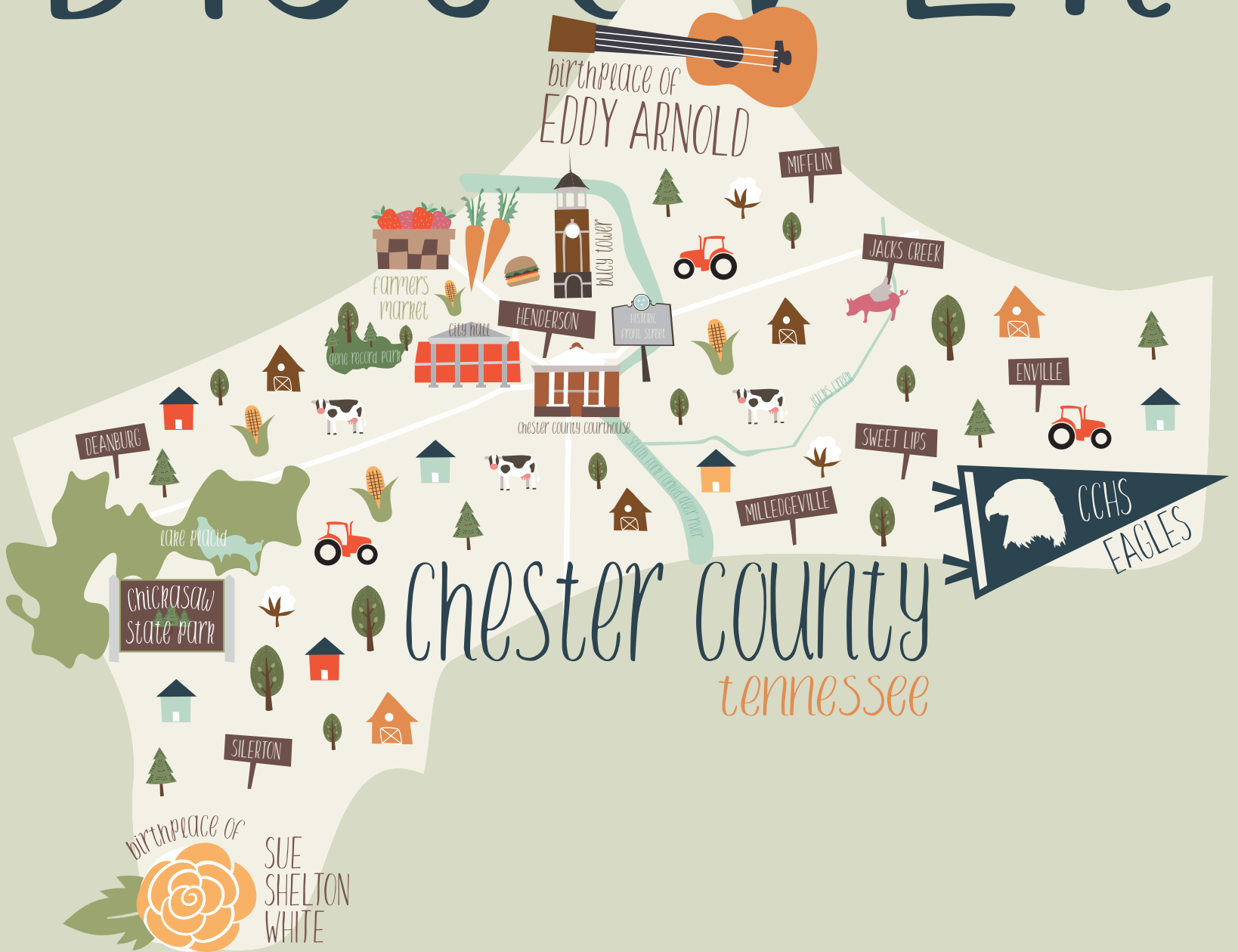


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Thank you for helping us share the story of Henderson and Chester County through "Discover Chester County" magazine for 10 years! For this anniversary issue, we asked chamber members and the community to help us select the 10 areas of the most growth during the past decade.

The areas selected, which are featured in this edition, are listed in order below.

1. Farmers Market
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3. Downtown Growth
4. Events
5. Henderson Arts Commission
6. Recycling Services
7. Gigabit Fiber Internet
8. Education
9. Freed-Hardeman University's New Buildings
10. Economic Development

This list provides only a snapshot of the positive direction and great quality of life in our community. You can learn more about our community at [ChesterCountyChamber.com](http://ChesterCountyChamber.com).

