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City to hold info session today for Mobile Food Vendors

The City of Henderson recently approved new specifications for Mobile Food Vendors that operate within the city.

Mobile Food Vendors will now refer to the Henderson Municipal Code; Title Nine; Chapter Six for local requirements and regulations. Henderson Mayor Terry Bell said the amendment was designed to be relatively uncomplicated, featuring a detailed permit, with input from area mobile food operators.

An informative meeting will held for anyone wishing to learn more about regulations and the permitting process. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Henderson City Hall, Conference Room No. 3, first floor, near the rear of the building.

This policy will go into effect February 1, 2026.

Commission reconvenes Tuesday

The Chester County Commission will reconvene at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026 at the Chester County Courthouse.

The commission recessed the regularly scheduled Jan. 12 meeting to allow for more discussion on retention of the Chester County Fire Department director position which has previously been funded through a grant program. This position provides duties which support the Chief and department.

In addition to consideration of the CCFD position, the Commission will also hear on quarterly reports from the Chester County Board of Education, County Trustee, County General Fund and Chester County Solid Waste Department.

Candidates qualify to run for local office

Chester County constituents are preparing for upcoming May and August 2026 elections.

Offices on the ballot for the May 5, 2026, Primary Elections are Chester County Mayor, all Chester County Commissioners (two per district), Trustee, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Circuit Court Clerk, Road Superintendent, Sheriff and School Board Members (Districts 1, 2 and 6).

Voter registration deadline is April 6. Early voting will be April 15-30.

The Aug. 6, 2026 General Election ballot will include Henderson Aldermen (three seats), Enville City Mayor and Enville Aldermen (three seats). Petitions are now available for pick-up and the qualifying deadline is noon, March 10.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the following had picked up petition packets, with political party affiliation and qualifiers indicated, to run for office in Henderson and Chester County:

Circuit Court Clerk: Justin Emerson, R, incumbent, Qualified

County Clerk: Stacy Smith, R, incumbent, Qualified

County Commission – District 1: Heather Carter, R, Qualified; Bubba Edgin, R, incumbent; Kevin Faulkner, I, incumbent; Dexter Phillips, R; Joshua Roberts, R; Lonzo Taylor, R

County Commission – District 2: Jerry King, I, incumbent; Al McKinnon, R, incumbent, Qualified; Dwain Seaton, Sr., R

County Commission – District 3: Ann Moore, R, incumbent, Qualified; Buddy Richardson, I; Nathan Ward, R; Luke Weaver, R, incumbent, Qualified

County Commission – District 4: Dylan Clayton, R; Sheila Eckard, R,

Act on the dream of unity

Local residents celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Henderson City Hall. Pastor Vernon Brice of Kingdom Builders Christian Center in Pinson encouraged unity, imploring each person to put Dr. King’s dream to action and do his or her part to work together as one within the community. Brice is pictured above, at center, along with other participants. See more photos from the MLK service on www.chestercountyindependent.com

Photo by Holly Roeder, Independent

Daddy Daughter Dance benefits Carl Perkins Center

The West Chester Elementary School gymnasium was packed Saturday evening for the annual Carl Perkins Center Daddy Daughter Dance. A record total of 471 people attended the event, an increase of 150 more people than the largest attendance to date. The final tally for money raised was not available at press time.

“We were absolutely blown away with this amazing attendance,” said local director Kirbi Fahs. “We are already working on ideas and plans to accommodate this incredible response next year!”

All money raised in Chester County for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse stays in Chester County to support the local center.

Pictured at left are Craig Burton and Amelia Burton. Pictured to the right are Sean McClellan and Josie. McClellan said he had three young ladies with him for the evening. Not pictured are Bailey and Finley. More photos can be seen on www.chestercountyindependent.com

Photos by Holly Roeder, Independent

Freed-Hardeman University celebrates 90th Annual Bible Lectureship with focus on the Gospel of Matthew

For the 90th consecutive year, Freed-Hardeman University will host its Annual Bible Lectureship, welcoming Christians, church leaders and Bible students from across the nation Feb. 1-5. Registration is free and open to the public. This year’s theme, “Our God, His Kingdom: Seeing the Christ in Matthew,” examines Jesus’ teachings, miracles and sacrifice as told in the Gospel of Matthew.

“The Annual Bible Lectureship brings thousands of Christians from around the

nation and the world to our campus for a special time of fellowship, networking and study,” Lectureship Director Dr. Doug Burleson said. “We are especially excited about focusing on the story of Christ from the Gospel of Matthew and pray this week will not only bless our campus but also the surrounding community and region.”

The 2026 FHU Bible Lectureship is

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Rowsey sworn in as Brentwood Detective



Brent Rowsey was sworn in as Brentwood Police Department Detective Dec. 8, 2025. Pictured above, from left, are Rowsey's wife Emily, daughter Bristol, Rowsey and Chief Jim Colvin.

Brent Rowsey, formerly of Chester County, was recently named Detective in Brentwood. Rowsey joined the Brentwood Police Department on November 28, 2016, after previously serving with the Searcy Police Department in Searcy, Ark. During his career with Brentwood, he has worked on both Third and Second Shift Patrol and has served in several specialized roles, including Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention Officer, Crime Scene Technician, Crisis Negotiator and the department's Fitness Coordinator. Brent was officially sworn in as a Detective on December 8, 2025, during a ceremony at Brentwood City Hall in Brentwood.



BRENT ROWSEY

He is also an active member of the Tennessee Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Council, supporting athletes and events across the state. Brent holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Harding University. He and his wife, Emily, live in Franklin with their daughter, Bristol.

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Busby fights for STAR Center

By Gary Roeder
Staff Writer

Leaders Credit Union hosted the Black Tie and Boxing in Jackson Saturday, Jan. 10, to benefit the STAR Center of Jackson. Chester County's own Keith Busby brought in around \$4,600 winning his fight of the night. Busby said Black Tie and Boxing raised \$245,617.43 overall. Busby said he participated because he loves what the STAR Center stands for and what they do, he also did it in honor of his uncle Bob Campbell who passed recently, who worked with the STAR Center. Busby



Busby celebrates his victory in STAR Center's recent Black Tie and Boxing.

also shared that his love for boxing began when he was a child after Rocky the movie came out. Those interested in working with or donating to the Star Center may reach out to Busby at keithbusby80@outlook.com or Barry Summer at barry.summer@star-center.org.

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The January 10 Black Tie and Boxing event raised \$245,617.43 overall for Jackson's STAR Center.

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Election

Qualified; Gloria Holiday, D
County Commission – District 5: Sylvia Flowers, D; Barry Smith, R, incumbent
County Commission – District 6: Dane Burns, I; Dan Crump, R; Richard Sides, I
County Mayor: Barry Hutcherson, R, incumbent, Qualified
Register of Deeds:

Jessica Acred, I, Qualified; Dorris Ethridge, R, incumbent, Qualified; Irene Rinks, D
Road Superintendent: Todd Brown, R, incumbent, Qualified
School Board – District 1: Brandy Cherry, R
School Board – District 2: Norris Frank, R, incumbent, Qualified; Tammy T. Lott, I, Qualified
School Board – District 6: Norma Cox Meissner, D; Jeremy Snider, R
Sheriff: Mark Griffin, R, incumbent, Qualified
Trustee: Lance Beshires,

R, incumbent
Henderson Alderman: Mark Barber, N, incumbent, Qualified; Donna Butler, N, incumbent; Keith Smith, N, incumbent
Enville Mayor: Melinda Johnston, N, incumbent
Enville Alderman: Kaye Ritter, N, incumbent; Nickalaus Weatherington, N
Qualifying petitions must be returned to the election office no later than noon on Feb. 19 for the May 5 Primary and by noon March 10 for the Aug. 6 General.

