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Davis charged with second degree murder, held on \$1M bond



CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

An investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Chester County Sheriff's Office has resulted in the arrest of a man on a charge of second-degree murder.

On April 2, at the request of 26th Judicial District Attorney General Jody Pickens,

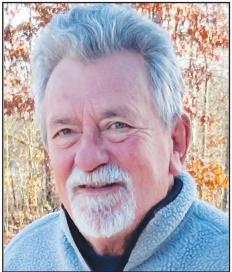
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City meets tonight

The City of Henderson Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, April 10, in the Council Chamber of the Henderson City Hall.

The tentative agenda is as follows: Delegations (if any), discuss and consider approval of the TCRS Matching Retirement Rate for the 2025-2026 budget year, discuss and consider purchasing a small pickup on state contact for the GIS Department, review and consider quotes on utility material for Eric Bell Drive water and gas extensions and any other business.

Business owner dies, services Saturday



DRUIE YOPP

Druie Price (Dru) Yopp, 71, of Henderson passed away April 2, 2025, at Regional One Hospital in Memphis. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at 124 Ayers Drive, Jackson. Yopp was a long-standing business owner since 1985.

See Page 12-A for the complete obituary.

First Amendment to The U.S. Constitution

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."





Historic Bells Drive In burns

The City of Henderson Fire Department responded to a fire at Bell's Drive in just before 4 a.m. Monday, April 7, at 204 S. Church Ave. The building was already fully engulfed in flames when the call went out at 3:37 a.m. and the department arrived on scene just four minutes later, at 3:41 a.m. A total of 18 firefighters responded, working to contain and extinguish the fire, successfully protecting the surrounding structures. The original Bells diner was built in 1954 and then rebuilt following a fire in 1964. Next week the Chester County Independent will pay tribute to the county's favorite burger. Share your Bells Drive In memories and photos on our Facebook post or by emailing hroeder@chestercountyindependent.

Photo courtesy of Henderson Fire Department the cause of the fire



Agents from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation were at the fire scene at Bell's Drive In Monday morning conducting a routine investigation attempting to identify Photo by Scott Whaley, Independent



Firefighters rescue Hickory Corner flood victims

Pictured are firefighter crews from **Chester County Fire Department (Station** 1), Masseyville Fire Department (Station 50), Medical Center EMS and Chester **County Emergency Management Agency** (totaling five people and one apparatus) responding to a rescue call at 115 Hickory Corner Road on Saturday, April 5. A couple and their two dogs were trapped in their home by flood waters. The Chester County Fire Department gives a special thanks to Herschel Carnell for providing his boat to help the first responders. See story and additional storm coverage on Page 2-A

Photo by Ethan Hanson, Chester County Fire Dept.

Retired Four-Star General Stanley McChrystal to Headline FHU's 61st Annual Benefit Dinner

Retired four-star General Stanley McChrystal, former commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan, will be the keynote speaker at Freed-Hardeman University's 61st Annual Benefit Dinner Friday, Dec. 5, 2025. This year's event marks a return to FHU's campus following extensive renovations to Dryden Auditorium. Sponsorships begin at \$600 and are available now at fhu.edu/ benefitdinner. General admission tickets, which include dinner and admission to

McChrystal's speech, are \$150 and will go on sale in October.

"While we enjoyed an amazing night at the Ryman for the 60th anniversary of the benefit dinner, we will be thrilled to host thousands of guests back in the beautifully remodeled David Thomas Dryden Auditorium on campus this December," FHU President David R. Shannon said. "We are grateful for each donor who generously

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GENERAL STANLEY MCCHRYSTAL



Community Day at Community Bank!

Join us on Friday, April 18, 2025 8:30 -5:00*

Everyone Welcome

Snacks, photos, giveaways, and fun! Free Photos with the Easter Bunny from 11:00 until 2:00.



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FHU Makin' Music begins Friday

Firefighters rescue flood victims on Hickory Corner Road

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Firefighter crews from Chester County Fire Department (Station 1). Massevville Fire Department (Station 50), Medical Center EMS and Chester County Emergency Management Agency (totaling five people and one apparatus) responded to a call at 115 Hickory Corner Road on Saturday, April 5.

A couple, Bob Keith, Candace Frye (owner of local business Miss

Candy's Antiques) and their two dogs were trapped in their home by flood waters.

When arriving on scene, emergency crews determined it was too risky to attempt to wade or drive through the flood waters to reach the home. Herschel Carnell provided his boat allowing first responders to safely reach Bob and Candace. Both individuals and their dogs were safely recovered

"Dispatch notified us of a couple trapped in their home due to flood waters. Upon arrival we determined we could not get to them without a boat. Herschel Carnell was gracious enough to load his boat and come to the scene, where he transported firefighters approximately one eighth of a mile to the

house and returned with

two adults and two large

complications.

dogs. Both adults were evaluated by EMS and then taken by the fire department to a hotel until the waters receded," stated Chester County Fire Chief Stephen Moore about the situation.

For more information about the Chester County Fire Department, give them a call at (731)-983-5570, or "Like" and "Share" their Facebook page for up-todate news: www.facebook. com/ChesterTNFD/.

Freed-Hardeman University students are tuning up and stepping into the spotlight as Makin' Music 2025, "Rhythm in Our Roots," prepares to take center stage in Dryden Auditorium this weekend. Tickets now on sale for the 48th annual musical showcase, with performances Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for Friday night, \$30 for Saturday's matinee and \$35 for the Saturday night show and may be purchased at fhu.edu/

makinmusic. Friday morning, April 11, weekend visitors are welcome to attend a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the new Jones Family Dining Hall and Chickfil-A. The ceremony will

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supports students through

this event every year!

We thank God for His

abundant blessings and

know that this evening

with Gen. McChrystal will

be one that encourages and

Army officers, McChrystal

has a legacy of service.

After graduating from West

Point in 1976, he trained at

the Special Forces School

in Fort Bragg, North

Carolina, and spent much of his career commanding

special operations and

airborne infantry units.

During the Persian Gulf War, McChrystal served in

a Joint Special Operations Task Force and later

In 2002, he was appointed chief of staff

vears later, McChrystal

was selected to deliver

the nationally televised Pentagon briefings about

military operations in Iraq. From 2003-08, he

commanded JSOC and

was responsible for leading

the nation's deployed military counter-terrorism

military operations Afghanistan. Two

the

commanded

Ranger Regiment.

The son and grandson of

inspires all of us."

begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the new dining hall. Prospective

students also will get the chance to experience campus life during Maroon & Gold Day Friday, April 11. Registration for all admissions hosted events, including Maroon & Gold Days and group tours, are available at fhu.edu/ visitcampus.

On Saturday, the campus will host Party on the Green from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Bader Green in the center of campus. The event will welcome guests with food trucks, inflatable jumpers, a photo booth and a cast member parade at 6:50 p.m. In addition, members of the FHU Associates will be on hand to sell FH Brews and teas as well as Sunshine Boxes, which will be distributed to current students during finals week.

April floods in with wide-spread severe weather

The US experienced extreme spring weather last week, with tornado warnings from Texas to Wisconsin followed by flooding and even evacuations for some areas.

Chester County responded immediately when Selmer and McNairy County was hit by a damaging EF-3 tornado in the early hours of Thursday, April 3. Nearby Adamsville also sustained damage. Besides an undetermined amount of property damage, a number of lives were taken by the storm, in Selmer and across the country.

Relief efforts are with ongoing, community collecting items for the tornado victims and responders as well as volunteering at collection sites and in rescue and clean-up. All requested donation items except clothing may be dropped



Pictured above is one of many homes sustaining tornado damage in Selmer last week. Photo by Melanie King, McNairy County News

off at the Henderson Fire Department at 505 Sanford St. A current list of needs is updated daily on the McNairy County Center Facebook Ag page. The Chester County

Independent will continue to report on this event as needed.

Flood waters rose in Chester County throughout the five-day storm surge, but most

areas receded quickly. The Chester County Highway Department assessed the flood damage as they were able and quickly began clearing and repairing, restoring the roadways.



Several Chester County roadways flooded following last week's severe weather which stretched from Texas to Wisconsin. Pictured above is Talley Store Road. Photo by Scott Whaley, Independent

Plan ahead: what Tennesseans need to know before the May 7 REAL ID implementation deadline

To ensure that residents can fly domestically and access certain federal facilities without any disruptions, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) is urging individuals to prepare for the new requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, which will take effect on May 7, 2025.

