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On behalf of the Henderson | Chester County Chamber of Commerce, it is our great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you! We are thrilled that you have chosen to visit our charming corner of Tennessee, where the beauty of our landscapes, the richness of our history, and the warmth of our community create an unforgettable experience.

We hope you take a moment to enjoy the charm of our local businesses, the re-energizing, natural beauty of Chickasaw State Park, Sue Shelton White Park, Gene Record Park and our downtown walking trail. Whether you're a lifelong resident, have made FHU your college home, recently moved here or are just visiting we're glad you're here!

Above all, it's the people of Chester County who make it a truly special place. Our residents take pride in their community and are always ready with a warm greeting and a helping hand. We invite you to immerse yourself in our local life and feel the genuine hospitality that defines Chester County.

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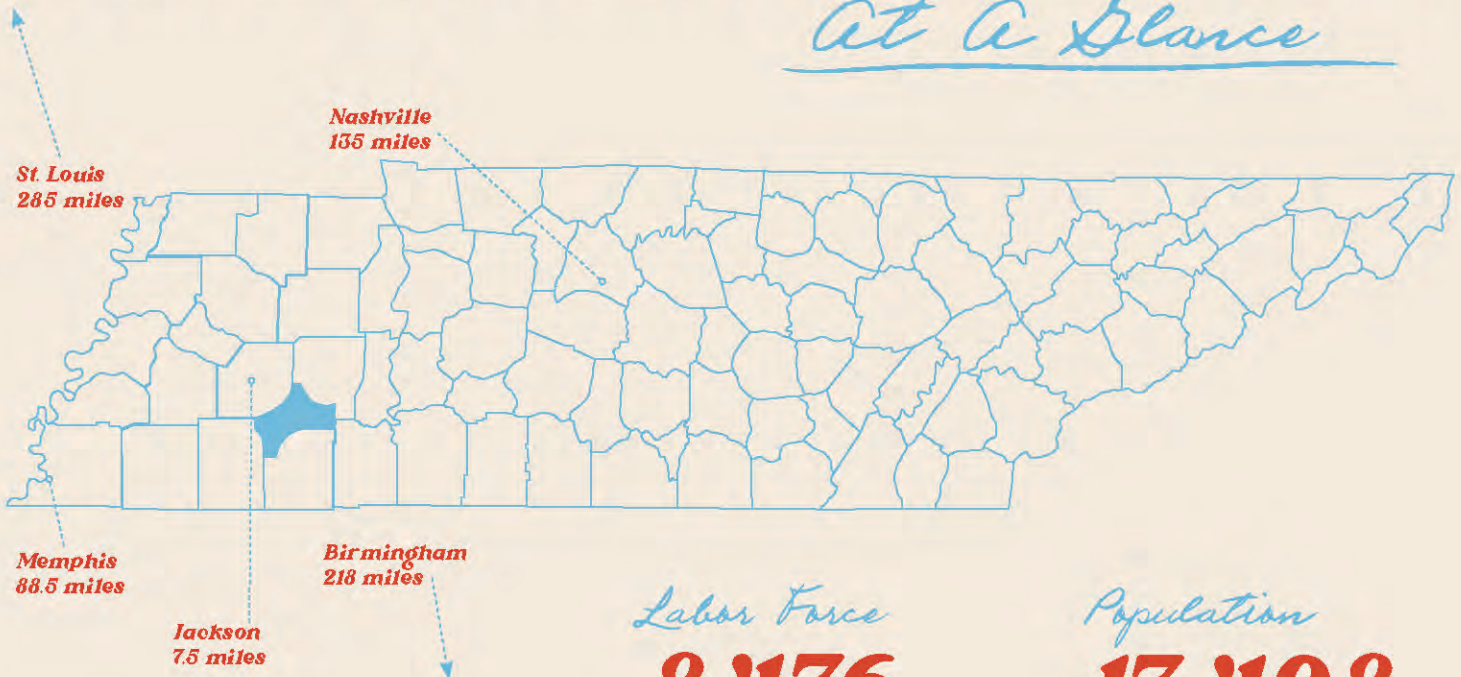
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# CHESTER COUNTY

*At a Glance*



*Labor Force*

**8,476**

*Population*

**17,498**

## INDUSTRY

*agriculture*  
*manufacturing*  
*education services*  
*retail*  
*healthcare*

**286 Square Miles**  
**Elevation 446 Feet**

## WEATHER

*51.5 inches of rainfall*  
*4.7 inches of snowfall*  
*69.8 average high*  
*45.5 average low*

## SCHOOLS

*Chester County School System*  
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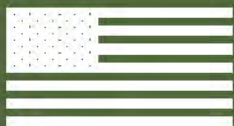
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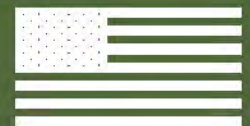
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# **NATURAL GEMS**

**EXPLORING GENE RECORD, SUE SHELTON WHITE AND CHICKASAW STATE PARKS**

From Gene Record to Sue Shelton White and Chickasaw State Park, Henderson and Chester County are home to three remarkable parks that offer residents and visitors diverse recreational options.

### **GENE RECORD PARK: ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ENJOYMENT**

Already home to a variety of amenities, Gene Record Park is set to begin the first of a multi-phase enhancement project that includes resurfacing the children's playground and installing a new set of bathrooms that will also double as a tornado shelter.

"A brand new playground will be built near the soccer field as well as a new pavilion near the splash pad," Park Supervisor Eric Miller said. "There are also plans to add another photo area similar to the large, colorful butterfly structure that many people use as the background for their photos" he said.

With the summer season underway, Miller expects the park will stay busy with morning walkers and families enjoying the park's amenities.

"From morning to dusk, we're pretty much covered up," Miller said. Additional features at Gene Record Park include a pond with a water feature, a dog walk area and exercise equipment. Fridays near the park offer residents and visitors a selection of fresh fruits, vegetables and artisan wares at the Farmer's Market pavilion.

### **SUE SHELTON WHITE PARK: HONORING A PIONEER**

In downtown Henderson, Sue Shelton White Park offers free Wi-Fi and is home to "Pickin' in the Park," a celebration of local musical artists held every third Thursday. The park is named in honor of White, a Henderson native who was involved in the women's suffrage movement in the early 1910s. White was a

member of the National Woman's Party (NWP) and worked alongside prominent suffragists like Alice Paul. She was also one of Tennessee's first female attorneys.