David Timms, an ordained minister, as well as an amazing singer/songwriter and musician will be at:

Cornerstone Church
8520 Hwy 114 West
Scotts Hill, TN 38374
Contact # 731-733-1281

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ENVILLE
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NEWS



with
JAN JOHNSON

Hello from Enville! I hope you are all having a great week. It is cold, and the first snow is in the forecast for the weekend. I am not really ready for it, but the weatherman says it

is coming!

I hope if you had a day off work for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day. It was a good day to stay inside. There were some services held in his memory and in his message.

Happy birthday to James Vinson on Jan. 24, Jane Whitten on Jan. 27 and Brenda Poupard and Jean Pickett on Jan. 29. We hope you all enjoy your special day!

Please pray for Harold Maness, Robert Johnson, Mary Lee Guyon, Mary Lou Avent, Ann Pugh, Shirley Hampton, Della Mixon,

Kaye Killingsworth, Nancy Philyaw, Tommy and Linda Wade, James Vinson, Rick and Julie Ooley, Mike Lott, Mike Finley, our firefighters, first responders, law enforcement, healthcare workers, military, schools and school board, our county, country and, as always, each other.

Call me at 608-3058 if you have news, or to rent the community center, call Pat Cates at 688-5125 or 244-1993.

Have a blessed week everyone!

DEANBURG
Community
NEWS



with
BETTY QUARLES

Good morning from Deanburg!

I am so glad the sun is shining – always makes the day better. Snow is predicted for later in the week, but do they really know?

We have a new addition to our population. Charlie Thomas Garrity was born to Rachel Leech Garrity and Hunter Garrity on Jan. 9, 2026. He weighed one pound, one ounce. Be in prayer for Charlie, parents, grandparents Thomas and Cindy Leech and also for the nurses who care for him.

Also, be in prayer for Kenneth Twyman, Ikie Cupples, De Rogers, Walker Cupples, Anastasia Chrisman, Layra Cupples, JoLiene Harris, Bill Loflin, Tony Concialdi, Kelly Concialdi, Bill and Lisa

Cox, Heather Ross, Shirley Mainers, Ann Lowrance and David Gilchrist.

Say Happy Birthday this week to Bentlee Rudolph, Jan. 16; my children Mitzi Quarles Bastin and Rudy Quarles, Jan. 21; grandson Benjamin Quarles and “bonus grandson” Beckam Adams, Jan. 23; and granddaughters Miranda and Samantha, Jan. 24.

Call Shane 608-7262 to rent the building.

Call 731-988-5122 to report news, prayer requests or birthdays.

Until next time, stay well and warm.

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	

Tennessee Farmer of the Year competition accepting nominations and applications: Deadline to apply is March 1

Organizers of the Tennessee Farmer of the Year program remind all Tennessee farmers that the application window for this prestigious award is open through March 1, 2026. Those who know deserving Tennessee Farmers are also encouraged to submit nominations for the award.

Redesigned in November 2025, the competition is a team effort by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation to honor the state’s rich agricultural history across all three regions of Tennessee while recognizing the state’s top farmers.

From 1990 through 2024, UT Extension was honored to support Tennessee farmers through a regional farmer-of-the-year competition. Beginning in 2026, the Tennessee Farmer of the Year program will be elevated and celebrated here at home. Tennessee Farm Bureau and UT Extension have collaborated to recognize outstanding producers from East, Middle and West Tennessee, honoring their leadership, innovation and contributions to our state’s agricultural prominence. From these regional honorees, one exemplary producer will be named the Tennessee Farmer of the Year.

Justin Rhinehart, dean of UT Extension, says the award is definitely a fitting recognition. “The Tennessee Farmer of the Year program will honor the hard work and dedication of Tennessee’s top producers and top

industry: agriculture. All across the state, everywhere you look, you can see Tennessee farms committed to excellence in agriculture, and UT Extension is proud to support their efforts with educational resources that assist them as they make sound farm management decisions that support their families, communities, our environment and our state.”

Eric Mayberry, president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, and a third-generation farmer from Humphreys County, adds, “We hope the rebranding and refocus of this program will elevate farmers across the Volunteer State in a new and exciting way. As fewer folks are involved in this industry, the importance of recognizing what farmers do each and every day in providing food, fiber and fuel for the world becomes that much greater. We’re proud to partner with UTIA in this endeavor and look forward to how this program will showcase Tennessee’s top and most important industry.”

Three regional finalists will be selected from among the applicants. Due to the gracious sponsorship of Can-Am and Ford Motor Company, two regional finalists will each be awarded a cash prize of \$5,000 and the remaining finalist will be named the Tennessee Farmer of the Year. The Tennessee Farmer of the Year will receive a Can-Am Defender HD11 XT CAB (value of \$30,000) and an all-expense-paid trip for two to the America Farm Bureau Convention in January 2027. All finalists will be

recognized and expected to attend the awards ceremony scheduled for June 13, 2026, in Franklin, Tennessee.

Nominations and applications to be named Tennessee Farmer of the Year are now open. Applications must be submitted no later than March 1, 2026. Forms and complete details are available online at the website tnfarmbureau.org/tennessee-farmer-of-the-year. If you plan to nominate a farmer, please click the “nominations” tab at the top of the form. Allow plenty of time for the nominee to complete the application.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old and must claim a crop, livestock or production enterprise constituting a full-time farm operation as their primary source of income. Regional finalists will be selected following the close of nominations. The overall state winner will be named following farm visits by a steering committee of UTIA and Farm Bureau representatives, as well as representatives from affiliated agencies including Tennessee State University and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

The Tennessee Farmer of the Year is expected to make a number of appearances at various agricultural events, including the Tennessee State Fair, UT Institute of Agriculture’s annual Ag Day celebration, Tennessee Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and more.

NEW FRIENDSHIP
& MIFFLIN
Community
NEWS



with
VICKIE ELLIS

Hello to all from this little corner of the world. This article was written on Sunday, 1/18/26. The skies were a medium blue on Sunday, and the sun was shining with a slight breeze noted. The temperature was 30 degrees and felt like 24 degrees with wind chill factored in. The temperature on Sunday night was supposed to be 23 degrees, and Monday night was 16 with the day being 39 degrees. Then, we get a few days of warmer temperatures only to find the weekend chilly again. So goes the winter season. We are mainly seeing cardinals, black-hat chickadees and a few wrens.

Condolences to all who have lost loved ones. Prayers are with you.

We have had someone helping with our sermons since Bro. Glenn retired. Bobby Russ has been helping us and our church. Friendship Baptist Church will be voting on Wednesday night to call him as interim pastor. He preached this morning on Sihon and Og from Numbers 21:21-22. The sermon was about how we can have victories through the things we go through and how God intervenes on our behalf as he did in the above skirmishes. God knows what is coming and prepares us. The trials make us stronger, and, in that respect, we can endure other trials coming and are able to help others remember what we have been through. 1. Victories encourage our walk with God. 2. Victories enhance warfare. Be faithful now, as God prepares us for future battles. 3. Victories elevate worship. Remember - skilled sailors are not made by smooth seas.

Monday, Jan. 19, was an observed holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who emphasized purpose, action, love and justice, urging people to live meaningfully by serving others, moving forward despite challenges and striving for positive change. “If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t walk,

then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

Happy birthday to Brenda Hudson, 1-19; Billy Priddy, 1-20; Arlene Hill, Nicki Bray and Jacoby Straut, 1-21; Walter Willis and Kenneth Williams, 1-23; and James Ellis, 1-24.

