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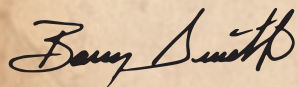
to Henderson and Chester County, Tennessee! We are proud of our history, educational heritage and beautiful natural surroundings.

With a rich history rooted in the beginnings of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, charming downtown Henderson continues to grow and prosper. It is home to Downtown Park (a wifi hotspot), Freed-Hardeman University (a private four-year, liberal arts university), our highly rated public schools, the historic Chester County Courthouse (where scenes from "Walking Tall: the Buford Pusser Story" were filmed), famous BBQ pits, award winning hamburger joints, bakeries and unique shops. Henderson is the county seat of Chester County with a thriving arts community. The Henderson Arts Commission hosts Arts in the Alley on the third Thursday of each month from spring through fall at Downtown Park.

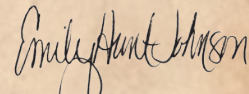
Residents and visitors enjoy top-rated Chickasaw State Park, where they can swim, canoe, hike, take a paddleboat ride and camp. It even provides a place for camping with a horse at its popular Wrangler Campground. There are plenty of other outdoor activities in the community, including Gene Record Park with a handicap accessible playground, walking trail, picnic shelters, soccer fields and a farmer's market.

The Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting our local businesses and shaping a better community. Each autumn, the largest chamber-produced event, the Chester County BBQ Festival, takes over Main Street and the courthouse lawn with a celebration of famous Chester County BBQ, art, entertainers and children's activities. More than 12,000 people participate in the three-day festival.

We are proud to welcome you to our home! Stay a while and come back often. It won't take long for you to find out why Chester County is a great place to live, work and play!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Above: Nashville musicians Joe Khoury and Mark Harriman of Molly Ramone entertain guests of all ages at Arts in the Alley.

Chester County BBQ Festival
— September 26-28

Chickasaw Craft Fair — October

Hee Haw Hootenanny
— November 14-16

Henderson Christmas Parade
— December 5

**Freed-Hardeman University
Annual Benefit Dinner** — December 6

Lighting of Chickasaw State Park
— December 13-15

Imagination Library Holiday Mart — December

Annual Lions Club Implement Sale
— January 25

**Freed-Hardeman University Annual
Bible Lectureships** — February 2-6

**Exchange Club/ Carl Perkins Center
Annual Dinner and Auction** — March

Freed-Hardeman University Makin' Music
— April 11-12

**Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf
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Chester County Relay for Life — May

Lions Club Annual Walking Horse Show — June

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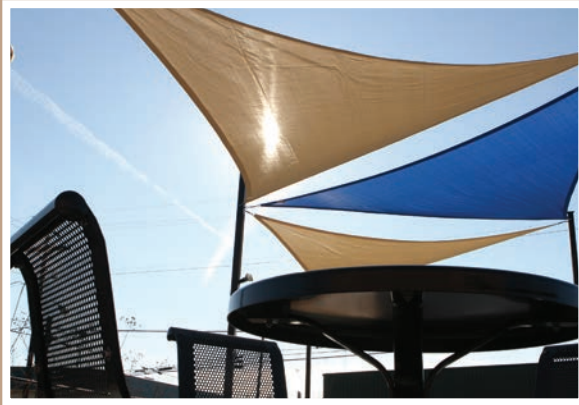
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“What’s good around here? All of it,” said lifelong resident of Chester County and former Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce President Craig Casey. A realtor, Casey understands the many assets that draw people to the area.

From education to natural landscapes to great barbeque to family, Chester County keeps longtime residents grounded and continues to attract new people from around the country. Lois Rhodes, an 86-year resident of Henderson has ties deeply rooted in the area. Born and raised in Chester County, Rhodes says she never really had a reason to leave. “My mother and daddy lived here. I married a man who loved Chester County. He had a good business here, enjoyed his customers and had good friends. I have children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren here, and I’m glad to live where they live.”



A critical factor in deciding where to live, education is an important component in the makeup of Chester County. “You can go from preschool to a master’s degree without ever leaving Main Street,” said Casey. The Chester County School System maintains focus on superior academics. Located on Main Street, Freed-Hardeman University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees. The university provides Chester County with activities such as collegiate sports, theatre performances, concerts, art shows and summer camps. FHU also offers a tuition discount to graduates of Chester County High School and allows senior citizens to audit classes for free on a space available basis.



