



HCGOP

September 15, 2025

Tri-Community Fire Department
Station 3



Prayer - School Board Representative Jodi Schaffer

Pledge - Commissioner Lee Helton

Welcome Elected Officials



In Memory of Charlie Kirk (1993-2025)
Founder and President of Turning Point USA

A courageous leader for Faith, Family and Freedom
– taken from us too soon





“Liberty is not man’s idea; it’s God’s idea...

**My question for you...Are you transforming
the environment you come into contact with?**

We are living through this amazing moment...

God spared our nation...”

– Charlie Kirk

***A Moment of Silence
In Honor of Charlie Kirk***



TREASURER'S REPORT

LINCOLN DAY DINNER 2025: A WINNING NIGHT!

Last month!



LDD Revenue	\$143,541.61
LDD Expenses	-\$50,776.45
LDD Profit	\$92,765.16



One night. Nearly \$93,000.
To Fuel the Fight for Faith, Family, and Freedom.

September 2025 Treasurer's Report

Operating Account - Rock Point Bank

Reconciled Balance (as of 09/01/2025) = \$107,430.96

- Each month, we “reconcile” our QuickBooks account to our bank statement.
- This means every transaction in QuickBooks (deposits, checks, payments, fees) has been matched to the bank’s records. The ending balance in QuickBooks equals – to the penny – the ending balance in our bank statement.
- This is our proof that our internal records are accurate and aligned with the bank.

BECOME an HCGOP MEMBER!

See detailed financial reports at Members Only Portal at hcgop.com

Liberty Leader – \$1,000 (or \$100 x 10 months)

Chairman's Circle – \$250 (or \$25 x 10 months)

Alexander Hamilton – \$100 (or \$10 x 10 months)

The Volunteers – \$35 (or \$5 x 7 months)



**Join with
One Payment**



**Join with
Monthly Payment**



August/September Recap:

- Clay Travis - YRs
- Plan Hamilton vote
- Statesman's Dinner - TNGOP
 - 3rd Quarter CEC meeting
 - Youtube interviews
- Lookout Valley Conservative Club
 - Wamp Family Picnic



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Start a Chapter. Join a Chapter. Support a Chapter.



District 7 School Board update:

Jodi Schaffer

Recent TEA Activist call - Promoted by the Hamilton County Democrat Party

**Hamilton County Democratic ...** 4m · 🌐

👉 **HCDP Members!**
Tomorrow, TEA is hosting a Zoom discussion on the Centerstone MOU counseling program. This is a great chance to learn more about how it impacts our schools and students.

 **Date:** Tomorrow
 **Hosted by:** Tennessee Education Association
 **Register here:** <https://www.mobilize.us/teateachers/event/836651/>

Let's show up, learn, and bring insights back to our community! 💙👍



**centerstone
mou
discussion**

mobilize.us
Centerstone MOU Discussion · Tennessee Education Association

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Centerstone MOU Discussion

Virtual Meeting



**centerstone
mou
discussion**

📍 **Location**
Virtual event
Join from anywhere

About this event
We will be meeting to discuss possible actions to address the Hamilton County School Board's action to end its relationship with Centerstone, which provided mental health services to students in our schools.

This is a virtual event, and we will be using Microsoft Teams. It is easiest if you join the meeting from a computer and not a phone. We ask that participants have their cameras on during the meeting.

We have two meetings available to accommodate different schedules.

Accessibility
🕒 Have accessibility questions? Reply to your registration email to confirm your requirements or request more information.

This event has ended.

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TEA
TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

You are receiving this message because you signed up for [Centerstone MOU Discussion](#).

Aaron Fowles
Organizer, Centerstone MOU Discussion

Hey all -

Just in case you need it, here is the direct link for tonight's Centerstone discussion:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2491016450074?p=4QpftOSRI6LzKPemAh>