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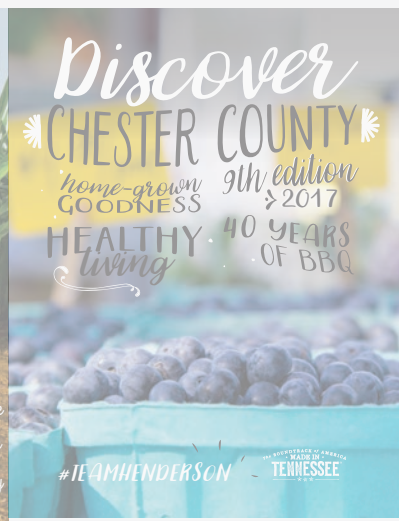
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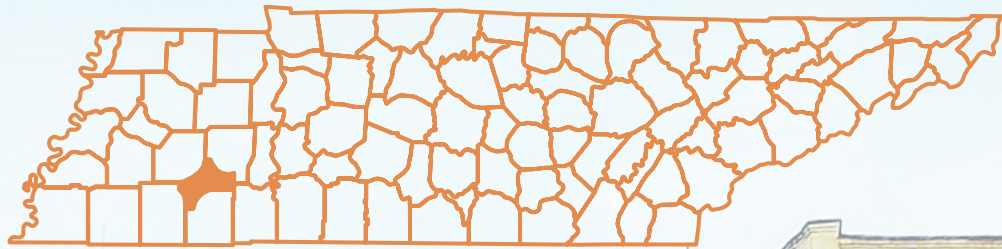
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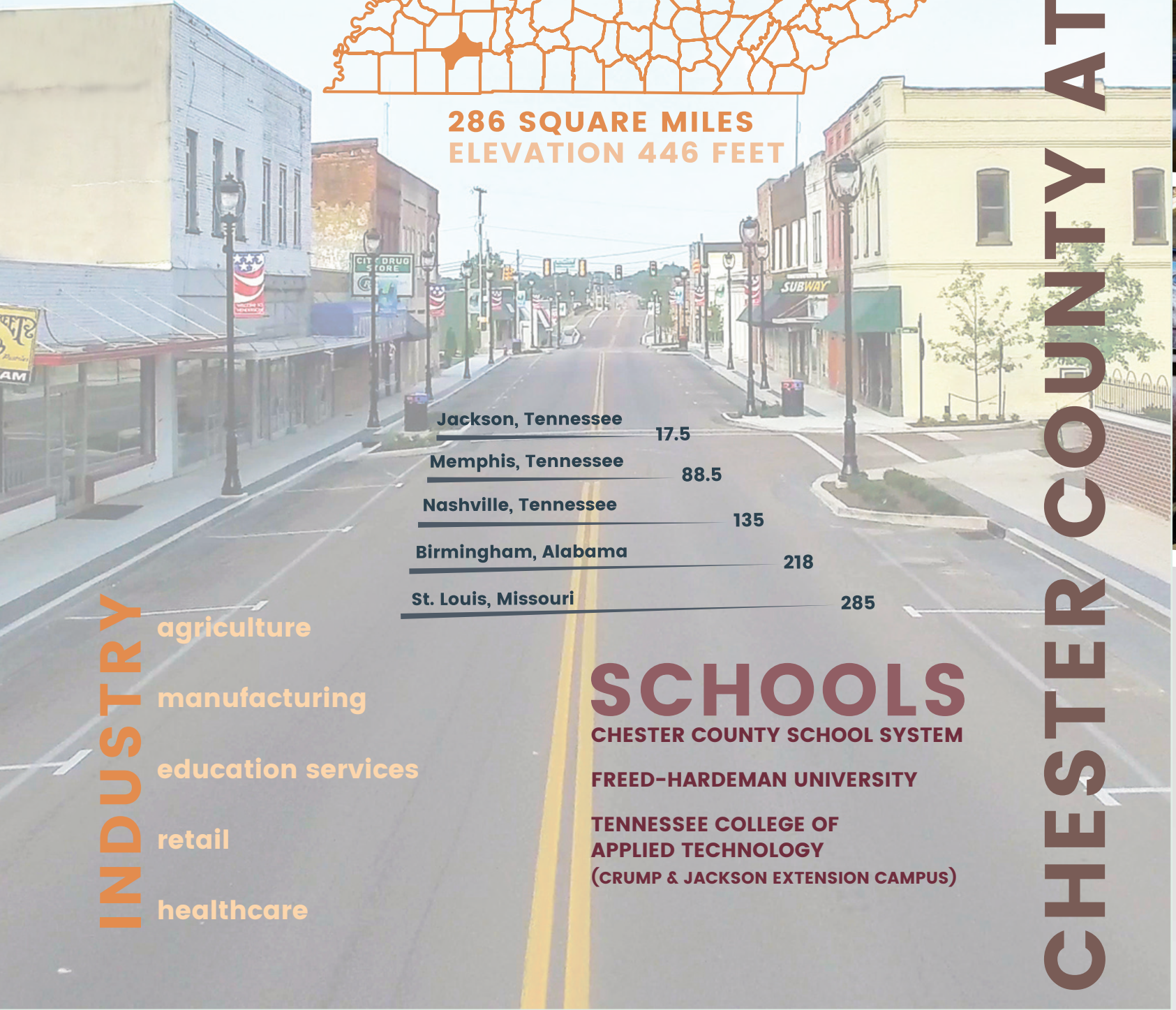
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# CHESTER COUNTY AT A GLANCE







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# COMMUNITY SPACES CITY AND STATE PARKS

*By Melanie Davis*

Ten years ago Gene Record Memorial Park was little more than a playground and soccer fields, and Sue Shelton White Park was just a plot of ground with unmet potential. That is why Chester County leaders made revitalizing area parks and promoting healthy living a priority.