Another educational asset to the county is the Chester County Library. Even during the summer, the library is overflowing with patrons. According to the fourth quarter report released by the Hatchie River Regional Library, the Chester County Library ranks fourth in number of programs provided by libraries in West Tennessee. This is especially impressive, not only because the top three libraries are larger and have more staff but also because Chester County is one of the smallest counties in West Tennessee.

Chickasaw State Park serves as a nature-rich element to Chester County. Located just outside of Henderson, the 1,280-acre state park is nestled in a



14,384-acre state forest. Among the park's amenities are miles of hiking trails, tent and RV campgrounds, a Wrangler Campground for horses, 13 cabins, a group lodge and a group camp that can accommodate 163 people. Lake Placid also provides park visitors with fishing, a swimming area, paddleboat rentals and a sandy beach.

Home to world-renowned barbeque and burgers, many cannot talk about Chester County without mentioning food. Organized by the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce, the BBQ Festival takes place each September. Held on the historic Chester County Courthouse lawn, the three-day festival provides plenty of barbeque, entertainment and vendor booths, offering unique and handmade items.

Another mouth-watering asset to the county is Bell's Drive In. Offering "The Best Hamburger this Side of Heaven," Bell's Drive In has been recognized by The Tennessee Magazine as having Tennessee's best hamburger for 10 years. The restaurant also received recognition for best milkshake in West Tennessee in the magazine's Best of 2012 list. Casey shared one of his favorite stories, as well as a prime example of the magnetic effect Chester

County holds. "Years ago, a couple from Chicago came to Henderson for a funeral. They didn't know anyone else in town; they were only here for the funeral. Before they left town, they bought a house. Over the years, nearly every person from the couple's old block in Chicago has bought a home in Chester County. It's just that kind of place."





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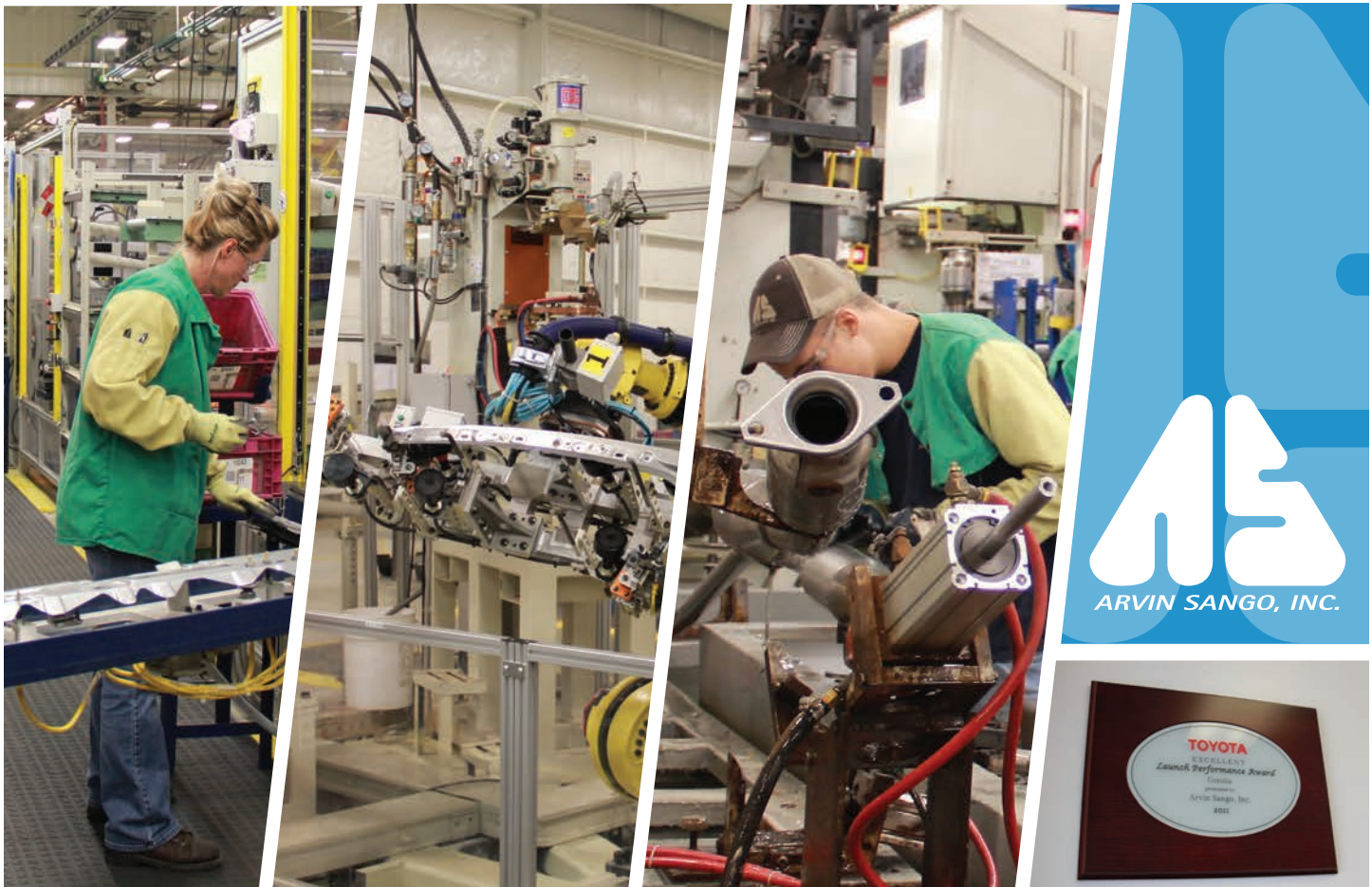


