and that should never be our motive. Then, there are times and some people who feel they mean well but are misguided just the same and speak inappropriately when making statements that may appear intended to comfort on the surface but do not. I know how you feel. Since we all are unique individuals, it is entirely

possible we do not know

how another feels. God

knows best. While it is true Jehovah the Creator knows best, it is not appropriate when someone is mourning to offer platitudes that are helpful, comforting imply a negative connotation - "You should be thankful...you had a good run while it lasted." This last one needs no explanation.

If in doubt, say nothing; hugs are usually accepted by everyone who is hurting from loss. Tell the mourner they are in your thoughts and prayers. If you do have words of comfort, make certain the time and place are appropriate for what you plan to say; think before you speak, but do speak if you have something that



**David Coy** 

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