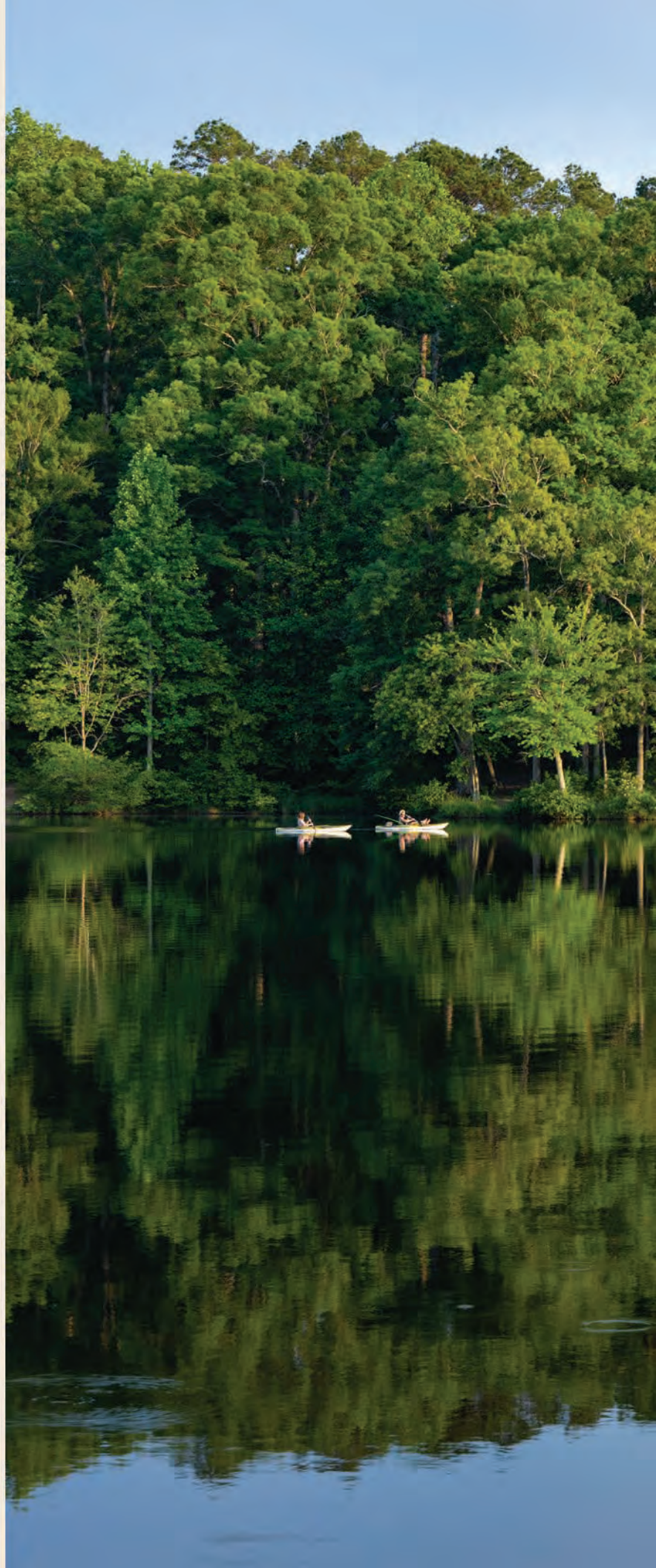
### **CHICKASAW STATE PARK: A SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL HAVEN**

Drawing thousands of visitors annually, Chickasaw State Park continues to offer a peaceful respite from the daily grind. Visitors flock to the park for camping, hiking and pleasure boating, according to Park Manager Ron Elder. Elder, who has been with the park for 19 years, including 10 years as the park manager, has witnessed significant improvements over the years, including upgrades to the 13 historic cabins on site and the walking bridge across Lake Placid. Currently, the park's campgrounds, Wrangler and Tent, are under renovation. In addition to daily visitors, annual events such as the Easter egg hunt, a youth fishing rodeo, a national trails day hike, frontier days, an arts and crafts festival and a drive-through Christmas light display are huge attractions for the park.

Sitting on 1,400 acres, Chickasaw also offers horseback riding as a popular attraction, with stables that offer a one-hour, five-mile guided trail through the woods.

### **CORNERSTONES OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

Gene Record Park, Sue Shelton White Park and Chickasaw State Park are more than just recreational spaces; they are vital components of the community's fabric. As the area's parks continue to thrive, leaders hope they remain a central, dynamic part of life in Henderson and Chester County.



**PICKIN' IN THE PARK**

August 15 | 6-9 p.m.  
Sue Shelton White Park

**PICKIN' IN THE PARK**

October 17 | 6-9 p.m.  
Sue Shelton White Park

**TRAILS & TREATS**

October 26 | Gene Record Park

**PICKIN' IN THE PARK**

September 19 | 6-9 p.m.  
Sue Shelton White Park

**FRONTIER DAYS**

October 18-20 | Chickasaw State Park

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY**

December 13-15 | Chickasaw State Park

# UPCOMING EVENTS



*Parks are vital components  
of the community's fabric.*

# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Henderson

The surrounding counties of Hardeman, Henderson, Madison and McNairy each sacrificed land to make Chester County in 1879 by an Act of the Tennessee General Assembly. Henderson was quickly established as the county seat, since the 1857 construction of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad brought settlers to the tiny hamlet then called Dayton. A depot built on Front Street by the M&O was the center of the town's businesses. After the Civil War's conclusion, the population of the community exploded, with half a dozen businesses and about 20 residences established by 1871.

Henderson first made its name on the national stage during the Civil War, when Confederate guerillas attempted to burn the M&O depot. Several local women banded together to extinguish the fire and save the depot. General U.S. Grant extended these women the protection of the Union Army against property loss and personal injury and entered their names in a roll of honor that listed civilians whose activities preserved the Union.

Other national attention-grabbers have included being the shooting location for the "Walking Tall" movies based on the life of legendary McNairy County Sheriff Buford Pusser. Bill and Minnie Howard and Waynell Jones represented Henderson barbeque and blues music at the Smithsonian Institution's Folklife Festival in 1986. A tribute to the Howards can be found in the Chester County Courthouse.

A few must-sees include Chickasaw State Park; Chickasaw Golf Course; historic architecture and cemeteries; charming coffee shops, boutiques, restaurants and antique shops; Freed-Hardeman University; Williams Auditorium shows; and the annual Chester County BBQ Festival.

## Sweet Lips

In 2003, author Gary Gladstone included Sweetlips in his book, "Passing Gas and Other Towns Along the American Highway." Sitting just off Highway 100, Sweetlips has residents who claim that the community has existed since well before the Civil War. Legend claims that the name of the community was bestowed by a very weary, thirsty

traveler, who proclaimed the region's water "sweet to my lips."

The hub of this tiny community is the Sweetlips Store, located at 3870 Sweetlips Road. The store sells memorabilia, including t-shirts, cookbooks and postcards. Historical photos of many vanished homes and buildings are displayed there. While browsing, guests can snack on a sandwich, pizza or slug burger.

In addition to the community center and fire station, other Sweetlips icons are the Sweetlips Greenhouse and the Cross Timbers Sawmill. Places of worship, historic cemeteries and outdoor activities enrich this vibrant community.

## Enville

Enville joins Henderson as the only other incorporated community in Chester County. Frederick Sewell established a claim on land slightly west of the present location of Enville in 1826, when the land was still a part of McNairy County. Descendants of the Sewell family still live in a log home their ancestors built. The community went through several name changes before Enville was chosen to honor B.A. Enloe, a representative from the 8th Congressional District. Today the community straddles the Chester/McNairy County line and is a center of agricultural production in the county. The Enville Baptist Church, built around 1900, is a landmark of the area.

## Talley Town

Talley Town stands halfway between Finger and Sweetlips, east of Henderson. Talley Town's claim to fame is the Plunk House and the Talley Store and Gin, both used in the 1970's "Walking Tall" films. Today new housing developments are springing up across land settled by families from Hardin County in the 1890s. Three historic cemeteries — Oak Grove (old and new) and Robertson — peacefully reside near the Plunk House.

## Jacks Creek

Local legend explains the name of this community. It tells that a young man named Jack traveled with early settlers from North Carolina, and he

disappeared after being sent to a nearby creek to bring water back to the camped settlers.