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While many small rural communities lack an art scene, many artists – from painters and sculptors to poets and novelists to musicians – have chosen Chester County as their home. Henderson native and author of “Reading 10,000 Books: A Journey of Body and Soul,” Peggy Smith said, “A creative thinker, artist or writer finds Chester County a great place to live because the calm, quiet nature of the area provides a distraction-free zone, allowing a connection to nature and the artistic spirit to flourish.”

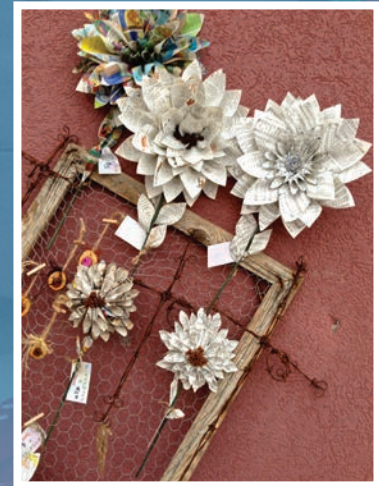


Local artist Vic Piasta, most widely known for his woodwork, grew up in a city. Although he’s always been creative, Chester County provides him with a peacefulness that city life cannot.

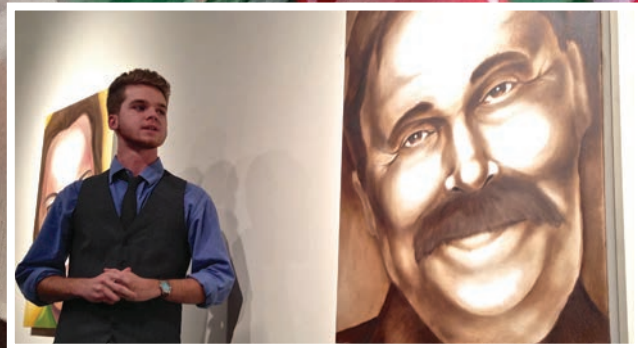
“I feel more relaxed and less distracted than I did living in a city. If things get frustrating for me while working on a new design or I’m just having a bad day on the scroll saw, I can go out for a walk in the woods and take advantage of nature’s therapeutic magic,” he said.