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Respond to Aaron Fowles directly by replying to this email.
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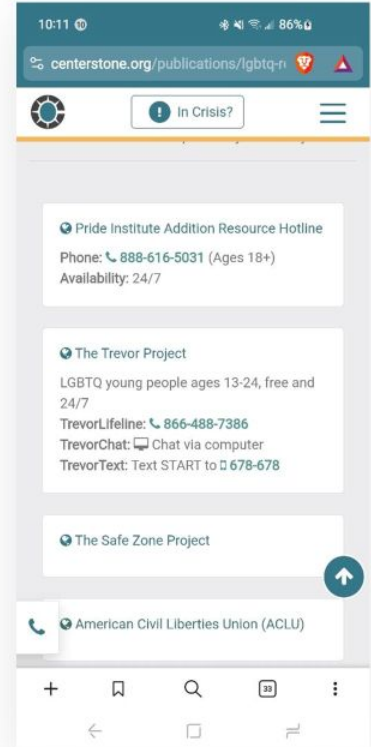
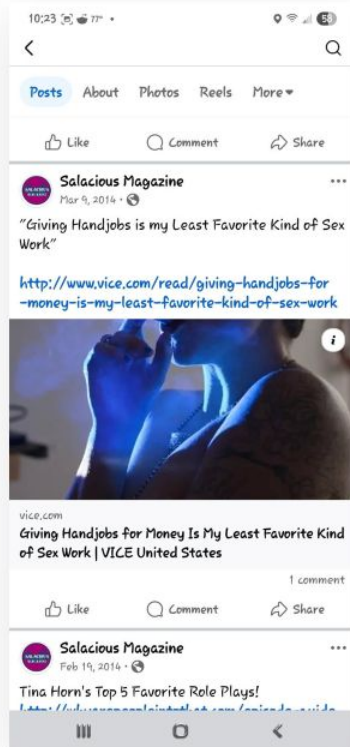
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- communicate on a weekly basis with designated administrative personnel in order to improve coordination of services
- coordinate services with the child's mental health provider and other pertinent community staff
- communicate with parents/guardians regarding student's behavior as necessary
- keep all documentation (progress notes, care plans, assessments) in Centerstone agency's electronic medical record
- ensure staff has access to a cell phone and laptop

Centerstone agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Hamilton County Schools, as well as its agents and employees, against any claims, demands, or causes of action asserting any injuries, losses, or costs, including, but not limited to, court costs or attorneys' fees, arising out of or in a way related to the rendering of services pursuant to this Agreement or its relationship with Hamilton County Schools.

Navigating Centerstone.org – resources available on website prior to the Aug 2025 school board meeting



Indivisible TAG

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HCSB ENDED THE CONTRACT WITH CENTERSTONE

CUTTING OFF FREE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR 2,500+ STUDENTS



Stand with Us

SEPT 18 | 3:30 PM
3074 HICKORY VALLEY RD



MAKE SIGNS!
Mental Health Matters
Renew the Contract

Are you going to stand up and support the Republican school board members who are being actively bullied by the LEFT!?

← Indivisible TAG

[Message Us](#)



Indivisible TAG

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Recently the HCSB voted to terminate a contract with Centerstone, who for over a decade has provided valuable mental health services, on a voluntary basis, serving over 2500 students this year alone.

Frequently these are students who otherwise may not have the financial means or transportation to receive mental health services.

This decision was made without the input of families, educators, or school leaders!

Stand with us as we support the community while they ask the HCSB to revisit their decision. They are asking the board to instead take time to hear their concerns, and find a solution to ensure vital mental health services for students.

We will be quietly standing in solidarity outside, bring signs. Sign recommendations include: Mental health matters, renew the contract.

September 18th - We recommend arriving by 3:30.

(Edit)

3074 Hickory Valley Rd

See comments for parking information

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What else is going on in Hamilton County Schools?

- Do you know who your school board representative is? Do you know what the responsibility of the school board is?
- Do you know the Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools?
- Are you familiar with the people who work in his central office and shape the foundation and direction of our schools and programs?
- Do you know the Republican/Democrat makeup of the Hamilton County School Board?
- Do you know which schools are in your district and how those schools are doing?
- Do you know any local teachers or administrators who can be your eyes and ears in the school system?
- Have you volunteered at a local school lately?