"Our parks are a great asset — important for the quality of life for Henderson and for Chester County as a whole. Retaining and attracting residents who love living here is the reason we have focused on our parks," Mayor Bobby King commented.





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CHICKASAW STATE PARK



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During the last decade, community leadership has made major improvements to local parks. King hired Dena Azevedo as the city's park director to revitalize and maintain both Gene Record Park and downtown's Sue Shelton White Park. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the addition of Clayton Family Playground makes it welcoming for children of all abilities. Free WiFi access is available at Sue Shelton White Park and Gene Record Park. A walking trail was added in summer 2014, and donations have made it possible for trees and flower gardens to be planted.

"When I began, the walking trail was just established; our parks have come so far since then," Azevedo said. She sees the upkeep of the parks as a way to give back to her city and the people who call it home. "Our town means so much to me," Azevedo said. "Having great parks gives our residents and visitors the option to spend time with their kids, play on the playground, walk and bring their dogs."

Chester County resident Linda Price visits Gene Record Park multiple times a week because it is such a clean and safe place. "I love that park. I take the kids I babysit as well as my grandkids, and they all love it. I take bottles of water and their bikes and just let them play," Price said. As someone who worked with Gene Record when he was mayor, she added that she knows he would be proud of the park that honors his name.

Chester T. Dog Park will soon be completed across from the pavilion at Gene Record Park. It honors the memory of Lynn Ramey, a beloved community member who held a special place in her heart for all animals, especially her pup, Chester T. Individuals began gathering donations for the project following Ramey's sudden passing in 2015, and a \$25,000 dog park grant from the Boyd Foundation in July 2018 (seeking to make Tennessee the most pet friendly

state in the country) provided needed funds to make the dream a reality.

In 2018, Downtown Park was renamed Sue Shelton White Park by a resolution of the Henderson Board of Aldermen. White is a nationally known suffragist, who played a key role in the ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote in the United States. White, a native of Chester County, is also honored with a bust in Jackson and as one of five women memorialized by a monument in Centennial Park in Nashville.

Renovations and additions have been made to Chickasaw State Park in the last 10 years, also. One of the most well known has been the iconic bridge over Lake Placid. Closed in 2014 due to structural concerns, the bridge was rebuilt and reopened in May 2018. Canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards also have been added as lake activities within the last few years.

In the coming years, officials plan to restore the park's original seven cabins, increase camper space and create a museum that features the history of the land that is now Chickasaw. Park Manager Ronald Elder noted that Chickasaw hosts several annual events including an Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Fishing Rodeo, the Lighting of the Park and other weekend activities. Park staff members also have built a new aviary for the non-releasable birds of prey that they use for their educational programs.

The community's commitment to beautiful, well kept public spaces plays a major role in the quality of life residents enjoy. Azevedo encourages those in the area, "Bring your family, your dog or a picnic lunch, and come enjoy all that our parks have to offer."



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## NETWORKING AND CELEBRATING

By Melanie Davis

Within the borders of Chester County, there are several cherished traditions that unite citizens and attract thousands of visitors to the area annually.

From the 41-year-old Chester County BBQ Festival to Hee Haw Hootenanny to Lunch and Dinner Mob to First Friday Coffee, the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce provides residents with a variety of diverse networking options.

A group of chamber volunteers brought about the revival of the live music production Henderson Hee Haw Hootenanny in 2012. The audience has increased; about 1,500 people now attend the show. Local performers make up the cast, and more than 50 volunteers put on the production. In describing the show, Channing Carroll, chamber member and events coordinator said, "Hee Haw provides a great opportunity to showcase our local talent – singing, picking, dancing and comedy. It's wonderful to see your friends and neighbors shine onstage!"

Held monthly, First Friday Coffee gatherings bring local business leaders together for a casual, networking session. Lunch and Dinner Mobs are flash mob type events for chamber members and the public. Instead of breaking into song and dance, though, attendees come together in a large group at a local restaurant.

"Our events are possible because of the support of so many individuals and businesses," Carroll said. "Our volunteers are our greatest assets. The donation of their time, talents and services has a tremendous impact on the quality of the chamber events. The hours logged by our selfless volunteers are so valuable; we could never adequately express our appreciation for all they do."

The chamber takes advantage of unique opportunities to engage the community in new and special ways. For example, last August they held a solar eclipse viewing party for members, where they provided lunch and viewing glasses for about 100 people. "That once-in-a-lifetime experience was even more special because we shared it with our community," Carroll said.