Prayer requests for Doug and Donna Bishop, Bobby Bray, Rachel Ellington, Carolyn Goff, Darren Hatch, Danny Hodges, Pat Nobles Jones, Julia Parchman, Pam Priddy, James Reddin, Anita Rhodes, Nona Seaton, Kathy Seals, Milt and Cheryl Tobey and Mike Young. Also, remember our first responders, military, firefighters and law enforcement officers.

Many are praying for God to heal this land, but I think He’s still waiting

for people to humble themselves, repent, and turn from their wicked ways.

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.

Chester County 911
Board Meeting
January 27th, 4:00 pm
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Chester County Budget Committee
Meeting Agenda

Chester County Courtroom
133 East Main Street Henderson, TN 38340
Monday, January 26, 2026
Budget Chairman Ann Moore, Presiding

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Reading of previous minutes
- Public Comment
- Discussion and Consideration of Retention Director Position for the Fire Department
- Adjournment

CHESTER COUNTY
TENNESSEE

Chester County Commission
Recessed Meeting Agenda

Chester County Courtroom
133 East Main Street Henderson, TN 38340
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Mayor Barry Hutcherson, Presiding

- Call to Order
 - Motion to Resume Meeting
- Roll Call
- Public Comment
- Approve Quarterly Reports
 - Chester County School System
 - County Trustee
 - County General
 - Solid Waste Department
- Other Business
 - Discussion and Consideration of Retention Director Position for the Fire Department
- Adjournment

CHESTER COUNTY
TENNESSEE

What's Happening
in Our Area

Chester County Democratic Party Meeting Jan. 22
The Chester County Democratic Party will hold its upcoming meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, on the second floor for Henderson City Hall, 121 Crook Avenue. The meeting will feature Mr. Leonard Perkins, candidate for Tennessee’s 8th Congressional District, who will address attendees and share his vision for leadership and representation in Congress. For more information, contact Gloria Holiday, Chair, at 608-6132 or Wanda Black, Vice Chair, at 577-1052.

Lifeline Blood Drive Jan. 26
Lifeline Blood Services will hold a blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Piggly Wiggly in Henderson.

Black History Program Feb. 21
The Ninth Annual Black History Program will be held from 2-4 p.m. Feb 21, 2026 at 247 E Main St in Henderson. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public. The theme will be A Healthy Lifestyle. Contact CroomAmie@gmail.com, Ahollingswo6@gmail.com or lwright8159@gmail.com with questions.

SILERTON
Community
NEWS

By: Marcus X. Fry/
Mary Lynn Lambert

The Silerton Baptist Church community was happy to see Tim James back at his rightful place in church after his car accident, and Pastor Charlie’s sermon was most appropriate for the occasion. There was a plethora of January Happy Birthdays that were sung.

In lieu of missing a name, let us just say Happy Birthday to them all; they know who they are. Prayers for Anita Lambert, who is currently in the hospital or the “big house” as she calls it. Though not her norm, let us hope her continued good behavior earns her an early release. Frankie and Mary Lynn Lambert arrived at Silerton Park to take down Christmas lights. They were happy to see Shawn Yelverton and Sara and their children. Shawn

and Sara jumped right in and started taking down lights and decorations. Shawn volunteered to come back and take down the snowflakes on the shelter and gazebo. A big shout out to them from the city. Needless to say, Silerton, for a good while, has needed some younger people to assist with the park. Everyone agrees that the park is quite delightful at night with the lights, but with the aging community, help is most welcome and needed from our younger citizens.

UT Extension internship applications open for summer 2026: Deadline to apply is Feb. 1

Undergraduate students interested in community outreach, science and agriculture are encouraged to apply for a variety of 8-week paid summer internships through UT Extension, the outreach unit of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. The Tennessee Extension Internship Program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the work conducted by UT Extension. With offices in every county across the state, UT Extension delivers research-based education and resources in agriculture, family and consumer sciences and community development to

improve the quality of life for Tennesseans. Elizabeth Sanders, a former family and consumer sciences intern who served as an FCS agent and director with UT-TSU Extension in Davidson County, said this about the program: “I already had an idea of what I wanted to do, but the internship gave me a very realistic look into what every day looked like for an Extension agent. I knew that I wanted to serve my community, but I also knew I didn’t want every day to be the same, and Extension checks off all of those boxes for me.” Students interested in applying for an internship are encouraged to visit UT Extension’s internship website

for more information about open positions, required qualifications and the application form. Internships are expected to run from June 1 through July 29, 2026, and successful applicants will receive a stipend during their internship. The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is comprised of the Herbert College of Agriculture, UT College of Veterinary Medicine, UT AgResearch and UT Extension. Through its land-grant mission of teaching, research and outreach, the Institute touches lives and provides Real. Life. Solutions. to Tennesseans and beyond. utia.tennessee.edu.

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FHU

dedicated to Dr. James L. and Becky Gardner, who have devoted decades to serving God’s church, FHU and the countless students they have taught and mentored. An appreciation dinner will be held in their honor on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m. in Brewer Sports Center’s Auxiliary Gym. The Hispanic Lectureship Workshop, designed for Spanish-speaking guests, will once again precede the full program Jan. 30-Feb. 1 and will meet in Chapel Hall in the Old Main Administration Building. Keynote speakers will address audiences each evening at 7 p.m. in Dryden Auditorium. Speakers and their topics include FHU President David R. Shannon, “Our God Becomes Like One of Us”; honoree James L. Gardner, “Our God Teaches Us”; Eric Garner, “Our God Leads Us”; Bryan McAlister, “Our God Dies for Us”; and Hiwathia Jones, “Our God Commissions Us.” A two-day Youth and Family Workshop will feature over 20

sessions designed to help attendees grow in ministering to children, families and youth. The Teen Lectureship will include studies and group discussions to challenge and encourage teens (grades 6-12) to grow closer to God, while the Kids Lectureship provides a safe and wholesome environment for children in fifth grade and below. Children must be preregistered for the Kids Lectureship by Jan. 18. Teachers and preachers may participate in series such as “The Preacher’s Toolbox,” “Teaching Like the Master,” “Preaching the Old Testament” and “The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached.” Other classes will delve into Bible backgrounds and theology through the study of historical context, biblical prophecy, archaeology and applications for contemporary concerns. In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a series titled “The Riches and Responsibilities of the American Christian” will reflect on the freedoms and unique opportunities Christians have enjoyed in the United States. Two new Bible study

books will be available at the 2026 Lectureship. One book features chapters written by 14 men for a general audience, while “The Right Side-Up Kingdom in an Upside-Down World,” written by 13 women, is especially designed for women’s Bible study. Additional resources from FHU Press will also be available, including “Kingdom Stories: 33 Family Devotionals and Activities,” a family devotional book, and “Who is Jesus?,” a 52-week study through Matthew’s Gospel. Books may be purchased at the Lectureship Welcome Center or through Amazon. A full lectureship schedule, registration and links for purchasing books and tickets are available at fhu.edu/lectureship. The mission of Freed-Hardeman University is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service. Located in Henderson, Tennessee, FHU offers associate, bachelor’s, master’s, specialist and doctoral degrees. More information is available at fhu.edu.