Several accounts relate that residents could not escape the sound of cannon fire from the Battle of Shiloh, about 35 miles to the southeast. In 1863, a small skirmish between Confederate guerillas and a Union outpost occurred close to the present intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 22A.

Once a bustling hub of ginning, blacksmithing and agriculture, Jacks Creek has changed with the times. For many years, the Ruby Masonic Lodge served the needs of Masons in the area. In 1938, an emergency airfield was installed on the Smith Farm and was the second largest landing field in the United States. Jacks Creek has one of only three National Register of Historic Places sites in Chester County: the Hamlett-Smith House, a privately-owned Greek Revival home from the 1840s.

Today, Jacks Creek has an award-winning elementary school, Jacks Creek BBQ, C & R Grocery, Siler's Old Time BBQ, the Jacks Creek Community Club, a post office, and several places of worship.

## Mifflin

Established in the early 1800s, Mifflin has the honor of being the first community in what is today Chester County. Stores, dwellings, schools and churches were located in this bustling town. Union Army soldiers bivouacked in the front yard of the Buckley-Turner House and were fed and entertained by the townsfolk. Today, Mifflin is home to Jimmy Wells' Biggest Little Store and the Mifflin Community Mall. A street festival is held on Mifflin Day the first Saturday of every August. Memorial Park and the Ruritans Center are used frequently for community activities.

## Hickory Corner

Hickory Corner, located in the extreme southwestern part of the county is primarily an agricultural area. The area was originally settled by North Carolinians. Like many small communities, the small schools in the area served the residents for social and civic activities. Today all schools are

consolidated in Henderson. Recently, a community center was built to restore that function to Hickory Corner.

## Deanburg

Deanburg, formerly known as Pultite, is located to the extreme western edge of the county along the Chester/Hardeman County line. Once a more bustling community, a tornado devastated it in 1923.

Large sections of Deanburg were purchased by the federal government in order to create the Chickasaw State Park and Chickasaw State Forest. Several buildings, lakes and recreation areas were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration to stem the tide of erosion and drought in the area. The park is visited by thousands of visitors annually. Several churches, a convenience store, a volunteer fire department and a community center also serve the needs of the community today.

## Masseyville

Masseyville, a small community located along the Chester/McNairy County line, was settled before part of McNairy County was included in the formation of Chester County. Early settlers in the community were primarily African-American sharecroppers. The Hatchie Church served as both church and school for the community.

## Woodville

Like Masseyville, Woodville was also once part of McNairy County. Woodville was a hotbed of strife during the Civil War, as the population was evenly split between support for the Union and the Confederacy. Eventually, Colonel Fielding Hurst formed a cavalry regiment of Union soldiers and established what historians have called Hurst Nation, due to the colonel's dictatorial management of this group of soldiers.

## Montezuma

The community of Montezuma was originally known as Wambles Store for the family who first began to settle the area west of Henderson. A town was eventually laid out and renamed

Montezuma for the Aztec emperor. Documents of the period record the very rich wildlife of the area. Citizens established the Montezuma Male and Female Academy, but the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church eventually relocated it to Jackson. Montezuma narrowly lost out to Henderson when the decision to establish a county seat was made. Today, Montezuma has several farms, churches, housing developments and a community center.

## New Friendship

The New Friendship Community is about six miles northeast of Henderson. Friendship Church was founded on a land grant from the State of Tennessee signed by Governor N.L. Brown in 1846. There were seven acres in the grant, with a meeting house and a spring on the property. The present building was erected in 1905. A bell in the steeple announced services and summoned men to dig a grave when a death occurred in the community. There are three cemeteries in New Friendship: New Friendship, Jones Cemetery and Ward's Cemetery.

One of the original families, the Brays, hosted a bivouac of soldiers headed towards the Battle of Shiloh. A diary was found in the old house in 1950, written by Mary Bray in 1876-77, that provides tremendous insights about the activities in the region. The New Friendship School is the only two-room school building still standing in Chester County and is used as a community center. Hill Top Fire Station serves New Friendship, Mifflin and Glendale.



# THEN & NOW

## **Chester Implement's Colbert Family Drives Tractor Sales' Service and Parts Into the Future**

Chester Implement owner-operator Dale Colbert sits just a few feet away from a framed newspaper article, perched high on a shelf within his view, featuring his late father, W.T. Colbert. Colbert chuckles at the memory of joining his father to run the business in 1991 and the parts inventory system that he said resembled the "Periodic Table of Elements."

"Dad was old school," Colbert said. "He used a handwritten card system to keep up with our inventory, and it was a lot."

Chester Implement Company has undergone numerous changes in its more than 60-year history and its commitment to quality service is its calling card.

### **A LOOK BACK**

The business began on South Church Street in 1957 under the owners Talmo, O.C. and J.W. Johnson, who moved their operations to the current location at 115 W. Mill Street in 1965. They ran the business until 1968 and sold the business to J.D. Jordon and Hughey Fowler, who later sold it to W.T. Colbert and his business partner Don Colbert. W.T. Colbert obtained full ownership of the business in 1978.

W.T. Colbert ran the business independently until Dale joined him in 1991. Dale Colbert graduated UT-Martin with a degree in business and decided to join his father at Chester Implement after working briefly at another business.

While Chester Implement Company may have changed hands a few times in its early years, the Colbert family has kept the business going with a third generation, Dalton, Dale's son, expected to join the business following his graduation from Freed-Hardeman University.



1. Then—Chester Implement from the late 1990s | 2. Now—Chester Implement present day | 3. Then—Chester Implement from the late 1990s | 4. Then—W.T. Colbert featured in magazine | 5. Now—Chester Implement Company



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## FATHER & SON

Colbert said it took him several months, quite possibly his entire first year at the business, to transition from his father's parts inventory card method to a computer system.

"Every day I would take a few cards and enter them into the computer," Colbert said. "There were thousands of inventory cards. When I finished, I taught my father how to use it and he grew comfortable with it."

The biggest change to the business has been computerizing the dealership, Colbert said.

"We computerized the dealership in the early 90s and we've grown into an E-commerce dealership today."

Chester Implement Company is a franchise AGCO/Massey Ferguson dealership and also carries Bush Hog, Taylor Way Pittsburgh and several other short line brands. The company serves customers in Henderson and throughout the country. The business specializes in sales, parts and service.

"Customers can go online and look up a part they need and order it," Colbert said. "They can see our parts inventory and can choose to pick them up or have them shipped."

Where Colbert still greets customers in person in the store, he fields more phone calls and fulfills orders to be shipped.

## FORGING AHEAD

As Dale Colbert prepares to welcome his son to business, he plans to continue to grow with the customers' needs in mind.

"Our main objective in business is to treat our customers with honesty and integrity," Colbert said. "We have been blessed for more than 50 years as a family business. We've faced challenges, but it has also been very rewarding."

Chester Implement Company's reputation for quality service is reflected in its online reviews that praise the business for excellent customer service and strong product knowledge.

"We appreciate our customers for our longevity and continued support," Colbert said.

Learn more online at [chesterimplement.com](http://chesterimplement.com).

## City Drug: A Century of Healthcare Evolution

City Drug, Henderson's oldest pharmacy, has experienced significant transformation since its founding in the early 1900s. From its humble beginnings to becoming a modern Health Mart pharmacy, City Drug has evolved to meet the changing needs of its community.