Hee Haw Hootenanny



First Friday Coffee



Lunch Mob



Eclipse Viewing Party



Chamber Banquet





# Thank You.

As we look through this edition of "Discover Chester County" and reflect on the amazing things that have happened in our community during the past decade, we are grateful for you – the teachers, students, entrepreneurs, team members, artists, volunteers and family members who have made them happen!



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# LEADING THE WAY IN REGIONAL RECYCLING

by Tajuana Cheshier

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. It's a familiar message that Chester County Recycling Coordinator Amber Greene reinforces, encouraging residents and businesses to reduce their waste and recycle more through the Chester County Solid Waste and Recycling Centers. "If more people begin recycling, it will save our environment and prevent landfills from overflowing," Greene explained.

In 2017, the center processed 1,580 tons of recycling, and 5,280 tons of trash was sent to the landfill. Currently, 20 percent of Henderson residents and 18 percent of Chester County residents participate in the recycling program. Greene said the goal is to increase participation to at least 50 percent.

Chester County Solid Waste Director Danny Benard and his team of professionals have secured more than \$2 million in grants to expand facilities and reach out to and impact in the community. Education programs for schools and partnerships with businesses help spread the recycling message, while state grant money recently helped purchased a new recycling compactor truck. It is painted with a new slogan and logo "Volunteer to Recycle."

In 2011, Chester County became a regional recycling hub through a grant from Tennessee Department of Environment Conservation Division of Solid Waste and Materials Management. Surrounding cities and counties including Hardin, Hardeman, McNairy and Henderson all use the center.

## Ten Things to Know about Recycling in Chester County

1. There are five convenience centers for waste and recycling drop offs, located throughout the county.
2. There are 27 full and part-time employees who work at Chester County Solid Waste and Recycling Center.
3. Only vehicles with Chester County tags are allowed to use the five convenience centers.
4. Free paper-shredding services are available for Chester County residents and businesses.
5. Chester County Solid Waste offers educational programs for students to learn the importance of recycling in their community and schools. Chester the Chipmunk is Chester County Solid Waste's recycling mascot.
6. The Chester County Solid Waste and Recycling Department is a certified, local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful/Keep Tennessee Beautiful.
7. Blue recycling bags are available for county residents to pick up at all five convenience centers.
8. Solid Waste Director Danny Benard began his job in 2002. His interest in recycling began with a single truck, trailer and bailer for collecting cardboard.
9. In January 2018, Chester County Solid Waste and Recycling Center received a \$1.1 million grant. It will expand the existing recycling hub to make sorting faster and more efficient. The funds have also been used to purchase a recycling compactor truck.
10. The Chester County Junior High Energy Eagles program holds monthly competitions and contests to increase recycling awareness. Funds generated from recycling are used to purchase materials for students and classrooms.





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# DOWNTOWN

## THE HEART OF HENDERSON



*by Tajuana Cheshier*

Downtown Henderson is an attractive, pedestrian-friendly hub of local businesses, government offices and an outdoor shared space for residents to enjoy year-round.

Today's reality actually began several years ago, when local officials, the chamber and residents envisioned a beautiful and cohesive look for downtown and applied for Tennessee's Downtown Enhancement Grant. It resulted in a \$1.7 million project that provided new sidewalks, lighting and infrastructure improvements that have been completed in the past few years.

Additionally, as part of the grant, the city of Henderson made upgrades to Downtown Park, recently renamed Sue Shelton White Park. Those upgrades included shades, benches and signage. Downtown banners now welcome visitors to Henderson, Chester County and honor special times of year, such as when Freed-Hardeman students return each fall, BBQ Festival, Christmas and Independence Day.



Of course, private investors who are dedicated to keeping downtown vibrant play a major role in the area's life. Entrepreneurs continue to invest in buildings, keeping them not only attractive but also updated and functional to serve business needs for the community. Downtown businesses include retail establishments such as restaurants and clothing stores; services, such as clinics, law offices and fitness centers; and businesses that provide careers for young professionals in software development and marketing, advertising and public relations.





*Downtown is ... a hub of businesses, government offices and outdoor shared space.*





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## CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOLS: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR CAREER AND COLLEGE

by Tajuana Cheshier

Creating more educational and career opportunities for students, expanding the high school's classroom and cafeteria to accommodate a larger student body and providing students with education that provides quality careers and supports the local economy are just some of the crowning achievements of Chester County Schools over the last few years.

"In the early 2000s, our high school's enrollment was 650 to 700 students, but in recent years it has increased to 800 to 890 students," Chester County Director of Schools Troy Kilzer, II said. Chester County has long held a reputation of high academic performance, with Jacks Creek ranking in the top five percent in the state for achievement and Chester County High earning Reward Status for academic growth. Chester County teachers also have been recognized in recent years, as Cathy Whitehead was named statewide Teacher of the Year, Christy McManus was West Tennessee Teacher of the Year, and Haley Cloud was Regional Teacher of the Year.

In addition to preparing students for college studies, the school system also focuses on the needs of students who are entering technical trades. A number of those positions are available here in their home county.