Hamilton County Department of Education - online public access catalog:

<https://library.hcde.org/>

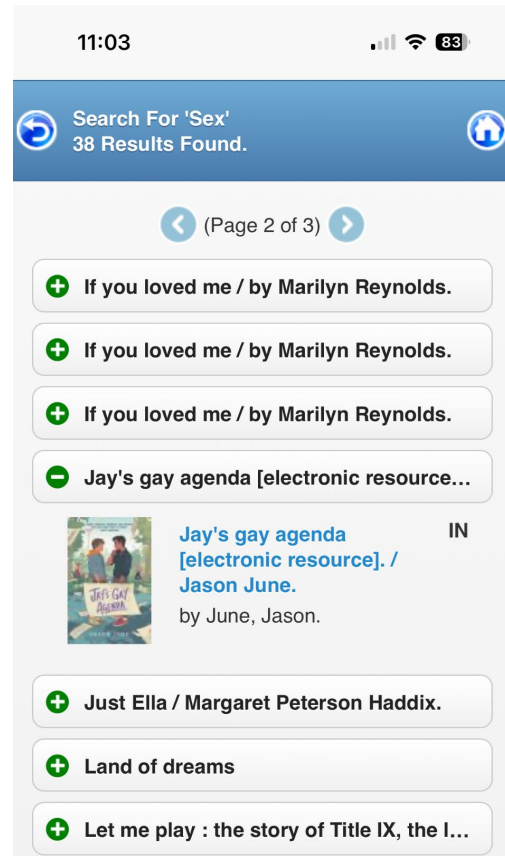
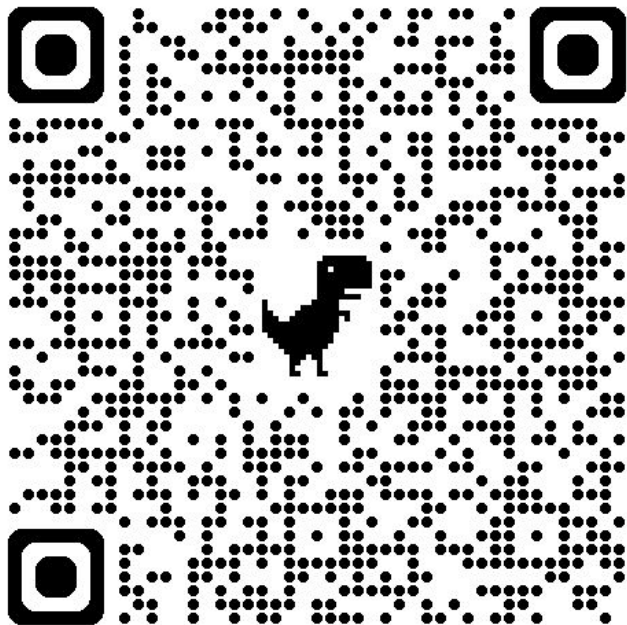


HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Online - Public - Access - Catalog

Library Name	Library Interface	
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Allen Elementary School	Display	Log On
Alpine Crest Elementary School	Display	Log On
Apison Elementary School	Display	Log On
Barger Academy of Fine Arts	Display	Log On
Battle Academy	Display	Log On
Bess T. Shepherd Elementary School	Display	Log On
Big Ridge Elementary School	Display	Log On
Brainerd High School	Display	Log On
Brown Academy	Display	Log On
Brown Middle School	Display	Log On
Calvin Donaldson Elementary	Display	Log On
Center for Creative Arts	Display	Log On
Central High School Library	Display	Log On
Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences - Lower	Display	Log On
Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences - Upper	Display	Log On
Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts	Display	Log On
Clifton Hills Elementary School	Display	Log On
Daisy Elementary School	Display	Log On
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DuPont Elementary School	Display	Log On
East Brainerd Elementary School	Display	Log On
East Hamilton School	Display	Log On

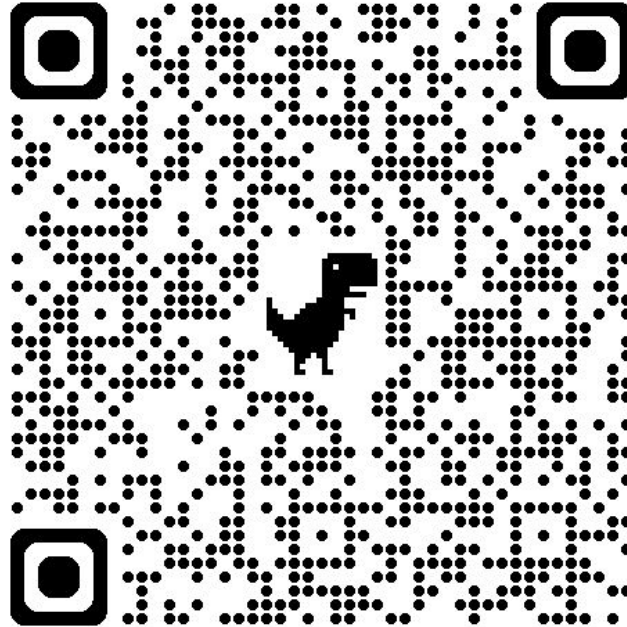
Jay's Gay Agenda & Breathless - Brainerd HS