An added benefit of living in Chester County as an artist is the location, as mentioned by artist William Smith. “It’s right in between Nashville in Memphis; it’s less than two hours to get to either place, and Memphis is one of only two ends of the state in which you can get a MFA. It’s not too far for you to get involved in either art scene. I was in an artist group in Nashville and a group in Memphis, and with no trouble at all, I was in eight shows in one year. If you want to be a practicing artist in Tennessee, this is a good location.”

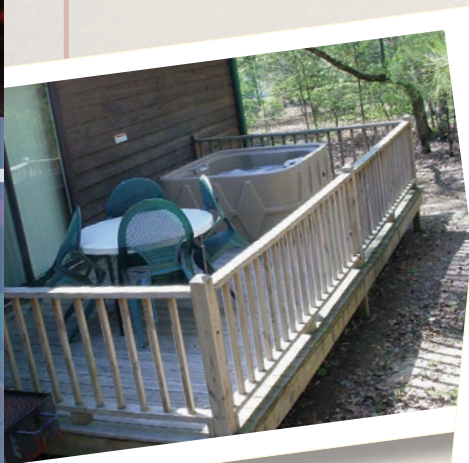
Building on the service of those who have encouraged the arts in the Chester County through the years, the Henderson Arts Commission anticipates approval for the 501(c)(3) (charitable organization) status for which the board has applied. The HAC’s mission is to recognize, educate, enrich and entertain through the arts.



A popular HAC event is Arts in the Alley, held in downtown Henderson on third Thursdays spring through fall. Attendees who enjoy its casual atmosphere range in age from infants to retirees. Guests sit in lawn chairs listening to the band or chat with vendors while buying handmade items. Celebrity grillers help fund the event each month, filling the air with the smell of hamburger and hot dogs cooking over charcoal. This family-friendly event has no admission charge.



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With businesses starting up left and right, Chester County is proving to be a prime location for commerce. Lifelong Chester County resident Renee Phelps said it was the focus on community that made businesses succeed. “The businesses are community-oriented and community-minded. They support the community not only financially, but also physically. They get out and work and support whatever cause there is to be supported.”



Over the course of the past year, several new businesses have opened in Chester County, one of them being Southern Chic Spatique. Stacy King Ingold, owner and lifelong resident of Henderson, noticed a need for a spa in Chester County while working in Jackson. “I saw so many people traveling from here to Jackson for spa services; I knew that a Henderson

business with these services would thrive.” After the decision to open up shop in her hometown, Ingold relied on the region to make her vision a reality. “My projections have been exceeded. Everyone has been very supportive,” said Ingold.

Southern Chic Spatique provides a full-service salon, offering massages and facials, as well as nail and hair services, to men and women. In addition to the spa, Southern Chic Spatique hosts a unique collection of vendors who sell clothing, jewelry, accessories and home décor. Recently the business received the Tennessee Small Business Development Center’s award for Most Successful Start-Up Business.



Kyle Pearson, a Californian-turned-Tennessean, came to Chester County as an undergraduate at Freed-Hardeman University. Now an FHU alumnus, he works in sales for Jones Lumber Company, Inc. “I am excited about the opportunities I have been given to grow professionally at Jones Lumber. I am able to learn from experienced members of the industry to provide the best products and service for our region.”



Whether through public schools, preschools or FHU, education is a major source of employment in Chester County. A strong education department at the university helps provide the region with strong and qualified educators. Dee Arnold teaches second grade at East Chester Elementary. She and her husband have two daughters in the school system, as well. "While Henderson is a small town, it is filled with wonderful teachers, administrators and parents. I'm proud to work with so many people who make a difference."



Another business that has found a home in Chester County is Arvin Sango. The company, a main supplier to Toyota, came to Chester County in 2008. After visiting more than 20 cities, Arvin Sango chose Chester County as its new home. "They found that Henderson had the resources, people and tax incentives to support what they needed," said Plant Manager Bryan Imhoff.

A major draw for Arvin Sango to come to Chester County was the willingness put forth by local leaders. "The city and the county leaders were so helpful and wonderful to work with. The city and county mayor worked so well together to make things happen," said Donna Butler, human resource manager.



Butler said Chester County had everything Arvin Sango was looking for, including a ready work force. "Our folks have great work ethic. They know how to work and they come

in prepared to do a good job. They're accommodating, which really makes a difference."