"Many students are enrolling in our nursing, information technology, welding and automotive industry classes; our goal is to give students work-based learning opportunities before they leave high school," Kilzer said. Students can graduate as a certified nursing assistant, receive certifications in automotive and welding or gain experience in computer coding.



# ORATE MAIN STREET



"We have an intentional partnership between public education and economic development," Kilzer said. Those partnerships allow students to learn workforce skills through externships with local industries, such as Arvin Sango. Additionally, the 2018 graduates studying nursing had a 100 percent pass rate on their CNA certification test.

## A HOPE-FILLED SCHOOL YEAR

HOPE is a new program to encourage and empower middle school students beginning this 2018-19 academic year. "That is our focus this year because, as educators, we provide hope to students and let them know they can overcome their circumstances," Chester County Middle School Principal Tommie Kirk said. HOPE stands for Heart, Opportunity, Power and Encouragement.

Kirk, who is entering his second year as principal, said the CCMS faculty members make his job easier. "We are a work family. The teachers are flexible and challenge students to make sure they grow and do well," Kirk said.

Efforts to strengthen literacy and math skills through initiatives will continue with the blogging club, which is in its second year, a math bowl in the fall and March mathness — both math activities are meant to sharpen students' multiplication skills. Building improvements were made over the summer, also. "We want the look of the building to reflect what's going on inside, and we want parents and students to look at this building and be proud," Kirk added.

Kirk plans to continue building strong relationships with his faculty, students and parents. "We're small, and that allows us to make better connections with parents and students. Sometimes it's more than just academic support. Sometimes it's spiritual, which is rare in education. We talk about issues, and we can pray about them," Kirk said.





## CRACKING THE CODE

To meet growing interest in information technology careers, Chester County offers diverse options for college bound career track students. Chester County High School information technology teacher Kimberly Moore works with students in that growing field, including with computer programming. Moore is a sponsor of the CCHS Beta Club. She watched with excitement last November, as her students made their debut at the Tennessee State Beta Convention and clinched first place for their robot that solves a Rubik's Cube made of Legos. Their win earned them a spot at the national convention held in Savannah, Georgia, in June, where they placed fifth in the nation. "My students are awesome, and it's been an incredible few years," Moore added.

## REAPING THE REWARDS

Jacks Creek Elementary Principal Tangie Sweatman's philosophy involves developing positive relationships with students and giving them a good foundation for learning. "We have high expectations for everyone. Our motto is Expect, Believe and Achieve. Expect more, believe in yourself and others, and achieve greater things," she said.

JCES was recognized in 2017 by the Tennessee Department of Education as a Reward School, which means it ranked in the top five percent of state schools for academic

achievement. The school has earned this distinction twice in the past decade.

"There are so many components involved in educating students, but we have to begin with creating a safe environment for them to struggle and ultimately achieve success. It takes teamwork and transparency to make those things happen," Sweatman said.

## LOOKING FORWARD

With the belief that what is already great can always be improved, school leaders and the school board continually collaborate on ways to strengthen Chester County Schools. Their focus ranges from capital projects like renovating Williams Auditorium to building on-site training facilities for high school baseball and softball to growing partnerships with institutions of higher learning. Kilzer summarized a main objective, saying, "We want our students to know they can be successful and stay right here in Henderson and Chester County."





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# FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

## GROWTH, SERVICE AND MISSION

By Jacob Moseley

Freed-Hardeman University's focus on growth, academic offerings and physical improvements has transformed the campus in a major way during the past 10 years. Since 2008, FHU has removed buildings, erected several new buildings and begun restoring the historic integrity of its Old Main Administration Building. Academically, the university added 29 new degrees, enhanced graduate studies and increased dual enrollment opportunities for high school students.

"The trajectory of academics is upward and happening at a good pace," FHU President David Shannon said. "As we intentionally grow, we seek to honor — not disrupt — the mission."

Dr. C.J. Vires, provost and vice president for academics, added, "The investments we've made in academics lead to involved students who are enabled to develop their God-given talents for His glory, while being empowered by an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service."

Not resting on past accomplishments, FHU is working on the school's next strategic plan, collaborating with the board of trustees, staff, alumni, community and friends to set the stage for the next achievements. "We will continue to provide experiences that are unique for students both academically and spiritually," Dwayne Wilson, executive vice president for administration and finance, said.

As the university continues providing challenging opportunities for students to grow locally and abroad, the leadership reflects on those who have made it possible. Shannon commented, "We look to the future with excitement and are grateful that we are standing on the shoulders of the previous decade of leadership and the decade before that."

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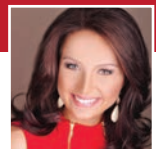


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# WELCOME TO GIG CITY

By Melanie Davis

Since Aeneas' investment making Henderson West Tennessee's first gig city in 2015, the town has seen many entrepreneurs utilize the high-speed internet to grow and strengthen their businesses.