Beginning May 7, Tennessee driver licenses and identification cards that are not REAL IDcompliant will no longer be accepted to enter certain federal buildings, military bases, nuclear power plants or board commercial flights within the United States.

Tennesseans can apply for a REAL ID before or after the May 7 implementation date. If you are not planning to travel in the near future, you may choose to wait to get a REAL ID. If you think you might need a REAL ID to travel, TDOSHS encourages you to apply for your new credential well before your planned trip. Getting the hard copy of your new ID in the mail can take up to 20 business days.

Obtaining a REAL ID is optional. Non-REAL ID licenses will continue to be accepted for general identification purposes such as driving, purchasing alcohol or tobacco products, applying for federal benefits, voting, or accessing hospitals, post offices, banks, federal courts, etc.

After the **REAL** implementation, ID Tennesseans who choose not to get a REAL ID may use a valid passport or other federally issued photo ID to fly domestically. For the complete list of acceptable IDs, visit the Transportation Security Administration's website, tsa.gov/travel/securityscreening/identification.

Last year, TDOSHS began issuing new driver licenses and ID cards with a fresh design and improved security features. New REAL ID compliant credentials feature a black circle with a star in the top right corner. Legacy REAL ID compliant credentials have a gold circle with a star in the top right corner. The new and legacy versions of REAL ID both comply with the REAL ID Act and are valid until their expiration date.

To apply for a REAL ID, customers must bring proof of U.S. citizenship or legal presence, proof of their Social Security Number, and two proofs of Tennessee residency. If your name has changed, you must also bring certified legal documents supporting the name change(s). This could include marriage licenses, divorce decrees, etc. All documents must be original or certified copies. Photocopies are not accepted.

To ensure you're the correct bringing documents. **TDOSHS** encourages you to have your REAL ID required documents pre-approved online. Pre-approved documents can save you inperson processing time at the Driver Services Center and may eliminate repeat trips. A complete list of accepted documents and the pre-approval portal are available at threalid.gov.

Federal law requires REAL ID applications to be made in person. If you already have a Tennessee driver license or ID, you can apply for a REAL ID at one of the 46 Driver Services Centers or 38 participating County Clerk offices across the state. If you do not have a Tennessee Driver License or ID, you must apply for a REAL ID at a Driver

Services Center. To find a Driver Services Center or participating County Clerk,

go to tnrealid.gov. Tennesseans can save time at the Driver Services Center by scheduling an appointment for a REAL ID. To meet demand, TDOSHS added 1,432 additional REAL IDspecific appointment slots per day at Driver Services Centers across the state. Tennesseans can schedule an appointment at threalid. gov.

If you are getting a Tennessee license for the first time or it is time to renew your license, the cost to get a REAL ID is \$28.00. If you get a REAL ID outside of your renewal period, there is a duplication fee of \$8 or \$12, depending on your license classification.

Most credentials, including REAL ID, renew on an eight-year cycle. The cost to renew a REAL ID is the same as the non-REAL ID version of that credential. Tennesseans with a valid REAL ID do not need to present documents to renew it.

For more information about Tennessee REAL ID, visit tnrealid.gov.

efforts around the globe, assuming command of all international forces in Afghanistan in June 2009. President Obama's order for an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan was based on McChrystal's assessment of the war.

After retiring from the U.S. Army, McChrystal turned his expertise to the business world. He best-selling authored management books and became the founder and CEO of the McChrystal Group, helping Fortune 500 companies strike the right balance between hierarchical and decentralized team mindsets and structures. His upcoming book "On Character: Choices That Define a Life," purported to offer "McChrystal's blueprint for living with purpose and integrity," releases May 13.

Now in its 61st year, FHU's Benefit Dinner is the university's largest annual fundraising event, welcoming some of the nation's most notable public figures to the Henderson campus. For the past 24 years, the event has raised more than \$1 million annually for student scholarships, with total contributions surpassing \$37 million over the event's history.

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TBI special agents joined deputies with the Chester County Sheriff's Office to investigate a homicide that occurred just before 12:30 p.m. in the 8600 block of State Route 100 East in Chester County. Upon the arrival of deputies, Jonathan Graham, 39, was found shot and was transported Jackson-Madison County General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. During the course of the investigation, authorities determined that

Christopher Davis, 33, of Jacks Creek, was the subject responsible.

Authorities charged Davis with Second Degree Murder and is held in the Chester County Jail on a \$1 million bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chester County General Sessions Court at 9 a.m. April 15, 2025.

The charges allegations referenced in this release are merely accusations of criminal conduct and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

CALL TODAY!





Chester County FFA students and the local community joined in the fight against roadside litter Thursday, March 20 for the local Keep Tennessee Beautiful Trashercise event. Pictured at front, from left, are City of Henderson Mayor Terry Bell and Savannah

Preserve Tennessee's Bea

By Savannah Carnell CCHS FFA

Tennessee Keep Beautiful is an inspiring nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating a cleaner, greener, and more aesthetically pleasing state. Their mission revolves around reducing litter and fostering a profound awareness of environmental responsibility in the community. One of their most creative and engaging initiatives is Trashercise—a delightful blend of energetic exercise and meaningful community cleanup. This unique program invites participants, including the enthusiastic members of the Chester County FFA and residents, to immerse themselves in outdoor fitness activities such as walking, jogging, or hiking, all while along collecting litter their paths. Trashercise aims not only to enhance physical well-being but also to instill a deep sense of community pride and environmental stewardship. transforming litter collection into a dynamic and social event, Keep Tennessee Beautiful successfully encourages

diverse

range

of

individuals, particularly younger generations like Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha, to actively participate in preserving the enchanting beauty of Tennessee, fostering a cleaner and more sustainable

environment for everyone. On March 20, under the guidance of Mrs. Teresa Crouse, members of the Chester County FFA embarked on a field trip to the Chester County Recycling Center. This immersive experience provided us with a richer understanding of the intricate recycling process and its profound impact on waste management. As we toured the facility, we were struck by the remarkable transformation of what is commonly considered "trash" into reusable materials. We gained insights into the various stages of sorting, processing, and preparing recyclable items for their second life, allowing us to truly appreciate the vital role recycling plays in minimizing landfill waste. This firsthand experience underscored the importance environmental conservation and inspired students to take charge of promoting sustainability within our community.

Our home recycling hub, strategically located at Chester County Solid Waste on Talley Store Road in Henderson, serves as an essential resource not only for Chester County but also for surrounding regions. The facility processes an impressive volume recyclables every day, turning what would typically be discarded into valuable resources that contribute to a sustainable future. Handling thousands of pounds of materials, the hub focuses on a diverse array of items, including paper, cardboard, plastics, and metals, with an increasing emphasis on electronics and glass. This vital center plays a crucial role in diverting waste from local landfills, significantly reducing environmental impact while promoting sustainability efforts. By recycling materials such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and paper products, the hub helps conserve precious natural resources, save energy and curtail carbon emissions. Ultimately, it ensures that a substantial amount of waste is redirected away from landfills, becoming an integral part of the circular that benefits economy entire community.

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*Available Daily Variety Milk, Juice, Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Cereal.

Menu is subject to change depending on deliveries and availability of items.