MONTEZUMA
Community
NEWS

with
GAYLE COX

The Chester County Soil District office has reopened and will have office hours from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays except for county holidays. We are facing elections again, and candidates have already been pulling petitions and qualifying for respective positions. I hope that we can count on all registered voters to get to the polls in May for the primary and help to select the best candidates for the jobs. One big change for this upcoming election for County Commissioners is a change from three per District to two per District. Montezuma sends out Happy Birthday wishes to Becky Monks on Jan. 24 and Ray Wells and Madison Cook on Jan. 29. Montezuma sends out Happy Anniversary wishes to Jake and Autumn Brown on Jan. 23. Our local governmental meetings need more community support. If you care about Chester County, please pay attention to what is taking place in our county, 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. 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. All annual membership dues are due for the September 2025 through August 2026 year, and they can be mailed to Edith Sills, 4475 Sunshine Rd., Henderson, TN 38340. We also take donations. 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. We need help in keeping our “Blessing Box” at the community center filled, especially this time of year. 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. Please be in prayer for our local and federal government, law enforcement, school staff, teachers and the listed individuals of Terry Hearn, Mike Cooper, Carolyn Beecham Higgins, Dale Colbert, Tony Burkhead, Beverly Morton, Marilyn Webb, Pam Priddy, Reba Croom, Taze Lofton, Peggy Lard, Dustin Ross, Randy Cooper, Marcia Moore, Judy Bernard, Donna Doyle, Mike Lott, Janice Schultz, Mark Hall, Ruby Hannah, Donnie Brooks, Mike Tedford, Sandra Lott, Faye Crouse, Janice Morris, Jeanette Walker, Paul Schilling and others that are sick or healing. Please be in prayer for the families of Marilyn Myhan and other families that have recently lost loved ones. As always, I am wishing everyone a blessed week. Please call (608-2857) or email me (gaylescox1977@gmail.com) if you have anything to be added to our weekly article.

Lifestyle Pricing

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

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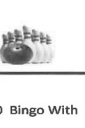
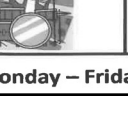
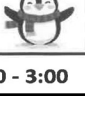
Greetings to the people of Chester County everywhere! This is a new week, and we have only one more full week left in January. Let us give thanks to the Lord for all He has done for us because this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! On Monday, Jan. 19, many of us enjoyed a day off from work and school in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. I hope you were able to take time to relax, enjoy moments with family and friends and reflect on why we honor Dr. King and what he stood for here in the United States of America. On Sunday, Jan. 18, a wonderful celebration took place at Chester County City Hall. Mayor Terry Bell, other elected officials and members of the community gathered to help keep Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Dream alive. Aja Douglass did an outstanding job singing the National Anthem. She truly tore the house down! It was that good. Youths of all ages from our community proudly held American flags high and waved them in the air. It was absolutely phenomenal! The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass Choir, directed by Mr. Lewis Thompson, presented a powerful original song titled “You Were Right There.” The song reminds

us that the Lord is with us through every season of life, whether we are facing the loss of a loved one, sickness, broken hearts, or other trials. This song touched so many hearts and reminded us that, no matter what we go through, the Lord wis right there. Lewis, thank you for sharing this powerful song with us. It truly was a blessing. Mr. Leroy Woods delivered an outstanding performance of “I Want to Be Ready When Jesus Comes.” He sang from his heart, and it showed. The song was powerful and moving. Pastor Vernon Brice, pastor of Kingdom Builders Christian Center, brought forth a wonderful message – powerful, meaningful, and straight to the point. He reminded us of the purpose of Dr. King’s mission here on earth and why the Dream is still so important today. He encouraged us to act on the Dream, to come together as one and to share the power we have within our community. Mayor Terry Bell presented the City and County Proclamations to Dr. Jerry Woods and Mr. Carter Scales. Thank you to the committee, Dr. Jerry Woods, Mrs. Amanda Johnson and the MLK Mass Choir for all your hard work in making this program such an outstanding and successful event. A special thank you to Pastor Nicholas O’shield of The Next Level Church here in Henderson. It was an honor and a pleasure meeting you. The words you shared before the benediction were profound, especially your message about the importance of community. We pray the Lord will continue to bless you abundantly. To everyone that did

not attend, I hope you will attend the next one in 2027. It is not just for a certain group of people; it is for all of us to remember the “Dream.” The Chester County Senior Center, located at 247 E Main St Henderson, would love for you to come and visit them. The center is open Monday through Friday, and there is always something exciting going on. There will be special events taking place during the month of February. If you would like more information about these events, please call 731-989-7434. They will be more than happy to provide details and sign you up as a member. The Chester County Head Start is now accepting applications for three- and four-year-olds for the 2026–2027 school year. For more information, please call 989-2561 or 989-5111. On our prayer list this week is Ms. Amie Croom. She is doing well, but please continue to keep her in your prayers. Let us also continue to pray for the safety of our children, teachers and families, the sick and shut-in, our military men and women who protect our country and the President. To the people of Henderson, remember to patronize our local businesses. Let us do our best to support our own community. If you live in the City of Henderson and have news to share, family updates, birthdays, anniversaries, announcements, or events happening in the city, please text me at 608-6132 and include the message “News from the City.” LOVE YOU! HAVE A BLESSED DAY!

Chester County Senior Citizen Center

JANUARY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. *Lunch served Daily at 11:00 *Advanced Sign-up is required.			1. CLOSED 	2. CLOSED 
5. 8:00 Coffee & CARDS 9:30 Information Session Hearing Caption Call With Melinda	6. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Chair Yoga 	7. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Bingo With Shuan @ DHC	8. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 	9. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 9:00 Dance practice 10:00 Games of Choice
12. 8:00 Coffee & CARDS 10:00 Wii	13. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Chair Yoga 	14. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Bingo With Toshia from HHR	15. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Mike & Jerry Music 	16. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 9:00 Dance practice 10:00 Games of choice
19. CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	20. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Chair Yoga 	21. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Wii 	22. 8:00 Coffee & Fun DAY TRIP 	23. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 9:00 Dance practice 10:00 Games of choice
26. 8:00 Coffee & CARDS 9:30 Cardio Drumming 	27. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 10:00 Chair yoga 	28. 10:00 Bingo With Hayley from Legacy	29. 8:00 Coffee & Fun	30. 8:00 Coffee & Fun 9:00 Dance practice 10:00 Games of choice

Monday – Friday 8:00 - 3:00 247 East Main St. Henderson, TN 731-989-7434



City of Henderson
January 13, 2026
Kevin Hutchins, 20, Henderson, 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.

Mercedes Robinson, 30, Finger, 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.

January 14, 2026
Keosha Amos, 32, Henderson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revokes or suspended license. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

January 15, 2026
Benjamin Pulley, 25, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with two counts aggravated assault injury and weapon. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

Erica Reed, 21, Jackson, was arrested and charged with driving on a canceled/revoked or suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

Latosha Taylor, 38, 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.

Chase Phelps, 18, Henderson, was arrested and charged with three counts domestic assault – injury. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$1,500 bond.

Joseph Reeves, 27, Henderson, was arrested and charged with domestic assault – offensive touching. He was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,500 bond.

April Pollock, 19, Henderson, was arrested and charged with domestic assault – offensive touching. She was released from the Chester County Jail after posting a \$1,500 cash bond.

January 16, 2026
William Hopper, 32, Finger, 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.

Natalie Paredes, 19, Henderson, was arrested and charged with simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released from the Chester County Jail on her own recognizance.

City of Henderson
Fire Department
No reports.

Sheriff's Department
January 15, 2026
Lucky Allen, 65, Milledgeville, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. He was released from the Chester County Jail with time served.

Neil Davidson, 42, Beech Bluff, was arrested and charged with

contempt of court. He was released from the Chester County Jail on his own recognizance.

Dylan David, 25, Henderson, was arrested and charged with aggravated stalking, domestic assault – fear and violation of an order of protection/restraining order. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

January 16, 2026
Nathan Hooper, 39, Hornsby, was arrested and charged with resisting stop/frisk/halt arrest/search - no weapon and retaliation for past action. He is held in the Chester County Jail without bond.

Tony Price, 28, Enville, was arrested and charged with theft of property \$1,000 to \$2,500. He is held in the Chester County Jail in lieu of a \$5,000 bond.

January 17, 2026
Judy Warren, 63, Bethel Springs, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. She was released from the Chester County Jail with time served.