Owner of Southern Chic Spatique Stacey Ingold relies on fast internet speeds in her daily operations. "We rely on the internet for point-of-sale purposes and appointment scheduling, and the quality of our connection allows us to do business without interruption," Ingold said. She plans to launch an online store, which will also depend on the reliable, fast internet service in the area.

"High-speed internet is no longer a want but a need in today's culture," said Emily Johnson, executive director of the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce. She added, "Having it has helped make Henderson a great place to do business."

The City of Henderson began using gig fiber internet as soon as it was available to make their work more efficient. The public showed immediate interest in having high-speed access, also, so soon afterward, they began plans to provide it in the city's parks. Today both Gene Record Memorial Park and Sue Shelton White Park have free, public Wi-Fi available.

"People who are considering moving here consider what their quality of life will be; high-speed internet access in these public spaces is something we can offer that has a value for them," Mayor Bobby King explained.



**“ High-speed internet is no longer a want but a need in today's culture ... ”**

It will take time, but the plans are for gig fiber to be available throughout the county. It is already available in neighborhoods in the eastern part of the county and areas around Guy McAdams and DLynn Road.

"Our goal, our want and our desire is to have service available everywhere in Chester County," stated Jonathan Harlan, CEO of Aeneas Internet and Telephone. He added, "The plan is to provide everyone with gig fiber internet, but for it to continue to spread into the county, the public will need to express a desire for it. They can do so at [fiber.aeneas.com](http://fiber.aeneas.com)."



# ENTREPRENEURS, BUSINESSES

# THRIVE

## IN HENDERSON, CHESTER COUNTY

by Tajuana Cheshier

When a town expands its high-speed internet access and invites young entrepreneurs to set up shop, growth happens. Within the last 10 years, businesses in Henderson and Chester County have continued to thrive — creating new jobs and firmly establishing their roots in the community.

One of those businesses is Jones Contractors, Inc., a diversified pipeline construction services company that employs 475 people and works with clients in 18 states. As co-owner of the thriving business, Patricia Jones acknowledges the support of the chamber and faster internet coming to Henderson as key factors in their success.

“We are truly blessed with great infrastructure that allows us to be host to very productive and creative businesses,” Jones said. More families have made Chester County their home in recent years, as new businesses have opened and established companies have expanded their workforce.

“The growth of our businesses draws people from the region to work here,” Henderson Chester County Chamber Executive Director Emily Johnson said.

The growth in new residents also means more residential development in the area. Real Estate Developer Zach Hannis said Chester County’s growth has been steady. He explained, “I think the top three things drawing people to Chester County are our quality public schools, job growth and the safety of our community. With our rural internet expanding, which is a big thing, I think our growth trend will continue.”

In June, Dennis Sumler and Blaine Sumler opened the newest dining option in Henderson — Wendy’s. “Chester County is a wonderful place to live, work and enjoy life. Running a business in Chester County gives us a feeling of home,” Blaine Sumler said. “We are getting to know our new, regular customers. This gives us the opportunity to engage with our guests on a much more personal level.”

When asked what advice would she give to a young entrepreneur considering starting a business in Chester County, Jones said she would encourage them to make a stop at the chamber of commerce. “The chamber can help them access the free programs that assist with building business plans and other services. It also is a great network for meeting other business owners and connecting with nonprofits they can serve in the community,” Jones said.









# HENDERSON ARTS COMMISSON

*...recognizing, educating, enriching and entertaining through the arts...*

by Kallan Lewis

The Henderson Arts Commission, reinstated in February 2010, has helped thousands of members of the Chester County community connect with the arts. The nonprofit's mission is to recognize, educate, enrich and entertain through the arts in Henderson, Chester County and the surrounding area.

HAC President Jason Bramblett described the nonprofit's beginning, "When we had the idea of forming the Henderson Arts Commission in 2010, we began small by hosting bands and art vendors in the alley behind our former Bramblett Group office, which is owned by Drs. Carey Frix and Nicole Jennings. They and several others were encouraging about promoting the arts in our region. We then learned about dedicated volunteers who had promoted the arts through an organization years earlier, too. The arts have played a big role in our town's history, and it's great to see the continued interest in cultivating them."

For many years, HAC held Arts in the Alley on the third Thursday of each month in the spring, summer and early fall months, where members of the community could come together in downtown Henderson to enjoy art, live music and food. Those events provided an atmosphere reminiscent of front porch time with neighbors visiting.

Realizing that it was time for updates to keep the HAC's activities engaging and relevant, the HAC board dreamed about an ambitious 2018 season, focusing on fewer, large events rather than monthly ones. According to Bramblett, those events became reality because of

community support. He explained, "Mayor Bobby King and the aldermen, Mayor Dwain Seaton and the county commissioners and many individuals and businesses answered the call to make these dreams a reality. They invested in major programs from our community members of all ages, providing seed money to help us keep building opportunities that are key to our great quality of life."