### PAST: FOUNDATIONS AND GROWTH

One of the oldest records in its archives, a prescription dating back to 1913, is a testament to City Drug's long-standing presence in the community, said Deryl Stewart, co-owner of City Drug.

From a soda fountain and typewriters used to process prescriptions, Stewart keeps the photos from the past to remind everyone of its beginnings. "The first computer used here was about the size of a filing cabinet," Stewart said. The business changed locations and owners throughout the years, but the one constant has been its commitment to providing quality, friendly service for its patients.

6. Now—The Colbert Family - Dalton, Dale, Anjay and Rheanna | 7. Then—W.T. Colbert | 8. Now—Dale Colbert | 9. Now—Present day City Drug | 10. Then—Store aisle in historic City Drug



# BUSINESS THEN & NOW



## PRESENT: COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Today, City Drug operates from 118 E Main Street offering a full line of pharmacy services that go beyond just filling prescriptions. The pharmacy is equipped to handle everything from over-the-counter needs to more specialized services like DME medical supplies and a variety of vaccinations for flu, tetanus, shingles, MMR and COVID-19, all licensed by the state.

Co-owned by Stewart, who manages pharmacy operations, and Charles McNatt, who handles over-the-counter products and merchandising, the pharmacy benefits from their combined expertise. Along with pharmacists Cynthia Moss and Jennifer Morris, they ensure that City Drug offers more than just medications; it provides a community service. Deryl notes, "We're on the same page when it comes to customer service," emphasizing their unified commitment to treating each customer as a neighbor, not a number.

## FUTURE: CONTINUING THE LEGACY

Looking ahead, City Drug is committed to continuing its tradition of care and innovation. Having expanded the store multiple times and with the addition of its drive-through service roughly five years ago, the pharmacy responded to growing community needs.

"We resisted adding a drive-through for a long time," Stewart said. "Although it led to reduced foot traffic in the store, it hasn't affected the quality of our employees' engagement and interaction with patients."

Friendly exchanges between patients and City Drug staff are a common sight as prescriptions are filled.

The pharmacy aims to keep pace with healthcare advancements while maintaining the personal touch that has earned it high praise in customer reviews.

Customers often praise the friendly, prompt services, appreciating the personal care that can only be found in a small-town drug store. This blend of modern healthcare services with old-fashioned customer care is what sets City Drug apart.

As City Drug moves forward, it remains dedicated to its mission of providing comprehensive, personalized healthcare services, ensuring that it will continue to be a valued part of the Henderson community for years to come.



## Quality Metal Stamping Honors Its Past by Investing in the Future

Warm, smiling faces calling each other by name; supervisors who go out of their way to greet employees as they begin and end their shifts; a friendly dog that seems to be part of the work "family" – this may not be the atmosphere you expect to encounter at a manufacturing plant, but it is exactly what you will find within the doors of Quality Metal Stamping. Located at 845 East Main Street in Henderson, Tennessee, QMS is a staple of Chester County industry that has been serving its customers and community through four generations of family ownership.

### MEETING YESTERDAY'S NEEDS

Originally founded by Lou Serling in 1932, the company began as the Sterling Last Corporation and operated out of New York. Their specialty was making wooden shoe lasts for shoemakers. In order to better service the many shoe companies located around the Southeast, a new 50,000 sq. ft. facility was designed and built in Henderson, Tennessee, in 1961, under the direction of Lou's son David Serling.

When David's son Robert later took leadership, the company began a pivotal transformation as the hub of shoe manufacturing started to move. In 1976, recognizing the need to diversify, Quality Tool and Die was formed to expand into tool, die and stamping work. This strategic shift marked a significant period of growth for the company, with metal stampings being shipped nationwide by the 1980s. By 1995, reflecting its evolved focus, the company was officially renamed Quality Metal Stamping.

### SERVING TODAY'S CUSTOMERS

Today, Robert's sons, Stephen and Colin, continue to adapt to modern market demands, utilizing state-of-the-art machinery and technology to serve today's customers effectively. The QMS newly expanded facility, now 95,000 sq. ft, offers a wide variety of services, such as stamping,



tool and die making, design, engineering, fabrication, assembly and welding, among others. People Operations Manager Heather Griffin is proud of how the QMS business model has adapted to meet the needs of customers today. "We serve customers however they need to be served," she said. "We offer a different kind of culture. Whatever you need, we can make it happen."

The company has invested in cultivating a safe and inviting work environment, both for its employees and the many visitors who regularly tour their facilities. With an employee workforce that is over 50% women, the atmosphere is welcoming to all skilled trades people. Their close relationship with the Chester County community can be seen in their partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, participation in Relay for Life, involvement with the Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and sponsorship of local youth sports teams.

**ENSURING TOMORROW'S SUCCESS**

Even after more than 90 years in the manufacturing business and more than 60 years as part of the Chester County community, Quality Metal Stamping and the Serling family are not content to stand still. "We want to see strategic growth, continuous improvement and an attitude of "How can I be better?"" Griffin stated. As a company who understands the vital importance of manufacturing infrastructure, they plan to "follow the things that benefit the overall American industry."

One major way of looking forward is by proactively molding the workforce of tomorrow. QMS regularly partners with local schools for a successful work-based learning program where high school students shadow employees, learn about the manufacturing business and practice life skills, such as time management and meeting responsibilities. An exciting new scholarship program is even available for local students who want enter a field related to industry or manufacturing. The company is eager to bring attention to the needs and opportunities for skilled trades, now and in the future.

In considering what founder Lou Serling would think of the business today, Technical Services Manager Kevin Edens said, "I think that he would be very proud of his family legacy. He created something that I think is unstoppable, and I think that his great-great-grandchildren will continue to grow the business."



1. Then—Joe Pevahouse (left, white coat with glasses) and Mike Haithcoat (right) celebrate their ownership in 1989 | 2. Now—City Drug's current location on Main Street | 3. Then—Quality Tool & Die | 4. Now—Quality Metal Stamping's current East Main St. location | 5. Then—Metal stamping work in the 1990s | 6. Now—State-of-the-art Mitsubishi Fiber Laser | 7. Then—(left to right) Young Robert Serling; Frank Dietz, master model maker; and Robert Serling in 1965 | 8. Now—(left to right) Stephen Serling and Colin Serling

# *WILLIAMS*



# AUDITORIUM

*Where Artist and Audience Connect*



When the lights dim and the curtains rise in a performance space, something magical happens. Hundreds of people, some near strangers, sitting shoulder-to-shoulder experience rushes of excitement, nostalgia and joy. While many theaters can boast such moments, few can match the unique intimacy offered by Chester County's own Williams Auditorium. Whether attending a youth theater production, a variety show, a local pageant or the concert of a national star, this venue ensures you feel like part of the action.

## **A TRACK RECORD OF LEGENDARY PERFORMANCES**

Over the past year, legendary artists such as Lorrie Morgan, The Bellamy Brothers, Craig Morgan and many others have experienced the small-town hospitality of Chester County and the Williams Auditorium stage, offering West Tennesseans local accessibility to national talent.

"The kind of artists we bring in like the audience connection," Williams Auditorium Event Coordinator Shane Connor said. "They like being able to see the faces while they are performing, and most of them go out to the lobby after the show to meet and greet and take pictures. That's the kind of experience we aim to provide."