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

Monday, April 14 B-Cinni Mini Jr. High: Chicken slider Banana bread, Pop-Tarts Trix French toast/svrup L-Chicken tenders/roll, fruit Mashed potatoes, glazed carrots

Tuesday, April 15 B-Chicken slider Jr. High: Sausage/biscuit Breakfast calzone, honey bun L-Hamburger/trimmings Baked beans, smile fries, fruit

> Wednesday, April 16 B-Breakfast pizza

Jr. High: Breakfast slider, bagel Cinnamon roll, Pop-Tarts L-Crispitos/cheese sauce Or Country fried steak sandwich Corn, pinto beans, fruit

Thursday, April 17 B-Sausage biscuit Jr. High: Sausage/biscuit Blueberry muffin, honey bun L-Stuffed crust cheese pizza Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza Seasoned curly fries Steamed broccoli, applesauce

Friday, April 18 No School - Good Friday

Chester County High School

Monday, April 14 B-Chicken slider, Pop-Tarts Trix French toast Banana bread L-Ravioli casserole/roll Black eyed peas, Fiestada pizza Sweet potato fries

Tuesday, April 15 B-Sausage/biscuit, honey bun Breakfast calzone L-Chicken tenders/roll Rib patty sandwich Seasoned potato wedges Broccoli/cheese, chips/queso

Wednesday, April 16 B-Breakfast slider, mini bagels Cinnamon roll, Pop-Tarts L-Boneless buffalo wings/biscuit French fries, celery/carrot sticks Squash casserole, corn dog

Thursday, April 17 B-Sausage/biscuit, honey bun Blueberry muffin L- Chicken rotel/Texas toast Glazed sweet potatoes Green beans, chips/queso Mini triangle pepperoni pizza

Friday, April 18 No School - Good Friday

See complete menus online at chestercountyschools.org

CC UT Extension holds April food drive

UT Extension Institute of Agriculture is working with Family and Consumer Sciences to bring awareness to food insecurity by holding a County Food April. Drop off any unused shelf-stable food items at 126 Crook Ave, Suite 202 in Henderson until April 30. All donations and contributions will go

The Chester County Drive for the month of to Gleanor's House and Eagle's Edge. For more information, contact Anna Nelson at 707-406-6824 or visit their "UT Extension— Chester County" Facebook page.



TCAT hosts Job Fair at Henderson City Hall

TCAT at Henderson (a satellite campus of TCAT Crump) hosted a Job Fair at Henderson City Hall on Tuesday, April 1 for those needing extra help finding employment, networking/ job opportunities, career growth and connecting jobseekers with top employers in the area. For more information on their next upcoming Job Fair, call 731)-632-3393.



HOSA claims first at state in Chattano

Pictured from left, Anna Napoli, Laynee Pirtle and Rilee Trice competed at HOSA State in Chattanooga last week, bringing home first place in Medical Reserve Corp Partnership. This event promotes emergency preparedness. Congratulations to these students.



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We have all had a horrific week with weather, and now Chester County is suffering the loss of a long standing business that was lost to a fire. The legendary Bells Drive Inn that is so well-known is no more, and I have not heard what their plans are for now. This establishment has served many hamburgers over the years and was a staple eating place for many here in Chester County. It will definitely leave a void.

Prayers go to the families and workers of this business. Our hearts and prayers go out to those in surrounding counties that have lost family members or homes during the recent tornadoes and floods that occurred over the last week. I was thankful for the advance warnings that were put out by Ryan Hall Y'all and other weather forecasters. Seeking safety from the storm is the best choice you can make when you are warned.

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 budget meetings and 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 Candy Beshires on April 11, April Beshires on April 12, Anthony Bolton on April 14 and Debbie Naylor on April 17.

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, 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, 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 friends. Please be in prayer for the tornado and flood victims in the surrounding areas, our local and federal government, law enforcement, school staff, teachers, Graham Bickings, Frank Naylor, Lynn Frye, Brenda Hannah, Donna Doyle, Mike Lott, Cindy Kilzer, Curtis Morrison, Donnie Brooks, Mike Tedford, Sherry Fletcher, Chuck Beacham, Sandra Lott, Faye Crouse, Jeanette Walker, Paul Schilling, and others that are sick or healing. We especially want to remember the families of Mary Anne Callis, Dr. Woodie Demming, Dru Yopp, Johnathan Graham, Thomas L. Gaugh, Sr. 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!

NEW FRIENDSHIP & MIFFLIN Community



VICKIE ELLIS

Hello to all from this little corner of the world. The sky was gray Sunday, and the temperature was 52 degrees. It rained as I wrote this. Our son has a rain gauge, and he has recorded between 13.5-14 inches over four days not including Sunday. It will be days before it dries out enough to mow or do yard work. We have had an overabundance of rain. The trees are really "greening" up. Birds are visiting. Our beautiful white dogwood is showing out among the background of green foliage. Our tulip magnolia has bloomed, and I would enjoy some more forsythia.

We have had torrential storms. We, along with counties, roads that are washed out. Schools in some counties were cancelled for several days due to the storms. Selmer was hit by an EF3 tornado. It is very sad to see the devastation occur anywhere, but this was close to home, affecting our neighbors. Please pray for

all affected by this weather and pray for those assisting in recovery and helping those affected by the storms in any way.

Condolences to all who have lost loved ones.

Happy birthday Kacey Pratt, 4-10, and John Thomas Wells, 4-12.

Prayer requests Keith Brown, J.T. and Jeanette Butler, Nancy Connor, Vickie Ellis, Joie Freeman, Charles Haggard, Joey Harris, LaDawn Hayes, Danny Hodges, Martin Hurst, Alvin and Eva Jones, Sue Lewis, Doris McKinney, Debbie Mainord, Debbie Morris, Jim and Sue Newsom, Julia Parchman, Pam Priddy, Anita Rhodes, Doris Rowlett, Terry Seaton and the family of Thomas Gaugh. Also, remember first responders, military, firefighters and law enforcement officers.

"Hope" by Diane Ranker Riesen: "Hope creates a privilege/to be aware that dreams come true/It gives us great encouragement/ that other helps are 'new'/ When I feel down and feel forlorn/that all my hope is gone/I always try to think upon/advances that are done/Medicine is quite a gift/and God provides the way/for all the new advances/that are out there now today/For those of you who worry/and it's surely understood/I pray you learn how 'Medicine'/is doing all it should/The journey of an illness/overwhelms in every way/and it takes a lot of courage/to be positive each day/But, God is ever gracious and He's given us great men/ who study, learn, and work/ to find the answer He will send/May 'hope' provide you comfort/when a dark day comes along/may the progress made in medicine/ remain to keep you strong/ And may your patience, Faith, and strength/bring peace into your soul/and in God's perfect timing/ His reward will surely show/Sometimes, things just don't work the way/ our hearts have asked them to/but, during your tough journey/God will always stay with you/He knows what's right and in the end/His answer will be best/God's perfect mercy understands/and He will do

the rest." 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 You.

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, email news@chestercountyindependent.com

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	

Community NEWS

By: Betty Quarles

Good morning from Deanburg. Thanks be to God. The sun is shining. We have so many reasons to be thankful, including a secure home and families and friends who are safe from the storms. Everyone was not as blessed as we were. My heart goes out to all who were not as fortunate. Keep those people in your prayers. Also, pray for the linemen and the county workers who are looking after the roads.

Thank you, Southwest Electric, for keeping our lines secure. Not every county keeps the trees cut back from the lines.

Prayers this week for all the bereaved, the families of Sandra Kelly, Eddie Plunkett, Jr., Johnnie Hathcock, Sandra Russell and Wooding Deming. Also, remember the sick and shut in. Pray for JoLiene Harris, Brenda Collins, Sandra Landers, Pat Rose, Tony Concialdi, Carolyn Goff, Dot Bratcher, Nancy Rush, Shirley Mainers, Mark Landers and Nicole Evans.

Happy Birthday to Braden Busby, April 10; Brenda Collins, April 10; Mitch Henson, April 11; Tony Concialdi, April 15; Lucas Long, April 17; Danny Hopper, April 18; my granddaughter-in-law, Jessie Quarles, April 18; Eric Landers, April 19; and Justin Howell, April 19.

Congratulations to Cora Talbott and Dale Rose on their wedding, March 12.

Deanburg Community Club met on April 1. They homecoming planned that is set for 10:30 a.m. April 26 with food ready at noon. There will be a karaoke contest. Everyone is invited.

Call 731-988-5122 with news or announcements.

Until next time, take

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Chester County Democratic Party announces scholarship opportunity

Chester County The Democratic Party pleased to announce that it will resume awarding a scholarship of \$500 to a graduating senior each year at Chester County High School. As a result of a donation from the estate of Regina Woods East, the party will restart this annual award, according to the local party chair, Gloria Holiday. This award will be available for the senior class of 2025.

Regina East taught high school for many years and was a strong supporter of students continuing their

education. The Kenneth and Rebecca Woods and the Bob and Regina East families were active members of the Chester County Democratic Party for many years, serving as delegates to the National Democratic Convention. Believing in the values of the Democratic Party, they strongly supported our public schools, serving the needs of others and especially aspiring young people wishing to pursue higher education.

Ms. Starla Teague, local high school instructor, will be the coordinator for

this award. A committee of local party members will select the recipient based on a written essay. The award will be called the Regina Woods East Scholarship by the Chester County Democratic Party.