The Ones We Burn & Arden Grey - SMMH

The Ones We Burn (book review):

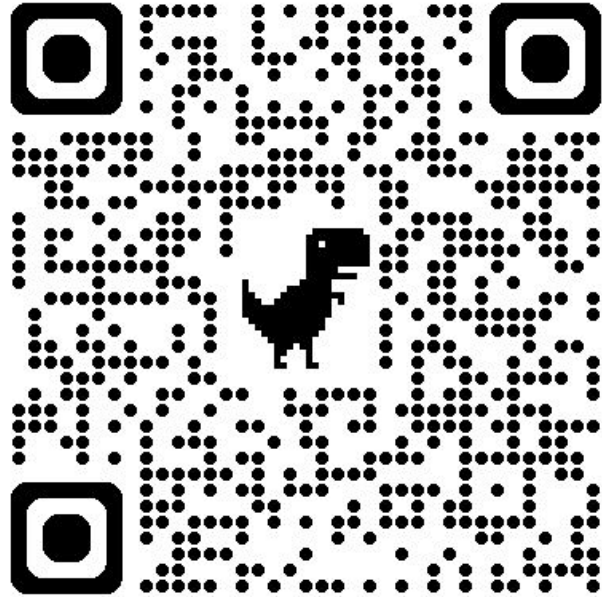
“Characters are given racial markers and socioeconomic distinctions (Ranka is white, the Sunra twins Black), though this is not, nor is it intended to be, a story about race. Instead, readers are given a continuous unfurling of information strengthened by a queer romance and accompanied by the kind of high stakes that fantasy-lovers will reach for.”



Arden Grey:

“I don’t know if I even believe in female and male anymore. Biological sex is kind of meaningless when you think about it. Why do body parts somehow symbolize gender? Makes no sense. Jamie’s a guy. I’m a girl. Body parts have nothing to do with it. It’s how we feel inside.”

Soddy Daisy High School - Dreaming in Cuban



Dreaming in Cuban:

"...who could make me come a hundred times faster. The way her tongue played with my nipple, sucking me into her mouth."

"We're fucking sex machines," I deadpanned. "When you need a girl. Do you want to, like-, "fuck her?" "



A Quick Glance at Opportunity 2030

Vision

By 2030, Hamilton County Schools will be a leader in developing our diverse graduates to be connected, competitive, and life ready.

Mission

To equip students with the knowledge, skills, and supports to thrive in life.

Just Cause

All children thrive and experience a future without limits.

<https://hcde.org/opportunity-2030/>



OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

We put students at the center.

Our work is to guarantee every student is ready for life after graduation. We fulfill this work by ensuring all students are empowered by school communities committed to academic press and personalization. To this end, ***we make every decision with the best interests of all students in mind.***

EXCELLENCE

We aim for excellence.

We build a reputation for quality through consistent attention to student learning, our insightful and innovative thinking, the careful communications we deliver, and providing extraordinary service. ***We believe that all students deserve care and attention while receiving a high quality education.***

INCLUSIVENESS

We embrace diversity.

We learn together with people different from ourselves. This serves to bind us together as a community dedicated to the success of all students. ***We celebrate diversity as our greatest strength.***

CARE

We care for people.

As leaders of learning, our personal obligation is to nurture and sustain our school communities. We show concern for the students in our care. ***We employ talented people, develop them well, and encourage them along the way.***

COLLABORATION

We listen and learn.

We collaborate in order to serve and help each other in our individual and collective work. We are clear and transparent in our communications. We reach out to colleagues and members of our community to gather feedback and engage expertise. ***We authentically listen to all voices to inform the decisions we make.***

STEWARDSHIP

We steward resources efficiently.

We are committed to maintaining the strength of our district through high standards around fiscal performance to ensure long-term sustainability. We align resource requests with our mission objectives. ***We seek to be good stewards of the district's assets while advocating for the needs of our community.***





Student Success Planning

A Key Part of
Opportunity 2030

<https://hcde.org/student-success-planning/>



Student Success Planning is supported by the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Ed Redesign Lab and its By All Means initiative. The anchor of this community-wide initiative is Hamilton County's Children's Cabinet, convened by Mayor Jim Coppinger & Superintendent Dr. Justin Robertson



EdRedesign
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



Our Values

Our values guide *what* we do and *how* we work, aligning our efforts and creating common purpose as we seek to fulfill our mission.