## **A VENUE WITH A RICH HISTORY AND MODERN COMFORTS**

First opened in 1970, the 54-year-old building has seen an exciting renewal in the past few years. Physical renovations, including fresh seating, enhanced stage lighting, comm systems and a new loading dock have created an inviting performance space that seats over 800 guests. This presents an ideal venue size for many traveling acts who appreciate the high quality space that also allows an intimacy with the audience.

Pam Mabry, resident and mayor of Newbern, Tennessee, rarely misses an event in the

Williams Auditorium Performance Series. After first seeing the shows advertised on Facebook, she began to make regular trips down to Henderson, sometimes with friends or family and sometimes on her own, for an evening of entertainment.

"It's really the perfect venue," she said. "It's clean, intimate and it brings so many folks to town. I've seen country stars, gospel singers, comedy shows – some really great acts – and it's much more convenient than driving all the way to Memphis or Nashville."

Some of her recent favorite shows include Aaron Tippin, Mark Lowry with Endless Highway, and Exile. She even got to interact with a few stars face-to-face, such as Aaron Tippin, John Schneider and the Bellamy Brothers, who went out of their way to autograph a book for her.

Mabry already has tickets for many upcoming shows, and she is especially looking forward to acts like Sawyer Brown, Crystal Gayle and Billy Dean. "I just love Billy Dean!" she said.

## **A HUB FOR COMMUNITY AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Another frequent patron is Chris Richardson from Covington, Tennessee. A state trooper for the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Richardson has made regular visits to Williams Auditorium over the past two or three years, sometimes bringing his daughter along because "she enjoys the old country music."

Like Mabry, he appreciates the convenience and comfort of the Chester County venue. "It's a good size, you can hear everything and it all feels very laid back and personal. They're good at bringing in different kinds of acts for everybody – country, pop, gospel, cover bands – it's great."

Some of his favorite recent shows include T. Graham Brown and Exile, and he is especially looking forward to seeing stars like Clay Walker, Shenandoah and Sawyer Brown in the coming



months. "I remember watching Sawyer Brown win Star Search in 1983," he reminisced.

Richardson is impressed at Williams Auditorium's impact on local tourism. "I really believe that this series is huge for Chester County. It brings in visitors from all over. People come to town to eat and shop in addition to seeing the shows. It's a really good thing for Henderson and Chester County."

#### **A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD**

The Williams Auditorium Performance Series routinely draws in classic country legends, top quality tribute bands and other famous performers from yesterday and today. Positive word-of-mouth from both artists and fans has created exciting momentum and is opening doors for new possibilities.

"The momentum has increased attendance," Connor stated. "The more people come, the more they come back, and the more they spread the word so that even more people hear about it. And just as the attendance has grown, the level of acts has also grown. We are really excited about the possibilities for what comes next."

For inquiries about venue availability or purchasing tickets to upcoming events, individuals may contact visit williamsauditorium.com or call 731-435-3150.

# Upcoming Events

## **MIKE WALKER**

Saturday, July 27 | 7:00 p.m.

## **GENE WATSON**

Saturday, August 3 | 7:00 p.m.

## **BILLY DEAN**

Friday, August 23 | 7:00 p.m.

## **BLACKHAWK**

Friday, August 30 | 7:00 p.m.

## **RHONDA VINCENT**

Friday, September 6 | 7:00 p.m.

## **SHENANDOAH**

Saturday, September 21 | 7:30 p.m.

## **CCHS THEATRE**

October 4-6

## **NAPOLEON DYNAMITE LIVE!**

Sunday, October 13 | 6:30 p.m.

## **HEE HAW HOOTENANNY**

November 1-2

## **CLAY WALKER**

Friday, November 15 | 7:30 p.m.

## **JIMMY FOURTUNE WITH SPECIAL GUESTS BLAKE HOPPER & THE TN TRADITION**

November 23

## **PAM TILLIS**

November 29

## **CHRISTMAS WITH JOHN BERRY**

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# BUSINESS THEN & NOW

## First Farmers Co-Op: Cultivating the Agricultural Legacy of West Tennessee

The people may change, the facilities may grow and the technology may improve, but local farmers have been and will continue to be the lifeblood of the Chester County community.

"Our goal is to sustain agriculture and to provide for local farmers as long as we possibly can," said Matt Hearn, location manager for the First Farmers Co-Op Henderson branch.

### CREATED BY AND FOR LOCAL FARMERS

Originally founded around 1945, the business began as a cooperative jointly owned by its farmer members from all across Tennessee. Members hoped to get their supplies from better sources, for better prices and in a more localized setting. Originally called Chester Farmers Co-Op, farmers bought stock in the company to gain ownership, and they soon elected a board of directors to help steer the direction of the company.

Chester County store locations changed over the years, from South Washington Avenue to North Washington Avenue (where Gleaner's House is today) and finally moving to their current location – 1013 East Main Street – in 1961. By the 1990s, the Chester County Co-Op began to merge with branches in Henderson, Decatur and Hardin Counties. With four separate store fronts located in four counties, their name was then changed to First Farmers Co-Op. Today's cooperative contains around 1,200 members.

### MAINTAINING MODERN STANDARDS

Although the storefront is First Farmers' most visible aspect, Hearn maintains, "This is only a small fraction of what we do, with the

biggest majority of our business performed on the farm and serviced away from the public eye. We specialize in fertilizer, seed, chemicals and agronomy services. We will continue to align ourselves with every needed aspect of agriculture in our territory by offering a full line of feed, animal health, lawn and garden products, full-service tire shop, hardware, fencing and much more. Our goal and focus is on sustaining agriculture and its lifestyle within our community."

Now, almost 80 years after the cooperative was first formed, agricultural jobs are larger, equipment is more sophisticated and things generally move much faster than they did. But as the needs of the modern farmer have changed, the business has adapted to fit those needs. Just over the past 20 years, the local branch has grown from two spreader trucks to six and from seven full-time employees to 15.

### PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

In looking ahead, First Farmers Co-Op is already making steps to better service their customers' needs in 2024 and beyond. Having outgrown their existing fertilizer building, a brand new state-of-the-art fertilizer building is currently under construction. The new building will increase their capacity from 1,500 to about 4,500 tons, more than tripling their storage capabilities. This will allow them to service customers faster than ever.

Hearn believes that First Farmers' founding members from 1945 would be astonished at what their cooperative has become. "I think they would be really overwhelmed with how things are done and how quickly they happen now," he said. "Technology and agriculture have changed 10-fold over the years. I think they would be shocked but also very proud that we're still holding strong and that things are still carrying on like they planned."

1. Then—Chester Farmers Co-Op second location on North Washington Ave. | 2. Now—New fertilizer building under construction | 3. Now—Current First Farmers Co-Op storefront | 4. Now—Chester County Co-Op facilities service local and regional agricultural needs | 5. Then—Ribbon Cutting for previous storage facility







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## Bell's Drive-In: A Delicious Legacy from Past to Present

### FOUNDATIONS OF FLAVOR

In 1954, the streets of Henderson, Tennessee, began to smell a little sweeter and a lot more savory with the opening of Bell's Drive-In. Founded by Farris Bell, the establishment started as little more than a food stand, akin to a modern food truck, after Farris decided to shift from the clothing business to the bustling world of fast food. "It was just daddy and a man who worked for him at the beginning," recalls Judy Bell Cothren, Farris's daughter who now owns and manages the diner.