Presented by the City of Henderson and Chester County, the 2018 season launched Saturday, April 21, with an interactive, outdoor showing of the classic, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" on the Chester County Courthouse Lawn. Attendees joined Charlie Bucket and Grandpa Joe on the unforgettable interactive journey, brought to life by Brad and Kristi Montague of Montague Workshop. Hundreds of children and family members acted, sang and laughed along to the classic 1971 Gene Wilder musical film.

The second major event of the season, the Father's Day Festival with Darryl Worley, was held at Henderson's Gene Record Park Saturday, June 16. The festival included children's rides and activities, food vendors, vendors' booths and several hours of live music, with country music artist Darryl Worley performing as headliner.

In late June, the season continued with a summer camp theatre experience for students going into grades four through nine. Building on the past success of Disney's "The Lion King Kids" and "Aladdin Kids," the HAC worked with Becky Hartle, Chester County Elementary fine arts teacher, and her team for the third annual theatre camp. The students learned theatre techniques and rehearsed from June 18-29; the two-week experience concluded with





June 28-29 performances of "Willy Wonka Kids" at Williams Auditorium in Henderson.

Hartle commented on the event, "It is truly moving to see how important the role of theatre is in Chester County and how significant this camp has become to my campers and staff. Many hours go into memorizing lines, choreography and techniques. It is always an incredible experience to see how much these kids learn and accomplish in just two short weeks."

Shared educational experiences continued throughout the summer with Summer Saturday Arts Academy sessions. Free to members, these seminars have helped teens through retirees learn the basics of several arts, including Bible journaling, drawing, photography and quilting. "It is so awesome to be able to help others explore and learn more about the arts," commented Emily Ervin, HAC board member and artist at Bramblett Group. "It was a privilege to help lead the photography workshop, where we worked with a large, diverse audience of participants."

The 2018 Henderson Arts Commission season will end on a high note, with "Million Dollar Quartet" Thursday, Sept. 27, in Freed-Hardeman University's Loyd Auditorium. The show is inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time Dec. 4, 1956 at Sun Records in Memphis. It will kick off Chester County BBQ Festival weekend.

"There's a place for everyone with the arts," Emily Johnson, executive director of the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce, said. "It might be music, it might be drawing, it might be painting or performing arts. Everyone is included, and it's great for the community to come together in these ways."

To see the latest updates about the season and find information on becoming an HAC member, individuals can like [facebook.com/HendersonArtsCommission](https://www.facebook.com/HendersonArtsCommission) and visit [HendersonArtsCommission.org](http://HendersonArtsCommission.org). Presented by the City of Henderson and Chester County, the HAC season is also sponsored by Teague-Noles 45 Auto Mart, Jones Contractors, Arvin Sango, E&T Contracting, FirstBank, The Peoples Bank, Freed-Hardeman University and Bramblett Group.



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# FARMERS MARKET

by Kallan Lewis

Although 2018 is only its second year, the Henderson Farmers Market is already a beloved seasonal staple for the Chester County community.

If you're searching for quality produce or quality people, you will find them at 455 N. Church Avenue in Henderson every Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Keith and April Hendren, owners of Sunflower Farms, are no exception. She said, "I'm 43, and my husband is 49, and we have both been farming all our lives. For years we farmed in Ripley, Tennessee, but we have called Henderson home for a few years now, and we love it. The farmers market is right across the road from our house, which is very convenient. We love the people here — meeting people, becoming friends with other vendors and exchanging recipes with people is just fun!"

Sunflower Farms carries fruits and vegetables of all kinds, including, but not limited to, broccoli, cantaloupe, corn, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes and watermelon. They also look forward to selling poultry, eggs, lamb and other kinds of fresh meats in the near future.

Hendren added, "I have met people from Jackson who drive here every Friday because they just love the Henderson Farmers Market. I think it is so great for our community. It seems

to help bring people in a community together when they have a farmers market."

Mike Clayton, sales and marketing manager for First Farmers Co-op, said he is thankful for the Henderson Farmers Market's ability to help bring local producers and local consumers together, describing it as "a win-win situation."

"One of the first things you are taught in agriculture is to be sure there is a market for the products you raise," Clayton said. "The Henderson Farmers Market has helped create a market for locally grown produce. The current consumer demands quality and environmentally-friendly aspects, and our local producers are advocates of the environment."

Ralph and Martha Austin, owners of Austin Farms and Chester County natives, are also regular vendors at the Henderson Farmers Market. You can find them each Friday with a wide spread of produce at their booth.

"We have pretty much everything," Martha said. "Peaches, tomatoes, jams, jellies, relishes, squash, zucchini, cabbage, cucumbers, blackberries, strawberries — you name it. We sell whatever is in season!"

Ralph and Martha have been vendors at the farmers market in Jackson for 15 years. Once they heard about the

Henderson Farmers Market opening, they knew they had to give it a try, too. Martha said they usually do just as much business at the Henderson Farmers Market as they do in Jackson, if not more. It is not uncommon for them to sell out at both markets.

"We just love socializing with friends who come visit the market," Martha said. "Even though I was born and raised here, I have met new people in Chester County that I never would have met if it weren't for the farmers market. We have even met couples we didn't previously know, who live in the same subdivision as we do!"