Chester County
Fire Department
January 12, 2026
7:56 a.m. – Station One responding, Old Jacks Creek Road at Eason Road, motor vehicle crash.

January 13, 2026
7:55 a.m. – Station One responding, 1145 US Highway 45N, motor vehicle crash.
11:22 a.m. – Hearn Chapel responding, 275 Dry Creek Road, grass fire.

January 15, 2026
4:52 p.m. – Station One responding, 333 Steed St., motor vehicle crash.

January 16, 2026
12:59 p.m. – Roby responding, 130 Birdview Cove, illegal burning.
3:02 p.m. – Roby responding, 580 Saddle Club Road, motor vehicle crash with entrapment.
6:54 p.m. – Masseyville responding, 6115 Sunshine Road, fire alarm, false alarm – canceled enroute.

CCFD Medical Response
The Chester County Fire Department responded to a total of 18 medical calls in Chester County from January 12 through January 18.

Chester County
Circuit Court
December 16, 2025

Javonte Anthony Sheffield, 25, in case 25-CR-49, pled guilty to count one, class A misdemeanor simple possession of methamphetamine, and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, receiving credit for time served pretrial, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, all suspended and supervised by Community Corrections, a period of 11 months and 29 days incarceration to be served prior to release on probation or Community Corrections, and ordered to pay all court costs plus \$750 in fines, and to complete 48 hours of unpaid community service. He pled guilty to count two, class A misdemeanor simple

possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, all suspended and supervised by Community Corrections, a period of 11 months and 29 days to be served prior to release on probation or Community Corrections, and ordered to pay costs plus \$250 in fines. He pled guilty to count three, class A misdemeanor simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, all suspended and supervised by Community Corrections, and ordered to pay costs plus \$750. He pled guilty to count four, 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, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, all suspended and supervised by Community Corrections, and ordered to pay costs plus \$150 in fines. Sheffield pled guilty to count five, class C misdemeanor light law – motor vehicle, and was sentenced to 30 days in the Chester County Jail, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, all suspended and supervised by Community Corrections. He pled guilty to count six, class C misdemeanor seat belt – 18 and older, and was sentenced to 30 days in the Chester County Jail, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, all suspended and supervised by Community Corrections, and ordered to pay costs plus \$30 in fines. It is not the intent of the court for duplication of Jail Credit to be applied to consecutive sentences. Counts two, three, four, five and six are consecutive to count one, for a total effective sentence of two 11/29s, to serve 11/29 day for day with no work release and no post-plea expungement, may be released to long term in-patient treatment, must

successfully complete long term in-patient treatment, must submit to random monthly drug and alcohol screens, must maintain full-time employment or be a full-time student or show proof of disability.

Kyle Henri Raposa, 33, in case 25-CR-48, was found guilty by jury verdict of count one, class E felony evading arrest flight – vehicle and was sentenced to two years in a TDOC facility at 30% service, receiving credit for time served pretrial and ordered to pay court costs plus \$500 in fines. He was found guilty by jury trial of count two, class C misdemeanor speeding and was sentenced to 30 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 \$50 in fines.

All counts are concurrent with each other. It is not the intent of the court for duplication of Jail Credit to be applied to consecutive sentences.

Cory Lee Waldrop, 41, in case 25-CR-85, was arrested and charged with count one, class D felony evading arrest by vehicle – risk of death and was sentenced to three years in a TDOC facility at 30% service prior to release eligibility, receiving credit for time served pretrial, and ordered to pay all court costs. He pled guilty to count two, class A misdemeanor evading arrest and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs. He pled guilty to count three, 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 pretrial, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, and ordered to pay all court costs plus \$150 in fines. He pled guilty to count four, class B misdemeanor reckless driving and was sentenced to six months 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 \$50 in fines. Waldrop pled guilty to count five, class C misdemeanor driving without license, and was sentenced to 30 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. He pled guilty to count six, class C misdemeanor vehicles/streetcars stop at all stop signs, and was sentenced to 30 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. All counts are concurrent in this docket and with US District Court 1:23-CR-10084-STA-1. It is not the intent of the court for duplication of Jail Credit to be applied to consecutive sentences. There is no work release and no post-plea expungement, all contraband (firearms, cash, etc.,) are forfeited to the arresting agency.

Cory Lee Waldrop, 41, in case 25-CR-86, was arrested and charged with count one, class C felony theft of property \$10,000 to \$60,000 and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility at 30% service prior to release eligibility. He pled guilty to count two, class D felony theft of property \$2,500 to \$10,000 and was sentenced to two years in a TDOC facility at 30% service prior to release eligibility. He pled guilty to count three, class A misdemeanor theft up to \$1,000 and was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative

programs. He pled guilty to count four, class E felony evading arrest flight – vehicle and was sentenced to two years in a TDOC facility at 30% service prior to eligibility. He pled guilty to count five, class A misdemeanor possession of methamphetamine and sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Chester County Jail, a mandatory minimum sentence length of 30 due to the Methamphetamine charge, a minimum of 75% service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status or rehabilitative programs, and ordered to pay all court costs plus \$750 in fines. Waldrop pled guilty to count six, 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, 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 counts seven/eight/nine (merged), class C felony possession of a weapon – convicted felony drug offense and was sentenced to four years in a TDOC facility at 85% service prior to release eligibility. All counts are concurrent with each other and with US District Court 1:23-CR-10084-STA-1 and consecutive to Chester County 25-CR-85. It is not the intent of the court for duplication of Jail Credit to be applied to consecutive sentences. There is no work release and no post-plea expungement. He is to have no contact of any kind with witnesses or victims. All contraband (firearms, cash, etc.,) is forfeited to the Arresting Agency.

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Saul Jealous of David
I Samuel 18
David killed Goliath and became an instant hero. When the men were returning home after David had killed Goliath the women came out and met Saul with singing and dancing and joyful music singing, "Saul has slain his thousands and David has slain his tens of thousands."
This song angered Saul. From that time on, Saul kept a jealous eye on David. He reasoned that with David's popularity the only other thing David could get was Saul's kingdom. The next day as Saul was tormented by the evil spirit and David was playing the harp, Saul hurled a spear at David, but David eluded Saul's spear. Saul continued to seek ways to bring about David's death.
Saul gave Michal, his daughter, to David as his wife so she would be a snare to him, but when Saul realized that Michal loved David he became more afraid of him and remained his enemy the rest of his days.
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Vanderbilt Transplant Center nation's largest after performing record number of solid organ transplants in 2025

The Vanderbilt Transplant Center (VTC) performed 960 solid organ transplants in 2025, the most ever completed by a single center in one year in the United States.

Through dramatic growth, the VTC is now the nation's largest transplant center by volume, according to data from the United Network for Organ Sharing. The VTC saved 85 additional critically ill patients in calendar year 2025 than in 2024.

"These results were made possible through the generosity of our organ donors and their families, and by hundreds of dedicated physicians, nurses and staff who are deeply committed to giving their patients a second chance at life. I want to congratulate our transplant teams for their incredible accomplishments," said Jane Freedman, MD, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Health System Officer for Vanderbilt Health.

VTC's heart transplant team also set a new world record in 2025 for the second year in a row, performing 210 adult and pediatric heart transplants. The lung transplant program set a VTC record last year with 149 adult transplants, making it the No. 2 program in the U.S.

None of this would have been possible without the selfless acts of organ donors, from friends and family members who donated live kidneys and partial livers, to deceased donors of hearts, lungs, livers, kidneys and pancreases, who in their last acts gave most personal gifts. "The generosity of each donor and the commitment of the teams simply cannot be overstated," said Seth Karp, MD, chair of the Section of Surgical Sciences and H. William Scott Jr. Professor of Surgery.