Butler also mentioned the number of members at Arvin Sango who travel to the county to work. Mark Stone, a resident of Lexington, Tenn., travels to Henderson each workday and said he wouldn't change a thing: "This is the best bunch of people you could ever work for. I would recommend anybody to come work here. There are two factories right across the street from where I live in Lexington with employment opportunities at both, and I choose to work here."

When asked candidly why people want to work in Chester County, Phelps summed everything up. "'Cause it's the best place to live in the whole wide world! I've been here my whole life, and I don't want to be any other place."

Background: Employees from around the country train at Jones Contractors, Henderson facility.

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Each year, Gil and Peggy Patterson make the 10-hour drive from their home in Hinckley, Ohio to Chester County. They are not visiting family, and they are not on their way to another destination. The Pattersons come to Chester County for vacation.

For nearly 20 years, Chester County has been the Pattersons' home away from home. The family was introduced to Chester County in 1985, when Gil's mother and step-father moved to the area. After their deaths, Gil and Peggy continued to visit the area twice a year – once at Christmas and once at Easter; however, this year the family decided to forego the Easter trip for a summer trip. With their 11-year-old daughter, Celia, and two grandsons, Paxton and Brock in tow, the family made the journey to experience their first Chester County summer this June.

During each visit, the family lodges at their favorite cabin at Chickasaw Chalet. Peggy explained the family prefers the chalet to a hotel because "it's about the same price, but you get a whole cabin to yourself." Each cabin is equipped with a kitchen, two bedrooms, a living room and a deck with a hot tub. Over the years, the family has developed a friendship with Tony and Julie Altman, the owners of Chickasaw Chalet.

"The Pattersons have become much more than customers; they have become our friends. They are enthusiastic about our community and really enjoy the small town life," said Tony.

On their drive from Ohio, the Pattersons enter Chester County traveling west on Highway 100. With the bypass, it would be quicker for the family to stay on Highway 100, go around Henderson and head straight to the chalet. However, they always choose to drive through Henderson down Main Street, no matter how late it is. "I want to drive through town because I feel at home," said Peggy.



Within the first two days of arriving, the family makes two trips they consider absolutely necessary: a trip to the Piggly Wiggly and a trip to the Chester County Library. At the Piggly Wiggly, the family stocks up on food to cook at the chalet for their 10-day stay. Next, the family heads to the Chester County Library.

A former librarian, Peggy understands the value of a local library and is a fan of the one Chester County calls its own. She even has her own Chester County Library card. "We enjoy seeing the Pattersons at the library each year. It is so nice for our library to be a popular community center because it attracts people from all over, just like the Pattersons. We are able to meet so many nice and friendly people this way," said Library Director Nancy Canada.



While the Pattersons are in Chester County, the family enjoys relaxing at the chalet, exploring at Chickasaw State Park and attending any events occurring in the area. This year, the family attended the June Arts in the Alley held at Henderson Downtown Park. At the chalet, Celia, Brock and Paxton especially enjoyed the hot tub, as well as the playground facilities at Chickasaw State Park.

To keep up with local happenings while away from Chester County, the Pattersons have a subscription to the Chester County Independent. Each week, the newspaper is delivered to the Pattersons' home in Ohio. It arrives a few days later than the print date, but the family doesn't seem to mind.

The Pattersons love Chester County for many reasons. Most of all, however, the family is drawn to the county's residents. They explained, "The people of Chester County are vibrant and hard-working. They take pride in their history and communities. There is nothing we get more enjoyment from than just striking up a conversation with a local in Fred's or the Piggly-Wiggly. Their hospitality is what keeps us coming back to Chester County."



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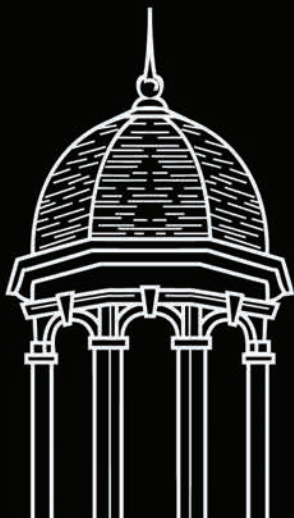
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