This year, the Henderson Farmers Market began an eight-week series called Farmers Market Fresh, allowing consumers to sample recipes featuring fresh fruits and vegetables and pick up recipe rings that they can bring back each week to receive a new recipe. The 2018 season also featured a Kid's Day and Beef Day.

"In the future, we hope to focus more on community events," Steve Rickman, extension agent for UT Extension Chester County, said. "We want to make it more educational for members of our community and ensure that everyone is included, from young children to senior citizens. People do come to shop, but they also come to socialize. We want it to be the place to be on every Friday morning!"







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**41ST ANNUAL CHESTER COUNTY BBQ FESTIVAL** | September 28-29, 2018

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**ANNUAL LIONS CLUB IMPLEMENT SALE** | January 2019

**FHU THEATRE "THE LIBRARY/39 STEPS"** | February 19-24, 2019

**FHU'S ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP** | February 3-7, 2019

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Chester County is a wonderful place to live, work, and enjoy life. Running a business in Chester County gives us a feeling of home. We are always looking for ways to help support our community, and joining the chamber has been a great way of doing so.



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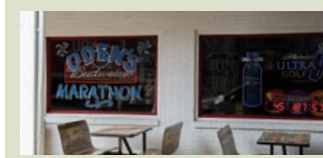
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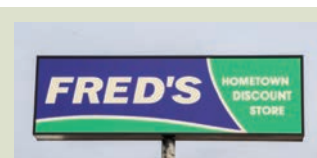
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# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

## HENDERSON/ CHESTER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

731-989-5222 | chestercountychamber.com

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Emergency Dial 911  
 Chester County Sheriff's Office Dispatch 731-989-2787  
 333 Eric Bell Dr. # A Office 731-989-2449  
 Henderson Police Department  
 121 Crook Ave, 731-989-2201  
 Chester County Drug Task Force  
 305 Record Dr. 731-989-2993

### FIRE DEPARTMENTS - RESCUE

Emergency Dial 911  
 Chester County  
 282 S Church Ave. 731-983-5570  
 Henderson Fire Department  
 505 Sanford St. Business 731-989-5664  
 Rescue Squad  
 225 Rebecca Dr. 731-989-3939

### SCHOOLS

Freed-Hardeman University  
 158 East Main St. 1-800-348-3481  
 Chester County Schools  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 970 East Main St. 731-989-5134  
 High School Office  
 552 East Main St. 731-989-8125  
 East Chester Elementary  
 708 East Main St. 731-989-8145  
 West Chester Elementary  
 1243 W. Main St. 731-989-8150  
 Jacks Creek Elementary  
 65 State Rte 22-A S - Jacks Creek 731-989-8155  
 Chester County Middle School  
 634 East Main St. 731-989-8110  
 Alternative School  
 186 Luray 731-989-8144  
 Henderson-Chester Co. Tech. Center  
 1449 White Ave. 731-989-9407  
 Chester Co. Adult Education  
 1449 White Ave. 731-989-8188

### COMMUNITY

Chester County Senior Center  
 247 E. Main St. 731-989-7434

### CITY OF HENDERSON OFFICIALS

Henderson City Hall  
 121 Crook Ave. 731-983-5000  
 Mayor's Office 731-983-5000  
 Recorder's Office 731-983-5000  
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### CHESTER COUNTY OFFICIALS

Agricultural Agent  
 159 East Main St. 731-989-2103  
 Clerk and Master  
 333 Eric Bell Dr. 731-989-7171  
 County Court Clerk  
 133 East Main St. 731-989-2233  
 County Mayor's Office  
 159 East Main St. 731-989-5672  
 County Trustee  
 159 E Main St. 731-989-3993  
 Elections Commission  
 133 East Main St. 731-989-4039  
 Health Department  
 301 Quinco Dr. 731-989-7108  
 Juvenile Office 133  
 East Main St. 731-989-7938  
 Property Assessor's Office  
 159 East Main St. 731-989-4882  
 Register Of Deeds - Courthouse  
 Veterans' Service Office 731-989-4991  
 126 Crook Ave. 731-989-0795  
 Emergency Management Agency  
[chestercountytn.org](http://chestercountytn.org) 731-989-5674

### PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Department  
 1069 Main St. 731-989-2689  
 Supervisor's Office  
 731-989-7311  
 Garbage Collection Centers  
 Cabo Springs  
 305 Moss Loop 731-989-7244  
 Cave Springs  
 1340 Cave Springs Road 731-989-9326  
 Chickasaw Center  
 6345 State Route 100 731-989-0551  
 Henderson Center  
 315 Talley Store Road 731-989-9436  
 Hilltop Center  
 120 New Friendship Road 731-989-9990  
 Solid Waste Director  
 315 Talley Store Road 731-989-9855

### UTILITIES

Henderson Utility Dept.  
 121 Crook Avenue 731-989-3503  
 STEMC 731-989-2236  
[stemc.com](http://stemc.com)



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