"I am incredibly proud

and continually awed by our talented teams; not only for the sheer volume of life-saving transplants, but that each patient is treated with the most cutting-edge and compassionate care," said Joseph Magliocca, MD, director of the Vanderbilt Transplant Center, professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, surgical director of the Pediatric Liver Transplant Program, and holder of the Cindy and Dave Baier Directorship.

In the adult transplant program, teams performed 368 kidney transplants (11 of which were combined kidney-pancreas transplants), 193 heart transplants (three of which were combined heart-lung transplants), 183 liver transplants and 149 lung transplants.

Pediatric transplant teams with Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt performed 18 liver transplants, 17 heart transplants and 17 kidney transplants. Vanderbilt also performed its first pediatric pancreas transplant in 2025.

"It is a tremendous achievement by our teams and a privilege to honor the legacy of donors through the gift of life to so many of our recipients," said Heidi Schaefer, MD, professor of Medicine and medical director of Adult Solid Organ Transplant.

VTC experts say these factors helped drive the growth:

Use of novel technologies to preserve organs over longer distances, which allow teams to travel farther to retrieve organs. Traditionally, recovered organs were placed on ice, but new methods allow for a much longer time to preserve organs before transplant. This includes warm and cold blood infusion technologies and a novel cooler that keeps organs at a super-cold temperature.

The organ recovery team's ability to mobilize and travel throughout the country to retrieve organs.

The use of organs that other centers turn down, but Vanderbilt Health can use with excellent outcomes.

"This milestone is a direct result of the passion and dedication of our transplant teams, whose commitment to patients and to one another continues to set the standard for excellence in transplant care," said Kristin Smith, MSN, RN, associate nursing officer for the Vanderbilt Transplant Center and Vanderbilt Lung Institute.

Vanderbilt Health has now transplanted approximately 14,000 organs since its first kidney transplant in 1962.

It takes a highly specialized, multidisciplinary team of about 150 people to work on a single transplant. The transplant teams include physicians in each organ specialty, surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists, intensivists, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, social workers, financial coordinators, nutritionists, organ procurement coordinators, preservationists, perfusionists, and operating room staff, among others.

"This extraordinary accomplishment is a testament to the dedication, talent and collaboration of every member of our transplant teams and others across the organization," said Heather O'Dell, MSN, ANP-BC, MMHC, executive director and associate operating officer for the Vanderbilt Transplant Center. "As remarkable as this milestone is, the true measure of success lies in the lives touched — the patients who now have more time with their loved ones because of the work these teams do."

Study finds so-called super agers tend to have at least two key genetic advantages

A pair of Alzheimer's risk genes were tracked in the largest study of super agers to date.

The gene variant posing the greatest genetic risk of late-onset Alzheimer's disease (AD) is called APOE-ε4. A different variant of the same gene, APOE-ε2, is thought to confer protection against AD.

A comparatively large study reported Jan. 16 in Alzheimer's & Dementia, The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association, led by researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, measures the frequency of APOE-ε4 and APOE-ε2 in so-called super agers — people ages 80 or older whose cognitive function is comparable to people 20 or 30 years younger.

Super agers were 68% less likely to harbor the gene nobody wants, APOE-ε4, compared to individuals with AD dementia in the same 80+ age group.

Most notably, super agers were 19% less likely to harbor APOE-ε4 than were cognitively normal participants in the same age group.

"This was our most striking finding — although all adults who reach the age of 80 without receiving a diagnosis of clinical dementia exhibit exceptional aging, our study suggests that the super-ager phenotype can be used to identify

a particularly exceptional group of oldest-old adults with a reduced genetic risk for Alzheimer's disease," said Leslie Gaynor, PhD, assistant professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatric Medicine, who led the study with Alaina Durant, BS, statistical genetic analyst in the Vanderbilt Memory and Alzheimer's Center.

Super agers were also found for the first time to have higher frequency of the variant you'd want, APOE-ε2: They were 28% more likely to carry APOE-ε2 than were cognitively normal controls ages 80+, and 103% more likely to carry the variant than were participants with AD dementia aged 80 or older.

The observational study, which includes the largest sample of super agers to date, uses data from the Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project Phenotype Harmonization Consortium (ADSP-PHC), led by another member of the study team, Timothy Hohman, PhD, professor of Neurology. The study included 18,080 participants from eight national aging cohorts.

Super-ager status was defined in part as people ages 80+ whose memory performance was above the average scored among cognitively normal participants ages 50 to 64. The study included multiple race/ethnicity groups, including

1,412 non-Hispanic white super agers, 211 non-Hispanic Black super agers, 8,829 participants with AD dementia, and 7,628 cognitively normal controls. APOE-ε4 frequency worldwide is 13.7%; in the study it was 43.9%.

"With interest in super agers growing," Gaynor said, "our findings notably encourage the view that the super-ager phenotype will prove useful in the continued search for mechanisms conferring resilience to AD.

"This is by far the largest study to date to identify differences in APOE-ε4 allele frequency based on super-ager status, and the first study to find a relationship between APOE-ε2 allele frequency and super-ager status. We would expect these findings to lend continued interest to questions of how these variants may influence development of clinical dementia due to Alzheimer's disease, as well as to the super-ager phenotype more generally."

Others from VUMC on the study include Angela Jefferson, PhD, Logan Dumitrescu, MS, PhD, and Derek Archer, PhD. They were joined by 32 researchers from 15 universities. The study was funded in part by National Institutes of Health awards U24 AG074855, U01 AG068057, and R01 AG059716.

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Dolly Parton honors milestone birthday by giving back to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

In celebration of her milestone 80th birthday on Jan. 19, global superstar Dolly Parton has released a powerful new rendition of her classic hit "Light of a Clear Blue Morning," featuring Lainey Wilson, Miley Cyrus, Queen Latifah and Reba McEntire, on the 50th anniversary of writing the song.

The single and music video, which also features David Foster on piano and The Christ Church Choir on backing vocals, released Friday, Jan. 16, just days before her birthday. This recording reimagines the song with a message of spreading love and hope.

Originally written and recorded 50 years ago in 1976 during a period of personal transition and renewed optimism, "Light of a Clear Blue Morning" has long stood as one of Parton's most inspirational works. Now, five decades later, Dolly revisits the song for a new generation with a powerhouse lineup of female voices.

"I wrote 'Light of a Clear Blue Morning'

during a season when I was searching for hope, and 50 years later that message still feels just as true," Parton said. "As I celebrate my 80th birthday, this new version is my way of using what I've been blessed with to shine a little light forward, especially by sharing it with some truly incredible women."

In keeping with the spirit of giving that has defined her career, net proceeds from the single and its accompanying music video will benefit the pediatric cancer research program at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, a longtime cause close to Parton's heart.

Parton has been a steadfast supporter of Monroe Carell and Vanderbilt Health for many years, including pediatric cancer research.

"With Dolly's generous support to the pediatric cancer program, we have been able to make advances in the treatment and supportive care for children with cancer and provide care in a positive and wel-

coming environment," said Debra Friedman, MD, MS, director of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, deputy director for VICC and holder of the E. Bronson Ingram Chair in Pediatric Oncology. "I am so grateful for this new gift. We look forward to the new rendition of "Light of a Clear Blue Morning" and working with Dolly to expand on our efforts to improve outcomes for children and their families living with, through and after a diagnosis of cancer. Our best wishes to Dolly on her 80th birthday!"

The song was written by Dolly Parton, produced by Dolly Parton alongside Kent Wells, and mixed by Chris Lord-Alge. This new rendition also features the legendary David Foster on piano and includes backing vocals by The Christ Church Choir.

The release marks not only a celebration of Parton's extraordinary life and legacy, but also a continuation of her lifelong commitment to using music as a force for good.