To obtain a link the application, to email starla.teague@ chestercountyschools.com. A one-page essay, entitled "Defining Democracy" must be attached to the application when returned. All applications are due to Mrs. Teague's email address by Friday, April 25.



Hello to everyone reading this paper. It is always a blessing to be a part of your lives. Why? Because you are my family and friends, and this is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! I hope and pray you had a great week. Even as we continue to pray for the families that were affected by the tornadoes that swept through so many counties last week, one thing I do know is that God works all things together for good because we serve a MIGHTY GOD!

Please forgive me for not having a column last week! I lost track of time. Frank, LaWanna and I took a trip to Louisiana! We had a wonderful time together as a family! I played with a baby alligator, and I later tried alligator meat! It is true; the meat does taste just like chicken!

The month of April is here? Where did the time go? As Bishop T. J. Jakes would say, "Get Ready, Get Ready!" Tuesday, April 15, is Tax Day. It will be a sad

first case of measles from a

middle Tennessee resident (according to TN.gov) on

As of print time Tuesday,

April 8, there have been

a total of four confirmed

cases in Tennessee, all

from the Mid- and Upper

outbreak throughout the

United States involving

300 cases in 11 different

including

There has been a measles

Cumblerland Regions.

Tennessee

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confirmed

Department

Friday, March 21.

day for so many, especially for those who will have to give IRS more of their money! But look on the bright side, the Lord has blessed you to have the funds to give, and if you do not the Lord will make a way. To everyone that received the BIG checks from IRS, please use them wisely and do not forget to put some back for a rainy

Have you ever asked the question, "What is so special or unique about our community?" Let me just share a few things with you. It is unique because it is home to so many unique people like you! I am constantly meeting people who are so nice, and I have met some that are not so nice. You know what I do? Pray for them and put them in the Lord's hands and keep it moving!

In my last column, I told you about a very nice lady by the name of Netha Ross. If you have someone in your life that you would like to share your story about, please let me know.

This week, I do not have much to write about. I want to let you know that I love you, that you are amazing because you are here for such a time as this and for such a place as right where you are and that you are making a difference. My grandmother always told me to, "Keep the faith and hold on to the Lord's PLACE IN MY HEART! hands!"

First measles case confirmed in Tennessee

deaths. The individual from

middle Tennessee became

infected in early March

and is currently at home recovering. Public health

officials in the state are

working to identify other

locations and/or persons

who potentially could be

consultation with a medical

practitioner/provider

about measles prevention.

Two doses of the MMR

effective at preventing

encourages

highly

exposed to the virus.

vaccine are

two measles. It is important

TDH

city would like to Happy say Birthday to my nephew Dimitric Carter Brown, 4/26, and Amy Alvis, 4/28. We pray the Lord will bless you with many more.

On the prayer list this week is Mary Armstrong. She is in Jackson General on life support. Please pray for Mary's children and her sister and brothers. I know this is a hard time for them! Pray for people you know that are in the hospitals, for the ones that are sick in their homes, for our children, teachers and families, for the men and women that are serving our country and for the incarcerated.

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. You can text me at 608-6132.

This week, I want to leave you with this prayer: "God our Father, in this world we sometimes grow weary and discouraged; in the moments when we want to give up, fill us with Your strength to keep going. When our eyes can't see the light, show us new hope. When our hearts don't seem like they can take any more, take all that weights us down and lift us up with Your love! Amen."

I LOVE ALL OF YOU! YOU HAVE A SPECIAL

medical providers

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report suspected cases

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615-741-7247. For more

information about measles

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www.tn.gov/health/cedep/

reportable-diseases/

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Community **NEWS**

By: Marcus X. Fry/ Mary Lynn Lambert

Silerton was thankfully spared any serious damage from the past storms. our prayers We send to our neighbors in the surrounding communities that have been so badly afflicted and hope for their speedy recovery. One of our rain gauges here totaled 15.5 inches of rain since the storms came in on Wednesday.

On April 1, Vicki Rush, Barry Siler and Marcus X. Fry met with James Bright, Chester County Historian, in Henderson. Mr. Bright very generously offered his advice on how to proceed towards getting Silerton its long overdue Historical Marker. Information about the historical marker will be posted as our progress unfolds.

Last Sunday, Silerton Baptist Church had a delicious fellowship meal.

Many thanks to the ladies who made it possible.

This Sunday, a happy 38th wedding anniversary was sung to Annette and Ronnie Simer at Silerton Baptist Church. Annette is the church pianist/vocalist.

Church member Dawn Boykin, along with 10 friends, took a Caribbean cruise for spring break. Highlights included a stop at Grand Turk Island where she saw their famous wild donkeys and huge flocks of pink flamingos taking flight. A stop was had at Amber Cove, Dominican Republic, where Dawn enjoyed palm tree shaded beaches. At Nassau, Bahamas, Dawn enjoyed a walk through the local market and beach. She remarked about the very colorful locals, hawking and plying their various skills and wares.

On a less exciting note, Marcus saved a rather large turtle, at least 12 inches from the perils of Hwy. 125, though I am sure the turtle was pleased at being spared the excitement of being run over. This is Marcus's fourth turtle save since he moved here. Mike Alexander is an esteemed turtle rescuer and has many a save to his name.

This past Friday, Jamie and Marcus Fry went to Memphis for the Pompeii exhibit at the Graceland Exhibition Center that has been there for several months. It ends this month. It was a nice exhibition, not overly large but satisfying. Marcus was a bit surprised at how often the name "Marcus" came up when the names of individuals were mentioned or the names of the original owners of various inscribed artifacts, etc. It even comes up in some of the graffiti of the time, e.g., "Marcus Julia." loves Jamie knows Marcus never dated a Julia.

Last call for the Silerton Baptist Church sponsored visit to the Memphis Zoo on Saturday, April 12. Those interested need to meet at 7:30 a.m. at the church parking lot. The visit to the zoo should last until 1:30-2 p.m.

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



New Friendship School, Class of 1936-1937

Row one: Jessie Middleton, Gilbert King, Houston Savis, Rayburn Smith, Thelbert Ray Vestal, Lois Carroll, Vestern Smith. Row two: Lottie Mae King, Helen Carroll, Laverne Stanfill, Gertrude Arendall, Joe Butler, Billy Neal Priddy, Wilma Sue Smith, Joe Neal Seaton, Miss Beatrice Wright (teacher). Row three: Miss Gertrude Butler (teacher), Perry Butler, Freddie Ross Haynes, Aaron Ward Jr., Wade King, Nola Middleton, Eunice Middleton, Rosa Nell Butler, Osa Lee Smith, Harold Savis, Maxine Priddy, Allene Seaton. Row four: Clyde Priddy, Mildred Smith, Clara Bell Butler, George Seaton, Junior Mullis, Virginia Keen, Geraldine Haynes, Marie Arendall. Row five: Mrs. Oma Keen.

CC Democratic Party Reorganization Convention April 12

The Chester County Democratic Party will hold a Reorganization Convention to elect new leaders on April 12 at Henderson City Hall, 121 Crook Ave, Henderson, TN 38340. Doors open for registration at 10 a.m. with 11 a.m. start time. Local Democrats will elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Committee members from all areas of the county for a two-year term. All Democrats who are residents of and who are registered voters of Chester County are urged to attend to discuss the party's agenda and events for 2025-2026. During the Convention the voting delegation will adopt County Party bylaws and elect new leadership. Attendees should arrive early to complete credentialing forms and be admitted to the convention prior to 11:00 a.m. when the meeting will begin. For more information, contact Gloria Holiday, County Chair 731-608-6132 or Amie Croom, County Secretary 731-608-0776.

Finger Cemetery Clean Up April 12

The Finger Cemetery clean up day will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12. In case of rain, the clean up day will be Saturday, April 19. Volunteers are encouraged to help with the clean up. Donations are needed for mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. Donations may be made at Home Banking Company or to any of the cemetery committee members.

Finger Fish Fry April 12

The Finger Volunteer Fire Department will host a fish fry and barbecue chicken dinner from 2-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April

12. They will serve all you can eat catfish and chicken with all the trimmings and homemade desserts Cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. Takeout is \$14. All proceeds will go towards the operating expenses of the Finger Fire Department.