Judy was only 8-years-old when Bell's opened, and vividly remembers the early days. Over the years, what began as a humble stand evolved into a full-fledged building adding waitresses later on, has become a cornerstone of the community. As a teenager, Judy herself became a staple at the diner, serving up ice cream and smiles to a growing base of regulars. "Seeing what he could do, he kept adding things," Judy says, outlining how her father's experimental spirit led to a diverse menu that became central to Bell's identity.

### SUSTAINING A COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

Today, Bell's Drive-In is famous for its hamburger steaks, cheeseburgers, chili cheese fries, and signature BBQ plates complete with slaw and hot sauce. "We're trying our best," Judy states humbly, acknowledging the effort it takes to maintain the high standards set by her father. Every morning at 8 a.m., the Bell's team begins prepping for the day, a routine that has not changed for decades.

The diner has adapted over the years, including adding an ATM for convenient cash payments and continuing a strong tradition of ice cream delights like banana splits and milkshakes, especially popular from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bell's has thrived thanks to dedicated staff like Glenda Bell, a long-serving employee married to Judy's oldest nephew, and the supportive Chester County community.

"I've retired three times," Judy laughs. "But I keep coming back!"

### HANGING IN THERE FOR THE LONGHAUL

Looking forward, Judy is optimistic yet realistic. "We're going to hang in there as long as I can," said the 79-year-old, who is hopeful for the next generation in her family to continue the Bell's legacy. The thought of Bell's Drive-In closing its windows for good is unimaginable to her. "It would be a shame not to have people to run it," she muses, reflecting on the drive-in's enduring role in the community.

Through the pandemic, Bell's pivoted to window service only, a change that was met with unwavering support. "We thank and love the people of Chester County, they supported us all the way through," Judy expresses with gratitude.

As Bell's Drive-In looks towards its future, its legacy of community, resilience and delicious food is sure to remain a beacon in Henderson. Judy and her team's dedication ensures that Bell's remains a beloved gathering spot, underscored by the active Facebook fan page and the continuous stream of regulars and new faces alike, all looking to taste a piece of history.

6. Now—Bell's Drive-In | 7. Then—Bell's Drive-In transitioned from a food truck to a building in 1954 | 8. Now—Bell's Drive-In owner Judy Bell Cothren (center) and her employees present day | 9. Now—Bell's Drive-In Take-Out window



Bell's Drive-In 1954





# AGRITOURISM

*Your Gateway to Rural Charm and Adventure*



Chester County, Tennessee, offers a delightful escape into the world of agritourism with two standout destinations: Stillwaters Farm and Mesa Trail Alpacas. Both locations provide unique experiences that blend relaxation, education and a touch of adventure. Whether you're seeking a tranquil farm stay or a hands-on animal encounter, these destinations have something special in store for you.

## **STILLWATERS FARM: A TRANQUIL ESCAPE WITH CREATIVE FLAIR**

Val and Rich Pitoni moved from Florida to Tennessee in 2006, transforming a multi-acre property into Stillwaters Farm - a Farmstay experience offering guests respite, relaxation, and rejuvenation. They sought to establish a serene retreat where guests could experience the peaceful charm of farm life. As a founding member of the U. S. Farmstay Association, Stillwaters Farm offers cozy accommodations and a unique opportunity to explore the farm at your leisure.

### **FARMSTAY EXPERIENCE**

Imagine waking up to the gentle sounds of farm life, surrounded by picturesque landscapes. At Stillwaters Farm, you'll enjoy the company of chickens, guinea fowl, miniature donkeys and working dogs, all while taking in the plant-based agriculture that the farm prides itself on.

### **FORTY CANNONS WINERY**

For wine enthusiasts, Forty Cannons Winery is a must-visit. Located at the front of the farm, it boasts a unique, pirate-themed experience. Enjoy tastings in the Crow's Nest Tasting Room, housed in a repurposed grain bin. As Chester County's first and only winery, Forty Cannons adds a touch of novelty and adventure to your stay. The winery, opened in 2023, offers an intimate and personal setting with tastings available by appointment on Thursdays and drop-ins Fridays and Saturdays. Guests can enjoy their choice of over a dozen uniquely curated wines, wine cocktails or mocktails; create memories with photos at the selfie wall; and cultivate meaningful conversations. Adjacent to the tasting room is The Fo'c'sle, a shaded sitting and picnic area underneath a grand white oak. Farmstay and winery guests alike can kick back and enjoy a glass of wine along with some of the best views of the farm.

### **FARMSTAY ACCOMMODATIONS**

The farm offers cozy accommodations (no minimum stay—one night -two weeks, usually), ensuring you have ample time to relax and enjoy all the activities. From expanded dining areas to various scenic spots around the farm, you'll find plenty of places to unwind and take in the



1. Stillwaters Farm offers a variety of guest experiences | 2. Stillwaters Farm co-owner Val Pitoni | 3. Enjoy a comfy stay in the AirBNB | 4. Mesa Trails is home to more than 40 alpacas | 5. Guests enjoy various activities with the alpacas | 6. Mesa Trail Alpacas co-owner Marcus Skildum



beauty of rural Tennessee. Plus, you can purchase unique items like natural honeys, wine glasses, corkscrews and even non-alcoholic wine-flavored jelly beans.

The best reason to visit Stillwaters Farm, according to Val, is the memories you'll make.

### MESA TRAIL ALPACAS: A FAMILY DREAM TURNED REALITY

#### THE ALPACA EXPERIENCE

Visiting Mesa Trail Alpacas is an adventure in itself. The Skildums offer guided tours where visitors can feed and pet the alpacas and even hold the adorable baby alpacas. The tours are available by appointment only, ensuring each visitor gets a personalized and intimate experience. "Every alpaca has its own personality," Mesa Trail Alpacas Co-founder Stacey Skildum explains. "Some are very food-oriented, while others are just curious. There's never a dull moment around here." The farm is a part of the Harvest Host network, providing ample space for campers and RV travelers to stay overnight, making it a perfect stop for those traveling from the north.

#### BEHIND THE SCENES: ALPACA FARMING

The shearing season in April and May are particularly exciting times at Mesa Trail. Visitors can witness the intricate process of shearing the alpacas and learn about the health benefits and fiber processing techniques. The fibers are transformed into various products like hats, gloves, scarves and even dryer balls, which are available for purchase through the website and social media platforms.

"Seeing the transformation from raw fiber to finished product is fascinating," Skildum said. "It's a lot of work but incredibly rewarding."

#### A NEW CHAPTER

The Skildums' journey didn't stop at alpacas. Over time, they expanded their farm to include llamas and even bought a fiber mill

to handle the increasing volume of alpaca fiber. Their initial herd of seven alpacas is now a herd of 45, turning their hobby into a bustling business.

#### THE HEART OF AGRITOURISM

Mesa Trail Alpacas is not just about farming; it's about community and connection. The Skildums have created a space where people can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life, learn about sustainable farming and enjoy the simple pleasures of rural living. Stacey recalls, "My stepdad passed away, and my mom suggested we all move together to support each other. This farm has been our refuge and a place of healing."

#### PLAN YOUR VISIT

Whether you're looking to unwind at Stillwaters Farm, engage in creative workshops or simply enjoy the peaceful beauty of the countryside, Chester County's agritourism destinations offer something for everyone. Both Stillwaters Farm and Mesa Trail Alpacas provide unique experiences that highlight the best of rural Tennessee.