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Bayer and Vanderbilt University Medical Center to advance treatments for cardiovascular and kidney diseases

Collaboration spans across various indications with an initial focus on cardiovascular and kidney diseases, addressing areas of significant unmet medical need

Bayer to leverage VUMC's data resources to enable data-driven insights and accelerate drug discovery and development

Collaboration will strengthen Bayer's pharmaceutical development portfolio harnessing cutting-edge science and real-world data

Bayer and Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) today announced that they have entered a strategic five-year collaboration agreement to advance innovative therapies from target identification through Investigational New Drug (IND) application. The agreement spans across all indications currently pursued by Bayer, initially focusing on cardiovascular and kidney diseases, two therapeutic areas with significant unmet medical need.

The collaboration will leverage VUMC's resource platform, including its comprehensive datasets

hosted in Vanderbilt's BioVU collection of DNA and Plasma to enable data-driven insights and to accelerate discovery and development. It will combine Bayer's expertise in drug discovery and translational sciences with VUMC's deep preclinical and clinical knowledge.

"This collaboration exemplifies our shared vision to harness cutting-edge science and real-world data to bring innovative treatments to patients faster," said Juergen Eckhardt, M.D., Head of Business Development and Licensing at Bayer Pharmaceuticals. "Collaborating with VUMC underscores our commitment to advancing precision medicine

and fostering partnerships that integrate world-class research capabilities with industry-leading development expertise."

"VUMC has many internationally recognized research faculty along with deep and unique data resources that enable pharmaceutical discovery and development," said Ken Holroyd, M.D., holder of the Brock Family Directorship for Applied Innovation and Vice President for Tech Transfer at VUMC. "We are delighted to enter this new and important collaboration with Bayer. We will complement Bayer's expertise to fulfill our mission to convert research into impactful new treatments for patients."

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Note dated APRIL 8, 2022, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Note recorded APRIL 8, 2022 in Book 490, at Page 821-832, as Document #70367, in the Register's office for CHESTER County, Tennessee, executed by JERRY THOMAS DEARMAN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, conveying the certain property described therein to MEGAN K. TROTT, Trustee, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, INC., its successors and assigns and to MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed as Successor Trustee by instrument of record JANUARY 8, 2026 in the Register's office for CHESTER County, Tennessee in Book 541, at Page 774-775, as Document #80809.

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of the Note has declared the entire indebtedness due and payable and demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of Marinosci Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Successor Trustee, by

the Deed of Trust, will on February 25, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the front entrance of the Chester County Courthouse, 133 East Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340 offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Chester County, Tennessee, described as follows:

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To the best of the Successor Trustee's knowledge, information, and belief, there are no other Federal or State tax lien claimants or other claimants upon the subject property which would require notice pursuant to the terms and provision of T.C.A. § 35-5-104 or T.C.A. § 67-1-1433 or 26 U.S.C. § 7425.

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Chester County drops two home games to South Side, McNairy

By Todd Lewis Sportswriter

Chester County faced a tough week at home, falling to South Side on Tuesday and to McNairy on Friday night in high school boys basketball action.

On Tuesday, Chester County was slowed by early foul trouble and an in-game injury in a 62-27 loss to South Side. South Side jumped out to a 16-5 first-quarter lead as Chester County's rotation was impacted when Lane Estes picked up three fouls before the six-minute mark of the opening period. The challenges continued in the second quarter when Jasce Alexander was forced to leave the game after taking a charge. South Side extended its lead to 30-12 at halftime and pulled away in the second half.

Elam Murphy led Chester County with 8 points, including two 3-pointers. Jaden Williams also scored

8 points, while Jay Brown added 5.

Chester County returned to action Friday night against McNairy, staying within striking distance early before McNairy pulled away late for a 52-42 win.

Chester County led 15-12 after the first quarter and carried a 27-24 advantage into halftime. McNairy regained momentum in the third quarter, edging ahead 34-31, and closed the game by outscoring Chester County 18-11 in the final period.

Jaden Williams led Chester County with 14 points against McNairy. Elam Murphy finished with 8 points, and Timothy Goodman added 7.

Following the loss, Chester County stands at 2-16 overall and 0-3 in district play. The Eagles would be back on the road Tuesday, Jan 20, traveling to Hardin County before heading to Lexington on Friday, Jan. 23.



Chester County's Jaden Williams goes up strong at the basket against McNairy Central during Friday night's home game.

Photo by Todd Lewis, Independent



Chester County's Elam Murphy rises for a shot against McNairy Central in Friday night's district matchup.

Photo by Todd Lewis, Independent



Kloe Taylor (No. 35) surveys the floor and directs traffic during Chester County's district game against South Side on Tuesday night.

Photo by Todd Lewis, Independent

Eaglettes drop two district contests

By Todd Lewis Sportswriter

Chester County endured a difficult stretch of district play last week, falling at home to South Side before dropping a hard-fought contest Friday night against McNairy Central.

On Tuesday, South Side overwhelmed the Eaglettes 46-11. South Side jumped out early with an 18-3 first-quarter advantage and continued to control the pace throughout the night, leading 30-5 at halftime and 43-7 after three quarters. Chester County struggled offensively against South Side's defensive pressure. Kloe Taylor led the Eaglettes with 6 points.

Friday night, Chester County showed improvement and competed for four quarters but ultimately fell 51-32 to McNairy Central. McNairy Central took

a 20-8 lead after the first quarter, but the Eaglettes responded in the second. Chester County cut into the deficit behind timely 3-pointers from Alexis Rivers and Leura Rowsey, pulling within three at halftime, 26-23.

McNairy Central regained momentum in the third quarter, extending the lead to 39-27, and maintained control in the final period to secure the win.

Kloe Taylor paced Chester County with 15 points. Savannah Williams added 7 points, while Rivers and Rowsey finished with 5 points apiece.

With the losses, Chester County moves to 1-18 overall and 1-2 in district play. The Eaglettes looked to regroup as they travelled to Hardin County on Tuesday, Jan. 20, and to Lexington on Friday, Jan. 23.



Alexis Rivers (No. 5) boxes out and tracks the ball on a McNairy Central free throw during Friday night's district contest.

Photo by Todd Lewis, Independent

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

ATHLETICS

FHU drops 13 threes to defeat Tigers

By Dustin Semore FHU Sports Information Director

Nearly doubling up the opposition in the second half, the No. 2 Freed-Hardeman University Lions tallied 13 3-pointers to defeat the Campbellsville University Tigers, 80-48, to stay perfect in league play.

The first five minutes of the contest featured six 3-point makes with the Lions (19-1, 4-0 MSC) sharing the scoring between Caleb Thomas,

Rico Sain, and Blake Dean. Lane Lauderbaugh joined with a triple in the middle of an 11-point FHU run that ended with the Lions leading 19-9 with 13:03 left in the first half. Dean added two more triples before Sain's layup in the final minute gave Freed-Hardeman a 35-24 edge at intermission.

Though Thomas opened the second frame with a trey, the hosting Tigers (14-5, 0-3 MSC) mounted

an 11-0 run to pull within two possessions of FHU with a 43-37 score at 12:59. The Lions; however, would swing momentum back their way to the tune of a 21-5 run across the last seven minutes of the MSC matchup. The longest stretch was a 15-point run highlighted by 3-pointers from DJ McIntyre and Phil Horton. Rodney Henderson's layup in the last minute settled the score on the 80-48 Lion win.

FHU shot 51% from the floor in the victory while holding the Tigers to a 34% mark from the field.

Rico Sain and Caleb Thomas led the Lions with 15 points each while Blake Dean added 13 points. Phil Horton recorded back-to-back double-doubles with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Up Next - The Lions travel up the road to McKenzie on January 22 to face the Bethel University Wildcats.