FHU Associates Rummage Sale April 23-26

The Freed-Hardeman University Associates will be holding their Spring/ Summer Rummage Sale April 23-26 at the National Guard Armory, 759 E. Main St., Henderson. Times for the sale are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 23; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, April 24; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 25 (all items half priced); and 7 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 26 (fill a 13 gallon bag for \$5 or a 30 gallon bag for \$10).

Fentanyl Awareness Day April 29

A Fentanyl Awareness Day will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, on the second floor of Henderson City Hall, 121 Crooke Ave. This is a free overdose prevention training that will include information regarding Naloxone, Narcan-Kloxxado. Everyone welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. The main speaker/trainer for the event will be Mark Mason. For more information, contact Mark Mason at 731-694-0741 or Gloria Holiday at 608-6132.

Alumni Day June 7

The Chester County High School Alumni Association annual Alumni Day will be June 7 at the CCHS cafeteria. More information to come. Watch the Independent and the Facebook page for ad and registration form.

Community

Missing a piece to the success of your business?

with JAN JOHNSON

Hello from Enville! I hope everyone is having a good week!

I am glad that the rain has stopped and that we are seeing sunshine. Our hearts and prayers go out to Selmer and surrounding areas where tornadoes came through. I pray for recovery efforts that are taking place and cleanup to begin in the devastated areas. There have been so many reaching out to help in time of need. The flooding has been devastating for so many as well. So sorry to hear about Bell's Drive In burning down. Pray for all concerned and for the town of Henderson.

Passover will begin on Saturday, April 12, and will end on Sunday, April 20. April 13 is Palm Sunday. It commemorates the Christian belief in the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when He was greeted by cheering crowds, waving palm branches that they set out on the ground along his path, according to the Bible. Many churches will have a Palm Sunday service.

Happy birthday wishes go to Richard Maness on April 15, Melissa Maness Marilyn Mooney and our son-in-law, Kelley Collins on April 16. We hope you

all enjoy your special day! Please pray for the families of Birdie Black and Jeff Whitten and prayers continue Robert and Linda Johnson, Harold Maness, Robert Smith, Mary Lee Guyon, Mary Lou Avent, Ann Pugh, Shirley Hampton,

Della Mixon, Kaye and Bo Jack Killingsworth, Shirley Bishop, Middleton, Reece Collins, Dorothy Allen, Jeremy Crowell, Janice Massengill Strickland, James Vinson, Jimmy Robertson, Jeff Finley, Tom Harwell, Glenn Butts, Mike Finley, Rick Ooley, Karl Starnes, Jack Hampton, 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. If you have news, 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!



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City of Henderson Police Department

April 1, 2025

Latavious Barham, 19, Henderson, was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence and unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$2,000 bond.

April 3, 2025

Donald Barboza, 56, Beech Bluff, 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.

April 4, 2025

William Earl, 53, Pinson, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, casual exchange of schedule VI marijuana and public intoxication. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$1,000 bond.

April 5, 2025

Hailey Roberts, 21, was arrested Henderson, charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

April 6, 2025

Anthony Grandberry, 21, Brownsville, was arrested and charged with domestic assault fear and vandalism under \$500. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

City of Henderson Fire Department April 1, 2025

12:08 p.m. - State Route 22A N at Smith Road, motor vehicle crash with injuries and entrapment - mutual aid for Chester County Fire Department.

7:56 p.m. - 328 Baughn St., house fire, working fire, extinguished by fire service personnel.

April 3, 2025

12:14 a.m. - 218 Main St., Freed-Hardeman University, Gardner Center, lighting struck building, no

3:10 p.m. – 310 E. University St., Heritage Towers, false alarm, unknown cause.

April 4, 2025

1:10 p.m. – North Avenue at Sixth Street, assist Henderson Public Works Department.

April 5, 2025

2:18 p.m. – 759 US Highway 45N, motor vehicle crash without injuries, no entrapment.

4:15 p.m. - 335 E. University St., Freed-Hardeman University, Sewell Hall, dryer belt burned, no fire.

April 7, 2025

3:37 a.m. – 204 S. Church Ave., Bells Drive-In, working commercial fire, extinguished by fire service personnel.

7:57 p.m. – 162 E. University St., Freed-Hardeman University, Dryden Auditorium, possible gas leak,

no leak found.

Chester County Sheriff's Office

March 31, 2025

Craigery Whitman, 37, Finger, was arrested and charged with vandalism from \$2,500 to \$10,000. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$5,000 bond.

David Brown, 47, Jackson, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections - Misdemeanor. He is held in the Chester County Jail awaiting court appearance.

Jerry Key, 57, Jackson, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$250 cash bond.

Hansell Parks, 27, Amory, Mississippi, was arrested and charged with simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and driving under the influence. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,000 cash bond.

April 2, 2025

Christopher Davis, 33, Jacks Creek, was arrested and charged with second degree murder. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$1 million bond. See story on Page 1-A.

April 3, 2025

Demarco Smith, 26. Henderson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license, second offense. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

April 4, 2025

Layla Scholl, 18, Medon, was arrested and charged with underage consumption of beer. She is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$500

Clark. Tavoris Henderson, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections -Misdemeanor. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

Nina Johnson, Henderson, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. She is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$1,000 bond.

April 5, 2025 Justin Moffitt,

31, Henderson, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and violation of the implied consent law. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$2,000 bond.

Beverly Harris, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with violation of Community Corrections - Misdemeanor. She is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

Chester County Fire Department April 1, 2025

Noon – Jacks Creek responding, State Route 22A N at Smith Road, motor vehicle crash.

8:08 p.m. - Station One responding, 328 Baughn St., mutual aid for HFD on house

April 2, 2025

9:25 a.m. - Deanburg responding, State Route 100 W at Campground Road, power line down.

12:18 a.m. - Hilltop responding, 450 Bray Road, structure fire.

April 3, 2025 2:06 p.m. - Jacks Creek responding, 280 Ludell Ross

Road, power line down. **April 7, 2025** 8:44 p.m. – Masseyville

responding, 115 Hickory Corner Road, water rescue.

CCFD Medical Response

The Chester County Fire Department responded to a total of nine medical calls in Chester County during the week of March 31 through

Chester County Circuit Court February 19, 2025

February 24, 2025

Jacob Shane Johnson, 25, in case 24-CR-84, was sentenced in a December 4, 2023 car chase and shooting. During an attempted traffic stop Johnson reportedly fired a single round at law enforcement, striking Henderson Police Department vehicle and a vehicle pursuit followed. The pursuit ended in the State Route 200 and Rabbit Ranch Road area after Johnson's vehicle crashed and he fled into the woods. Johnson pled guilty to count one, class A felony first degree murder attempt, and was sentenced to 15 years in a TDOC facility at 100% service prior to release eligibility, to serve, receiving credit for time served pretrial, and ordered to pay court costs plus \$2,500 in fines. He pled guilty to count two, class A felony first degree murder - attempt, and was sentenced to 15 years in a TDOC facility at 100% service prior to release eligibility, to serve, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs plus \$2,500 in fines. He pled guilty to count three, class A felony first degree murder attempt, and was sentenced to 15 years in a TDOC facility at 100% service prior to release eligibility with credit for time served, and ordered to pay

costs plus \$2,500 in fines. He

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pled guilty to count four, class C felony aggravated assault use or display deadly weapon and sentenced to 10 years in a TDOC facility to serve at 100% service prior to release eligibility with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count five, class C felony aggravated assault – use or display deadly weapon and sentenced to 10 years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 100% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count six class C felony aggravated assault use or display deadly weapon and sentenced to 10 years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 100% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count seven, class C felony aggravated assault use or display deadly weapon, and sentenced to 10 years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 100% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count eight, class D felony possess firearm with intent to go armed - dangerous felony and sentenced to three years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 100% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served, a mandatory minimum sentence length of three years, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count nine, class D felony possess firearm with intent to go armed - dangerous felony, and was sentenced to three years, to serve, at 100% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served pretrial, a mandatory minimum sentence length of three years, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count 10, class D felony possession of firearm with intent to go armed - dangerous felony and was sentenced to three years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 100% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served pretrial, a mandatory minimum sentence length of three years, and ordered to pay costs plus \$50 in fines. He pled guilty to count 11, class E felony possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility, to serve, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay

costs. He pled guilty to count 12, class E felony possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility, to serve, with credit for time served. He pled guilty to count 13, class E felony possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility, to serve, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 14, class D felony evading arrest vehicle – risk of death and was sentenced to eight years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 35% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 15, class E felony reckless endangerment deadly weapon involved, and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility, to serve, at 35% service prior to release eligibility, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 16, class B misdemeanor reckless driving, and was sentenced to six months in the Chester County Jail, to serve, 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. He pled guilty to count 17, class B misdemeanor driving while license revoked, and was sentenced to six months in the Chester County Jail, to serve, 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. He pled guilty to count 18, class B misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident - property damage – less than \$1,500, and was sentenced to six months

in the Chester County Jail, to serve, with credit for time served pretrial, and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 19, class C misdemeanor speeding and was sentenced to 30 days in the Chester County Jail, to serve, minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, with credit for time served and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 20 class C misdemeanor vehicles/street cars to stop at all stop signs, and was sentenced to 30 days in the Chester County Jail, to serve, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 21, class C misdemeanor driving on roadways laned for traffic, and was sentenced to 30 days in the Chester County Jail, to serve, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs. He pled guilty to count 22, 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, to serve, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay costs plus \$150 in fines. Counts one through seven and 11-22 are concurrent with each other. Counts eight through 10 are concurrent with each other but consecutive to counts one through three. He is to have no contact of any kind with victims or witnesses.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

The Talking Donkey

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As Balaam went with the Moabite princes, riding his donkey, the donkey saw an angel of the Lord with a drawn sword standing in the roadway. The donkey turned into a field. Balaam beat the donkey to get her back on the road. The angel appeared in the roadway again and the donkey crushed Balaam's foot against a wallass she tried to sidestep the angel. Balaam beat the donkey again.

The angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey again and there was no room on either side of the path where the donkey could pass by the angel. The donkey lay down under Balaam and Balaam beat her again. The donkey spoke and asked Balaam, "what have I done to make you beat me

Balaam replied, "you made a fool of me and if I had a sword I would kill you."

Numbers 22

The donkey then questioned Balaam about her faithfulness as a donkey. Balaam admitted that she had been a faithful donkey. Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn.

Balaam fell face down before the Lord and confessed his sin to the Lord

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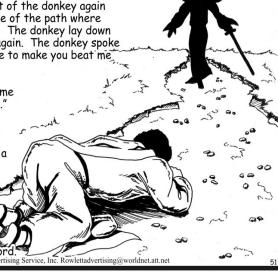
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S U B S T I T U T E TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on April 23, 2025, at or about 11:00 AM, local time, at the front entrance to the Chester County Courthouse,133 East Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Hunter J.D. Lott and wife, Kayla Lott, to Mark A. Rosser, as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank dated November 5, 2019, and recorded on November 5, 2019, in Book 452, Page 159, Instrument No. 62826, in the Register's Office for Chester County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the Chester County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable. Party entitled to enforce

debt: Lakeview the Servicing, LLC Loan Other interested parties: Estate/Unknown Heirs of J.D. Hunter Lott The hereinafter described real property located in Chester County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Legal Description: BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the West margin of Ollie Lane, which point is the southeast corner of Lot 37 and the Northwest corner of the herein described tract; thence, from the point beginning, and with the West margin of Ollie Lane, the following calls: following a curve having a radius of 325.00 feet for a distance of 228.09 (cb=S69D53`42"W, cd=223.43'); South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 112.30 feet to an iron pin set; thence, north 2 degrees 30 minutes 01 seconds East 360.34 feet to an iron pin set at the Southwest corner of Lot 36; thence, with the South line of Lot 37, South 47 degrees 15 minutes 14 seconds East 417.23 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.5 acres. Being Lot No. 38 Deer Pointe Estates. Surveyed by Advanced Land Surveying, Inc., R.L.S. No. 1999. Said legal description is the same description as contained in the previous deed of record.

This is the identical real estate conveyed to Hunter J.D. Lott and wife, Kayla Lott from Ashley M. Wilson by Warranty Deed dated Nov. 5, 2019, of record in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee, in Record Book 452, page 157. Subject to certain setbacks, restrictions, easements and all other matters of record as shown on the plat of record in Plat Cabinet, Section 5, Page 85, in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee.

Subject to the restrictive covenants of record as shown in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee. in record Book 266, Page 615.

The Street Address: street address of the believed property is to be 560 Ollie Lane, Henderson, TN 38340, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Map/Parcel 035-006.38 Number: Current owner(s) of Record: Hunter J.D. Lott and Kayla Lott

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the of Trust upon Deed which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by Foreclosure Sale.

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Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day,

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delivered. deed is This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. sale may be This rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time. Group, Padgett Law Substitute Trustee Old Water Oak 6267 Road. Suite 203 Tallahassee, FL 32312 (850) 422-2520 (telephone) (850) 422-2567 (facsimile) attorney @ padgettlawgroup.com 25-002538-1 PLG#

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S

Sale at public auction will be on May 20, 2025 at 11:00AM local time, at the front door, Chester County Courthouse, 133 East Main Street, Henderson, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Margaret Weatherly, to Joseph B. Pitt, Jr., Trustee, as trustee for Figure Lending, LLC on May 17, 2023 at Record Book 505, Page 249; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Chester County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Entitled Party Enforce the Debt: MEB Loan Trust VIII, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Chester County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional information identifying collateral regarding the property is below and is believed to be accurate, no representation or warrant is intended. Address: Street 1890 Montezuma

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<u>S U B S T I T U T E</u> TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Sale at public auction

will be on May 7, 2025, at or about 11:00 AM, local time, at the front entrance to the Chester County Courthouse,133 East Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340, pursuant to

Deed of Trust executed by Annie M. Hollingsworth, a single person, to Old Republic Title Company of Tennessee, as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Royal United Mortgage LLC dated February 2, 2018, and recorded in Book 430, Page 110, Instrument No. 58252, in the Register's Office for Chester County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust"), conducted Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the Chester County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable. Party entitled to enforce

the debt: AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC Other interested Estate/Unknown parties: Heirs of Annie Marie Jeffrey Hollingsworth; Hollingsworth; Normecia Hollingsworth; Tommy Hollingsworth

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DOCUMENT **NUMBER** 1280, BOOK 78, PAGE 73 IN SAID COUNTY AND STATE. Street Address: The street address of property is believed to be 420 Baughn Street, Henderson, TN 38340, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, legal description the shall control. herein Map/Parcel Number: 033N F 00500 00006033N Current owner(s) of Record: Annie Marie

Hollingsworth;

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, claims adverse other matters that may priority over the take Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted are not extinguished by Foreclosure Sale.

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Eagles defeat Lexington in blow out 11-3

Lane Estes collected three hits in four at bats, as the Chester County Eagles easily defeated the Lexington Tigers 11-3 last Tuesday.

The Eagles won thanks in part to scoring seven runs in the fifth inning. Chase Garner hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, an error scored two runs, Lane Estes singled, scoring two runs, and Caleb Cole doubled, scoring two runs.

CCHS jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Lane Estes singled down the right field line, and Jayce Goff grounded into a fielder's choice, each scoring one

The Eagles added one run in the second. Dean Estes singled down the left field line, making the score

Jaden Weaver earned the win for the Eagles. He surrendered six hits and three runs over six innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Estes collected two hits for the Eagles in two at bats. Ethan Burks and Goff each stole multiple bases for the Eagles.

Junior Eagles fall short against DCMS 9-8

The Chester County Junior High Eagles Baseball Team made an effort to come back from being down seven runs in the third inning and came up just short, as they fell 9-8 to Decatur County Middle School, last week. The Eagles closed the gap by scoring on a pair of singles, three walks and an error.

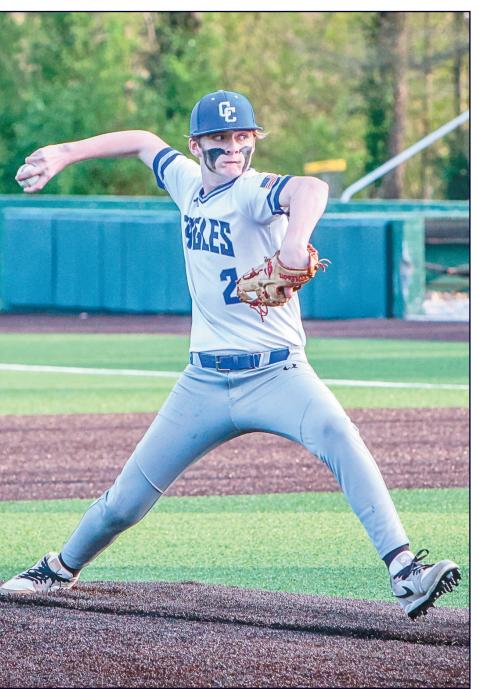
Decatur County got on the board in the top of the first inning following a

double to left field and a double down the left field line, the Eagles committed an error, following two singles, each scoring one run.