For more information or to book your visit:

**STILLWATERS FARM:** Visit their website at [stillwaters.farm](http://stillwaters.farm) for details on accommodations, workshops and more.

**MESA TRAIL ALPACAS:** Learn more about tours and workshops at [mesatrailalpacas.com](http://mesatrailalpacas.com) or follow them on Facebook and Instagram @mesatrailalpacas.

Start planning your Chester County adventure today and discover the charm and tranquility of agritourism in Tennessee.



# 2023-2024 CHAMBER AWARDS

The 2023 Chamber Awards, themed "A Night Under the Lights," brought together local businesses and community leaders to celebrate excellence in various sectors. Mark Barber, who served as board president for 2023-24, emphasized the importance of recognizing local businesses and their contributions.

This year's award recipients were as follows:  
Business of the Year: E & T Contracting  
Industry of the Year: Quality Metal Stamping  
Emerging Business: Pink Ave. Boutique  
Excellence in Agriculture: Hunt Farms  
Outstanding Citizen: Renee Phelps  
Ryan Parnell Leadership Award: Stephanie Ray

Renee Phelps was honored as the Outstanding Citizen for her remarkable civic contributions and dedication to community service. Phelps remarked, "Receiving the Outstanding Citizen award is truly humbling. This recognition is a testament to the incredible community we have and the collaborative spirit that makes our efforts meaningful. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute and work alongside so many dedicated individuals." Recently, she was also recognized by Boy Scout Troop 25 for her exemplary service.

Stephanie Ray was honored with the Ryan Parnell Leadership Award for her involvement in the community. "Participating in Leadership Chester County over six years ago was an incredible opportunity to learn about our community and connect with other professionals," said Ray, who works in human resources at Henderson Stamping. "I was so shocked to win such a meaningful award, honored to be considered and much less win. I benefitted being a part of the program and encourage others to participate, it's a very good program." The award was established three years ago in memory of Parnell, who was Freed-Hardeman University assistant men's basketball coach and who also worked for a local bank. Parnell served on the board of the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce, graduated from the Chester County Leadership program and served as a volunteer for Chester County Imagination Library.

Barber, reflecting on his tenure as board president, expressed his admiration for the award winners, stating, "I was not surprised by any of the winners - they're all outstanding and active in the

community. Whether they are in industry, agriculture or operating a boutique, they each take care of their customers and staff. That puts them at the top of the list to be recognized."

Barber also highlighted the Chamber's focus on professional development, noting, "The Chamber board is excited about [Executive Director Blake Hopper] earning his ECD Certification (Economic Community Development) and getting the staff certified. As Chamber president, I focused on serving as its ambassador and, with our quality of staff, it made my job really easy."

Chasity Burns will serve as the board president for the upcoming year, bringing new leadership and vision to the Chamber. Her leadership is anticipated to build on the successes of the past year and continue to foster a supportive and thriving business community.

The 2023 Chamber Awards night was a memorable event, shining a light on the dedication and hard work of local businesses and individuals. As the community looks forward to another year of growth and achievement, these awards serve as a reminder of the exceptional talent and commitment within the region.



1. Business of the Year: E&T Contracting | 2. Outstanding Citizen: Renee Phelps | 3. Representatives from Freed-Hardeman University | 4. Industry of the Year: Quality Metal Stamping | 5. Ryan Parnell Award Winner: Stephanie Ray | 6. Henderson|Chester County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Blake Hopper | 7. Emerging Business of the Year: Pink Ave. Boutique





## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 27-28 — 46th Annual Chester County BBQ Festival**

**Nov. 1-2 — Henderson Hee Haw Hootenanny**

**Dec. 5 — Henderson Christmas Parade**

**Dec. 6-7 — Henderson Hometown Holiday Shopping Weekend**

**Dec. 14 — A Chester County Country Christmas**

# Chamber

*year in review*



Chester County's Chamber of Commerce played host to a range of engaging community events throughout the past year. One regular activity guaranteed to delight any guest was Pickin' in the Park. On select evenings in March through October, Sue Shelton White Park invited musicians of all ages to bring their instruments for impromptu jam sessions, right off of Main Street. Pedestrians were encouraged to pull up a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the musical stylings of talented locals.



In September, the 2023 Chester County BBQ Festival, presented by Centennial Bank, brought in thousands of guests while also welcoming the very first Tennessee Stage Hog Callin' Championship to Henderson. Holly Ferguson was crowned as Miss Chester County BBQ Festival. She is currently the reigning Miss Forest Festival and was also named Miss Congeniality at the Miss Tennessee competition.



Sponsored by First Bank, Henderson's own Hee Haw Hootenanny once again proved to be a tremendous hit in October. The talented cast, musicians and dedicated volunteers delivered outstanding performances, drawing hundreds to Williams Auditorium. For two nights, the audience was treated to an abundance of laughter and toe-tapping fun, reaffirming the event as a community favorite.

December brought the much anticipated Annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by Anew Family Medical. Families lined the sidewalks of downtown Henderson to cheer on the many floats, bands, performers and other festive local groups as they made their way down Main Street. This year, a snow machine, sponsored by Bramblett Group, even helped to create the ideal "winter wonderland" for kids to greet Santa when he made his appearance.



The 2024 Chamber Masters Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Lonnie Cobb Ford and The Bank of Chester County, brought 18 teams and 72 golfers to the Chickasaw Golf Course. In flight one, the team representing Beverly Morton, Property Assessor, earned first place, and the team from Casey Realtors placed second. For flight two, the Quality Metal Stamping team won first place, and Zach Hannis of Casey Realtors placed second.

Finally, the 2023-2024 Chamber Awards and Membership Banquet took place April 9, 2024, in the Henderson Church of Christ Auxiliary Gym. Themed "A Night Under the Lights," the evening celebrated the accomplishments of leaders, business owners and citizens who have worked tirelessly to improve their community.



# 45th Annual BBQ Festival



Henderson's Main Street bustling with vendors, the sound of a young voice singing into a microphone, children playing on the Courthouse lawn and the sweet aroma of barbeque sauce filling the air – locals know it's BBQ Festival time in Chester County, Tennessee!

A beloved annual tradition, Chester County's BBQ Festival, organized by the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce and a committee of volunteers, is a local highlight that draws in thousands of visitors each year. The 45th annual festival, presented by Centennial Bank, took place Sept. 22-23, 2023, and claimed a record breaking attendance.

The weekend's festivities began with an opening ceremony featuring Rep. Kirk Haston and local officials presenting the Tennessee State Hog Callin' Championship Proclamation. The ceremony also included a stirring performance of the National Anthem by FHU's University Choral.

The star of this and every BBQ Festival on record was – you guessed it – the mouth-watering pit-cooked barbeque that makes West Tennessee famous. This year's barbeque provider was Hunt's TN BBQ. The food lines may have been long, but the helpings of pulled pork, cooked beans and fresh coleslaw made it worth the wait.

Besides delicious food, each day of the festival was filled with quality entertainment, local vendors, friendly competitions and activities for visitors of all ages. The youngest attendees loved participating in the fun and games of The Piglet Pen, as well as the Piglet's Splash, Dash, and Roll obstacle course. The Little Pig Town ride area was a family favorite, as usual, and the Princess Tea and Hero Hangout invited children to wear their favorite gowns, crowns or superhero costumes for a special visit with the Princesses and Superheroes.