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Lady Lions bounce back against No. 3



Photo courtesy of Izzie Polania

By Dustin Semore FHU Sports Information Director

Two days after their first setback, the No. 5 Freed-

Hardeman University Lady Lions answered with a victory over the No. 3 Campbellsville University Tigers, 67-56.

Brooklyn Crouch opened the contest with the first of her 20 points with a 3-pointer to give the Lady Lions (18-1, 3-1 MSC) an early lead. The Tigers answered with five straight points before Crouch tallied seven straight points, joined by layups from Lilly Kee and Carissa Curtis. Despite the FHU flurry, Campbellsville put up seven points to end the half with a 18-14 lead.

The Lady Tigers (16-3, 1-2 MSC) scored the first four points of the half to take an eight-point lead,

but Kee chipped away with a set of layups before Jenna Satterly's jumper made it a 22-20 deficit for FHU. After trading scores, Crouch's three late points finished the first half with FHU trailing 26-24.

Campbellsville again started the third quarter with a flurry, scoring five points within the first 90 seconds. Curtis gave FHU their first points of the second half with a 3-pointer before another one knotted the game 35-35 with Ally Weathers' free throws giving FHU the lead. Curtis and Satterly sank late triples to put the Lady

Lions on top 44-40 after three complete quarters. Needing a big quarter to keep the perennial powerhouse Tigers at bay, FHU answered with a 23-point fourth. Though CU's 3-pointer at 8:15 gave the hosts the lead, Kee's layup sparked a nine-point run ending with FHU on top 55-47. Though Curtis' 3-pointer at 4:53 was the final field goal of the contest for FHU, the Lady Lions scored 14 points from the charity stripe across the last five minutes of the game to complete the 67-56 win.

The Lady Lions bucketed seven 3-pointers while

the Tigers made two. The Lady Lion ball-handling was on full display with 18 combined assists in the victory.

Brooklyn Crouch led FHU with a season-high 20 points while Carissa Curtis and Lilly Kee each added 14 points. Ally Weathers grabbed a team-high eight rebounds while Jenna Satterly joined Curtis with five assists.

Up Next - The toughest test of the season comes on Jan. 22 when the Lady Lions tip off against the No. 2 Bethel University Wildcats at 5:30 p.m. in McKenzie.



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CAULIFLOWER

Use the code!



Can you help me bring this box of cauliflower to my farmers market stand?



START

Did you know...

- The word “cauliflower” means _____.
- White is the most common form, but at many farmers markets you can get cauliflower that is orange, _____ and _____.
- Cauliflower is a member of the _____ family.
- Many people use cauliflower to make _____ crusts.
- About 90% of the cauliflower grown in the United States comes from _____.

Replace the missing words.

LEAVES HIGH YELLOW TIE ENERGY

Cauliflower can be boiled, fried, roasted, grilled, steamed, pickled or eaten raw. It can even be made into a pizza crust!

It packs an _____ punch and is low in calories. It’s high in fiber and _____ in vitamin C and other minerals (one cup of cauliflower has more than an orange) and so it’s called a **superfood**. That means cauliflower helps keep your body healthy and strong!



Large cauliflower _____ grow as the cauliflower grows. When tall enough, a farmer will cover the white growing cauliflower with the leaves and _____ them in place. Why? This keeps the “flower” part white as it grows. If not covered, the florets turn _____. Cauliflower is usually harvested when it’s six to eight inches in diameter.

Roasted Cauliflower

Work with an adult to make this delicious and healthy cauliflower recipe that can crunch a little like popcorn.

- Preheat the oven to 425°F.
- Cut the cauliflower into florets all about the same size.
- Sprinkle with salt and 2 tbsp of olive oil. Toss these together to coat the florets.
- Spread onto a baking sheet and roast for 10 minutes.
- Turn each floret over and roast for 5 minutes. Take out of oven and allow to cool. Sprinkle cheese or lemon on top for extra flavor.



FINISH

FARM FRESH CAULIFLOWER

Have YOU tried cauliflower?

☐ YES! Yum!
☐ Not yet.

Letter Search

Look through the newspaper to find a word that starts with each letter below:

C _____
A _____
U _____
L _____
I _____
F _____
L _____
O _____
W _____
E _____
R _____

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

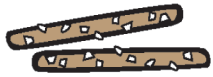
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Kid Scoop Together

Field of Sheep

Work with a family member to make this tasty treat.

INGREDIENTS:



pretzel sticks black olives

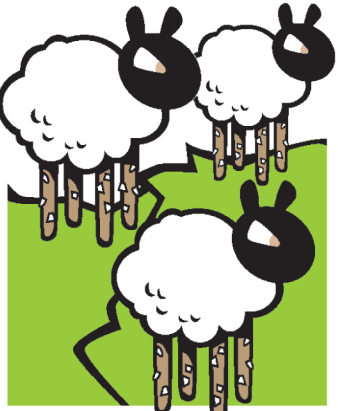


lettuce leaves pine nuts



cauliflower florets cream cheese

- Cover a plate with lettuce leaves.
- Break off cauliflower florets to make the sheep’s bodies.
- Use pretzel sticks for legs and “glue” with cream cheese or peanut butter.
- To make the head, slice a small section off the back of an olive and “glue” it onto the cauliflower using cream cheese.
- Cut tiny slices of olive to make ears.
- Use pine nuts for eyes. Attach with cream cheese. Set out your flock for all to enjoy!



Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written instructions.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Farmers harvest cauliflower before this happens to it and it might surprise you. Hold this page up to a mirror to discover this surprise.

IF NOT HARVESTED,
A CAULIFLOWER WILL SPROUT
HUNDREDS OF TINY YELLOW
FLOWERS. THE FLORETS WE EAT
ARE FLOWER BUDS THAT
HAVEN’T OPENED YET.

Standards Link: Math: Recognize and continue patterns.

Double Double Word Search

COMMON

CUP

FARMERS

FIBER

FLORETS

FOOD

GREEN

GROWS

HELPS

LEAVES

LOW

ORANGE

RAW

SUPER

TALL

TURN

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

R	T	N	F	L	O	R	E	T	S
H	A	J	O	K	W	V	C	U	P
E	Z	W	O	T	F	M	Y	R	C
L	F	X	D	G	A	J	U	N	O
P	O	I	N	V	R	L	T	S	M
S	Q	W	B	Y	M	O	L	F	M
Y	T	G	R	E	E	N	W	J	O
Q	E	G	N	A	R	O	P	S	N
L	E	A	V	E	S	U	P	E	R

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

FROM THE

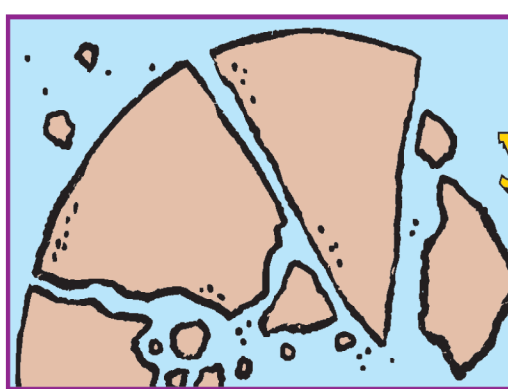


LESSON LIBRARY

Food Advertisements

Find one or more ads in the newspaper that advertise food or a restaurant or a business that sells food. Circle any facts in the ads in green. Circle any opinions in the ads in red. Are there more facts or opinions?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify facts and opinions.



How do you fix a broken cauliflower pizza crust?

ANSWER: With tomato paste.

Write On!

Vegetable Poem

Write a poem or paragraph about your favorite vegetable. Be sure to describe using all five senses.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.