Landon Langford took the loss for the Eagles. The hurler went three innings, surrendering two runs on three hits, striking out two and walking two. Will Davis started the game for the Eagles. He gave up seven hits and seven runs over two innings, striking out

two and walking two.

Hunter Hurst provided hope in the middle of the lineup, and led the Eagles with two runs batted in. He went 2-for-4 on the day. Langford led CCJHS with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating 13 walks for the game. Langford and Hurst each stole multiple bases for the Ea-



Landon Langford pitches from the mound during last week's game against Decatur

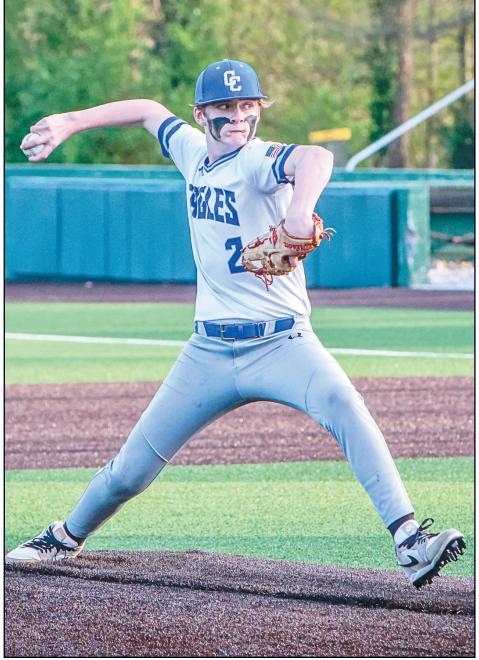


Ethan Burks fields the ball during a play in last week's home game against Lexington.

Chloe Teague fires one toward the plate last Tuesday when the Eaglettes were defeated by district rival Lexington 4-13.

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Inaugural FHU Golf Fundraiser Tournament to honor the memory of Dr. Cliff Bennett June 9

Local golf enthusiasts will soon have the opportunity to support the Freed-Hardeman University golf program while enjoying a day out on the course. The Inaugural FHU Golf Fundraiser Tournament, honoring the memory of Dr. Cliff Bennett, will take place Monday, June 9, at the Brentwood Country Club, located at 5123 Country Club Drive in Brentwood, Tennessee. Those wishing to register a team or become a sponsor may visit fhu.edu/ golf-tournament.

"We're excited to invite you to the first-ever FHU Golf Fundraiser Tournament at the Brentwood Country Club!" said

FHU Golf Coach Randall Rhodes. "This special event promises a day of excitement and an opportunity to remember and honor Cliff Bennett. Your generous support will directly benefit the FHU Golf Program, helping enhance the player experience by funding travel expenses, uniforms and essential golf resources for practice and competition. We can't wait to see you

Bennett, a Freed-Hardeman alumnus from the class of 1961, served the university for many years in a variety of roles, including teacher, counselor, dean of men, dean of students, vice president of student services and-likely his favorite title—golf coach. Alongside his wife of nearly 60 years, Nancy, he made a lasting impact on FHU, not only through his coaching but also through the Cliff and Nancy Bennett Endowed Scholarship, which continues their legacy of service and education. Bennett passed away March 3, 2025.

Proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit the FHU golf program, which meant so much to Bennett. His love for the game was matched only by his dedication to mentoring student-athletes, and organizers hope that this support will help carry forward that impact.

Several sponsorship op-

portunities are available for companies, businesses or foundations interested in supporting the event. Current tournament partners are RJ Young, VMG Health, Pathward and White Pines Building Group. Further details about the tournament schedule and levels of sponsorships can be found at tinyurl.com/FHUGolf-Tournament. For questions about registration or sponsorships, please contact Rhodes at rrhodes@fhu.

edu or 731-989-6969. mission Freed-Hardeman University is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an educa-

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tian faith, scholarship and service. With locations in Henderson and Memphis, FHU offers associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral degrees. More information is available at fhu.edu.

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Kid Scoop Together

Race a family member to see who can get to the magnet first!



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ecording to a legend, a shepherd discovered magnets 4,000 years ago.

One day, the shepherd Magnes was walking in a region of Greece called Magnesia. He sat down and looked at his sandals.

He had metal nails in his sandals. The sandals kept sticking to the rocks where he was walking.

The metal end of the shepherd's hook also stuck to the rocks.

The rocks that stuck to metal were naturally occurring magnets called lodestones.

Read the legend. Then number the pictures in order.



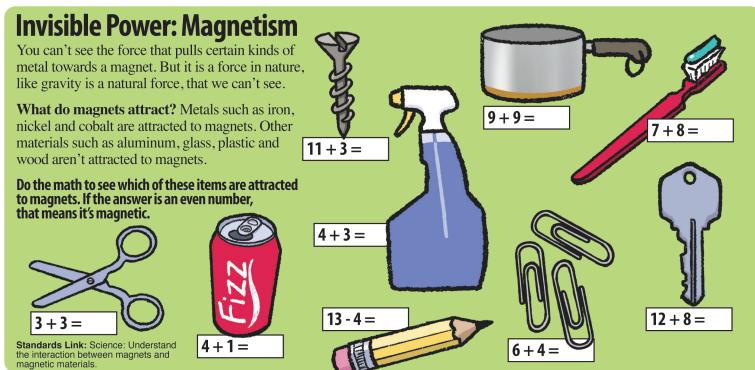




Is the legend true?

No one knows for sure. Some say the story took place in India instead of Greece. But finding rocks that could stick to sandals started some creative thinking and new inventions that have used magnets for thousands of years.

Standards Link: Reading: Recount stories including legends.



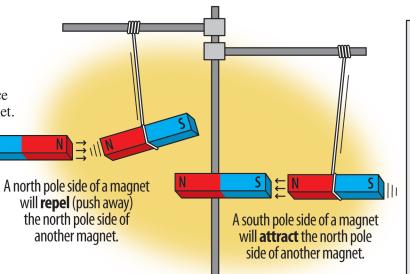
Magnets Push and Pull

We usually think of magnetic force attracting options towards a magnet.

But magnets can also **repel** or push away objects. This is because magnets have a **north pole** and **south pole**.

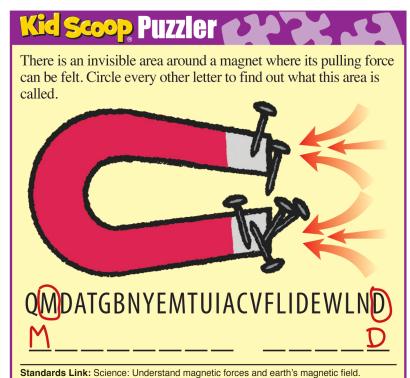
In short, opposite poles attract, and the same poles **repel**.

Standards Link: Math: Recognize even and odd numbers.



Select a photograph in the newspaper. What do you think happened BEFORE the photo was taken. What do you think happened AFTER the photograph was taken? Write a story about what is happening in the photograph and what happened before and after.

Standards Link: Writing: Write about imagined experiences or events.



Double

ATTRACT AWAY FORCE HOOK IRON METAL **NATURE POLE PUSH REPEL STONES STORY STUCK** WOOD

YEARS

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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Kid Scoop This week's word:

REPEL The verb **repel** means to

force back or push away. My raincoat was able to

repel water and keep my clothes dry.

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

FROM THE **LESSON LIBRARY**

Five Fun Words

Look through the newspaper for five words that are new to you. Look up each word in a dictionary and write the definition of each. Can you draw a picture that also shows the meaning of each?

Standards Link: Language: Determine the meaning of words through reference materials



What if one of your

hands suddenly became a magnet. Tell about your life with a magnet hand.