Young visitors were also invited to participate in some fun and friendly competitions. Porky's Pedal Tractor Pull saw kids aged








# Tennessee HOG CALLIN' CHAMPIONSHIP

HENDERSON, TN

SOOO-o-oeeyy!! The Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce once again hosted a crowd favorite competition at the 45th annual BBQ Festival. However this year, the popular Hog Callin' Contest stepped up to host the inaugural Tennessee State Hog Callin' Championship.

Blake Hopper, executive director of the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce, said organizers were excited to make Chester County the home of the Tennessee Hog Callin' Championship. "Hog Callin' is a long-time tradition, and we are glad to see it grow and become a signature event for our Chester County BBQ Festival," Hopper said.

During this year's competition, contestants were judged on originality, presentation and creativity, and individuals were invited from across the state to show their skills. Thanks to corporate sponsors, TN Pork Producers and Tosh Farms, this year's competitors faced off for impressive prizes: a trophy plus \$1,000 for the first place winner and \$500 for the second place winner. In addition, the winner earned the title of 2023 Tennessee Hog Callin' Champion.

Fourteen participants competed for the honor of the state's top Hog Caller. Ultimately, Freed-Hardeman University sophomore Marcus Williams was named champion, and Morgan Moore earned second place.

An event steeped in history, this contest has been a part of town tradition since 1978. Once simply a practical skill for calling in hogs that may be acres away, the practice of "hog callin'" has developed into an entertaining reminder of the town's agricultural roots. While the original competitors were primarily farmers eager to show off their skills, today citizens from all walks of life also take up the challenge of creating a head-turning (and sometimes ear-splitting) call. Each contestant is tasked with cultivating his or her own unique style of call, with distinct sounds and inflections that are sure to grab the attention of all visitors – and hogs – around!

Two-time past contest winner Milton Sewell, of Henderson, came by his hog calling skills naturally. "I was reared on a hog farm down in Alabama. The hogs used to go down to the pond... and we'd have to call them to come eat," Sewell said. During his first experience in the local contest in 1990, he simply used the call he had perfected as a kid on the farm. That year, his practical technique won him first place and a desire to compete several more times over the next few years. What some might consider an unusual talent is, for Sewell, a fun and liberating experience: "Every now and then you need to let your hair down and be real!"

Over the years, the hog callin' competition has become the ideal event for a weekend filled with Southern charm and small-town traditions. The Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce is excited to see the reputation of this event grow and hopes that its momentum will continue for years to come.



six and under pull a weighted sled with pedal power, while girls 11 and under participated in the Miss BBQ Festival Pageant on the main stage.

The E&T Contracting Stage also became the hub of entertainment for a weekend that featured dozens of local and regional performers. From morning to evening, visitors could listen to the musical stylings of bands, soloists, choirs and ensembles of all ages and experience. The Notorious P.I.G. Talent Competition on Friday evening featured the best youth and adult talent around, and on Saturday afternoon, crowds gathered on the Courthouse lawn to witness the 1st Annual Tennessee State Hog Callin' Championship, sponsored by TN Pork Producers and Tosh Farms.

For those eager to get up and moving, the Pig Trot 5k/1-mile race welcomed runners to participate on Saturday morning, while other competitors faced off in a Hog Wild Corn Hole Tournament that evening. When ready to enjoy a slower pace, visitors were free to hangout in the Gameday Tailgate Zone, a shady area to sit, relax and enjoy a football game while they ate and chatted with friends.

Car, truck and machinery enthusiasts enjoyed events such as the Swine n' Shine Car Show – showcasing the best of local cars, trucks, jeeps and motorcycles – and the "Spoon's" Antique Tractor Show, named in memory of Mike "Spoon" Spradlin. Other activities on offer for the weekend included the Oink N' Doink Dunkin' Booth, Charger's Mutt Strut Pet Parade and evening line dancing on Crook Avenue.

Each year, the festival brings together residents of all ages, interests and backgrounds for a memory-making celebration of what makes Henderson and Chester County, Tennessee, so special.

The 46th Annual Chester County BBQ Festival is set to take place September 27-28, 2024. More information is available online at [chestercountybbqfestival.com](http://chestercountybbqfestival.com).





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731-989-5499

E&T Contracting  
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Jones Contractors, Inc.  
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Mike LeCornu Heating & Air  
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Henderson, & McNairy Counties  
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China King  
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Hunt's Tennessee BBQ  
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Jacks Creek Grill & Go  
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Jason's Deli  
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Southern Bootleggers

Stoll's Cafe  
731-435-1021

Subway  
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731-989-0063

The Fiesta Mexican Restaurant  
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The Wall  
731-608-5277

Wendy's  
731-435-5080

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**Freed-Hardeman University**  
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Jackson State  
Community College  
731-424-3520

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731-608-1951

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Applied Technology  
731-632-3393

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The Bank of Chester County  
731-595-6022

**Centennial Bank**  
**731-989-4684**

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731-989-4662

Community Bank  
731-989-0204

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731-989-0127

First Bank  
731-989-2161

Height's Finance  
731-989-1006

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731-267-1580

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731-581-6843

Linda Carter, Affiliate Broker  
731-608-0515

State Farm Insurance - Frank Bell  
731-989-5159

Tennessee SHIP  
731-693-2740

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731-989-2840

Thrivent Financial  
731-435-3125

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731-989-9915

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731-435-1488

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731-435-1275

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731-989-7598

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731-435-1253

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731-646-1213

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731-989-9899

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731-664-8874

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Health, Chester County Schools  
731-608-8876

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731-989-3511

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731-989-3401

Rose Counseling  
731-520-7673

Southern Oaks Assisted Living  
731-983-3200

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731-989-2737

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Health Services  
731-300-2598

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Blood Centers, Inc.  
731-427-4431

Youth Town of TN  
731-989-5251

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Production  
731-989-4705

Johnson & Clayton, Inc.  
731-989-2336

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731-989-5113

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**731-989-2262**

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Dreamland Bedding  
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Essary's Flowers & Gifts  
731-989-5716

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731-435-1661

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731-439-3624

Haley Lynn's Bridal & Beauty  
731-435-1018

Hays Cash Savers  
731-989-2191

Hello Gorgeous Boutique  
731-435-1459

Henderson Florist & Gift Shop  
731-435-1213

Henderson Tropics  
731-989-2671

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731-608-5060

Mattres By Appointment  
Henderson  
731-435-3939

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731-989-7540

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805-509-4527

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731-435-1818

Oden's Marathon  
731-989-0032

Oliver's Print Apparel  
731-989-4400

Piggly Wiggly  
731-989-1010

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731-608-6204

Ponytails Salon  
731-989-5089

Robertson's Trading Post  
731-989-7641

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731-343-3028

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Home Decorating  
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Alliance Design Co. LLC  
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731-989-2224

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731-989-8019

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Hospital  
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Commission  
731-989-4039

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731-989-4624

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731-989-5397

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731-645-6302

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Membership Cooperative  
731-989-2236

Storage Solutions  
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360-909-6233

Tennessee Children's  
Home - West  
731-989-7335

Tennessee Small Business  
Development Center  
731-499-0495

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360-909-6233

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731-343-3028

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UT Martin  
731-881-7298

West TN PBS  
731-881-7561

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