JONATHAN GRAHAM – MARCH 31, 1986 – APRIL 2, 2025

Jonathan Lynn Graham, 39, of Jacks Creek passed away April 2, 2025.

Funeral services were 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Shackelford Funeral Directors – East Main Chapel with burial at Jacks Creek Apostolic Church Cemetery. The family received friends at East Main on Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. and again from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Born Bolivar, in March 31, 1986, son of Tammy Sue Ray McDonald and the late Charles Lynn Graham, he grew up in Bolivar and was 2004 graduate of Bolivar Central High School.

He was a butcher Save-A-Lot in Henderson for several years and worked several other jobs. He was a



Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Henderson and served on the Chester County Rescue Squad.

He married Tristan Sullivan on Oct. 15, 2005, and they made their home in Jacks Creek.

He was a jokester and enjoyed picking at folks he liked and giving them nicknames. He was a big Ole Miss fan and loved grilling. He was always ready to help others in need, a quality he picked up at a young age as a Cub Scout. He also took care of his grandparents when they were sick. He loved his family very much, and they loved

He is survived by his wife, Tristan Graham; sons, two Connor Anthony and Jackson Barnes Graham; two daughters, Baylynn Nichelle and Shelby Graham of Jacks Creek; mother, Tammy (Roger) McDonald of Bolivar; sister, Christy Graham of Jacks Creek; grandfather, Winfred Ray of Bolivar; and grandmother, Marie McDonald of Middleton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Graham; grandfathers, two Eugene Graham and David McDonald; grandmother, Betty Ray; and great-grandparents, Cleo Addie and Galloway.

MARY ANNE CALLIS – JULY 30, 1946 – MARCH 29, 2025

Mary Anne Hailey Callis, 78, of Henderson passed away March 29, 2025, at her home. Funeral services were 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Marc Hall Hunter Callis and officiating with burial following at Maple Springs Cemetery at Medon. family The received friends at Shackelford Funeral Directors Crook Avenue from 5-8 p.m. Friday and from 10-11 a.m. service time Saturday at Grace Baptist Church.

She was born July 30, 1946, in Jackson, the daughter of the late Robert Lavoyd and Willie Mae Hunter Hailey. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1964. attended Union She University from 1964 to



1966 where she was a member of CHI OMEGA fraternity. She married the love of her life, Charles Harold Callis on Dec. 18, 1966. She graduated from Memphis State in 1968 with a teaching degree. They made their home in Germantown for over 40 years. She taught school for eight years and was a real estate agent for 26 years. They moved to Henderson in 2010.

She was saved in the third grade, in 1955, while attending West

Jackson Elementary. She was currently a member of Grace Baptist Church.

She enjoyed tennis and continued to play to the age of 66. She enjoyed antiquing and was always involved in Bible study wherever they lived.

She is survived by a son, Hunter (Karen) Callis of Henderson; one daughter, Melinda (Joe) Crivello Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren, Aubrey (Jenna) Williams, Rosie Crivello, Leo Crivello and Colston Callis; great-grandchild, Solene Williams; and one brother, Max (Sarah) Lavoyd Hailey Tullahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles Callis in 2020; and an infant sister, Carol Jane Hailey.

DRU YOPP - JULY 18. 1953 - APRIL 2. 2025

Druie Price (Dru) Yopp, 71, of Henderson passed away April 2, 2025, at Regional One Hospital in Memphis. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at 124 Ayers Drive, Jackson.

He was born July 18, 1953 in Ripley, Miss.

He was a graduate of U.T. Martin. He was also a long-standing business owner since



1985. He loved fishing and spending time with

He was preceded in

mother, Godwin "Buck" and Georgia Yopp of Middleton.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Helen Doles Yopp; his children, Amanda (Joel) Borski and Chase Craig; his brother, Bryan (Cindy) Yopp; his two sisters, Lynda Miller and Elna (Jim) Blankenship; and four grandchildren, Madison Brea, Grayson and Jack Craig and Calvin Borski.

family.

death by his father and

- Loss of automatic
- · Those with PD often have diminished posture that becomes stooped, causing balance problems and falls.
- · Voice changes, such as a breathy, soft or hoarse voice, could be an indicator of PD, as can slurring of

· Facial masking, which involves a serious or angry looking face, is present in

Additional potential symptoms of PD can include vivid dreams that cause acting out, frequent need to urinate, constipation, feeling very tired, and problems with thinking and memory.

A person should see a health care professional if any of these symptoms seem familiar. A doctor can help diagnose the condition and rule out other potential

Singing **True Witness at Cave Springs April 12**

Cave Springs Baptist Church will host singing featuring True Witness

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Dixie Echoes at Cornerstone Church May 3

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Signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease no cure for PD, early inter-Retired NBA power formight be a symptom of PD.

ward Brian Grant; best-selling musician Neil Diamond; star of television and film Michael J. Fox; and the forty-first president of the United States, George H.W. Bush, have had wildly different careers, but all shared one thing in common: Parkinson's disease. This is proof positive that PD touches people from all walks of life.

The National Institutes of Health say Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects people of all ages, races and genders. Certain factors can increase the risk of developing PD, including being over the age of 60, being male, having a family history of the disease, and exposure to certain toxins like pesticides and herbi-

Symptoms of PD start slowly and can worsen over time. The Mayo Clinic says the first symptom of the disease may be a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand or sometimes the jaw or foot. While there is

vention therapies may slow its progression, making diagnosis at the earliest of symptoms advantageous. The following are some of the common symptoms of Parkinson's disease, courtesy of the Parkinson's Foundation and the Mayo

· A slight shaking (tremor) in a finger, thumb, hand, or chin while at rest.

- Small handwriting, also known as micrographia, may be a sign of PD. This is when letter sizes are smaller and the words are crowded together.
- Slowed movement, also called bradykinesia, can be a symptom. People with bradykinesia may find it hard to get out of a chair, shower or get dressed. Bradykinesia also may make it more difficult to blink and a person may have less expression in his or her face.

Although a loss of sense of smell can be linked to a respiratory condition like the common cold or even COVID-19, no longer smelling certain foods also

- movements, such as smiling or swinging arms while walking, can occur.

some people with PD.

First Baptist Church

Sunday - Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Worship at 10 a.m. Wednesday - Meal at 5 p.m. and Bible study at 6:45 p.m.

Did You Know?

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration, 17 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant. More than 103,000 people, including children, are currently on the transplant waiting list in the United States. The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports that more than 3,400 Canadians were on organ transplant waiting lists at the end of 2023. Among the 681 Canadians removed from those lists in 2023, nearly one-third (31 percent) had died while waiting for a transplant. Such figures underscore the issues surrounding organ donation shortages in each country, where waiting lists grow but donor lists do not always increase, despite support for the cause. In fact, the 2019 National Survey of Organ Donation Attitudes and Practices found that 90 percent of the adult population of the United States supports organ donation, but only 60 percent have signed up as donors. Closing that gap could save an untold number of lives.

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Good Grief

Survivor's Guilt

By David Coy An individual lost a number of relatives in a very brief time span. As a result, they were unusually depressed and overwhelmed. During such loss, it is not unusual to ponder how short life was for them or to lament that they were not in our lives long enough. Then, there is the feeling of survivor's guilt, someone expressed to me recently. Dr. William Niederland coined the phrase to describe the feelings some people felt for surviving during the holocaust while others of their community/ neighbors did not. The symptoms exhibited may be similar to depressive symptoms shown in those diagnosed with PTSD. A recent individual who has survived a near death described experience what they believed to be survivor's guilt. They said that they were feeling guilty because they survived the

recent storms when others

in their neighborhood did

not. They then went on

to say that if more storms

were to develop then they deserved to be a victim this

time.

Is that survivor's guilt that Dr. William Niederland is describing? I do not think so for the simple reason that to feel guilty because we survived when others did not is human and compassionate. It is not actual guilt. We did nothing wrong if we survived a natural disaster, such as the tornado that came through our area. To think we somehow deserve to be punished as the person reported to me is cognitive distortion or as I prefer to describe it as "stinkin' thinkin'." We all have experienced that at one time or another in our lives. I encouraged the



David Coy

individual that God was no respecter of persons, and neither are storms; thus if we feel guilty, then we are feeling assumed guilt not actual guilt because we did something wrong. Let us pray for one another and support each other in every way we can during losses. Call David at 879-6284.