Equity

Equity is our north star and our guiding principle. It is central to the ways in which we work and the education, health and well-being, economic mobility, and social justice outcomes we seek.



Our Commitments



Every student will have connections to their school through educators, staff, other students, and their community.

*“Constructing solid, **equity-based foundations** in every school, born from shared purpose, responsibility, caring, and mutual respect: Optimizing systems and processes to gauge connections, belonging, and social development.”*

<https://hcde.org/opportunity-2030/>



Equal Opportunity for All, which our country was actually founded on, creates a level playing field. All students have access to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in Hamilton County, all children have access to education that is appropriate to their ability.

Equity is a tool of the left, it's a tool to tie the hands of all white people, because white people cannot claim racism, they will not allow it. Equity desires to create equal outcomes, NOT provide equal starting places where merit becomes the indicator of success.

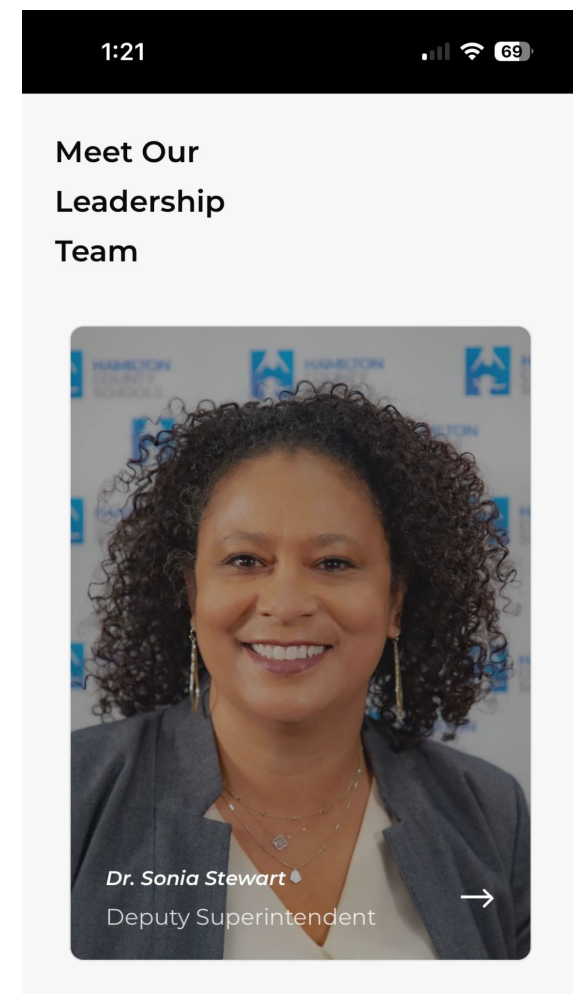
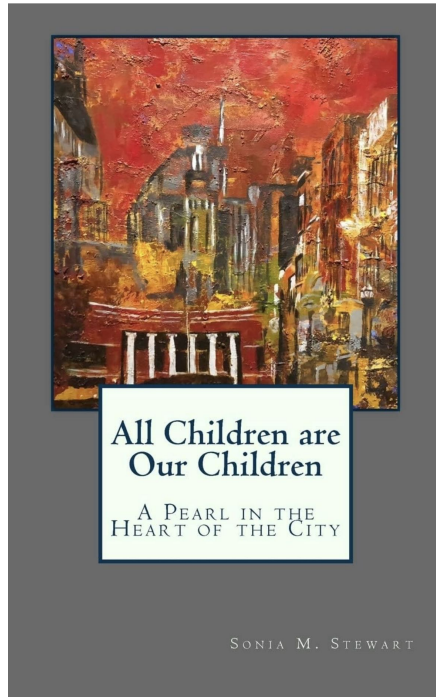
Equity is a racist construct. It is a tool that will keep children in bondage. Equity are chains being placed around black children to keep them enslaved to the democratic party.



Tennessee Teacher Code of Ethics

49-5-1002. Legislative findings. The general assembly finds and declares that: An educator, **believing in the worth and dignity of each human being**, recognizes the supreme importance of the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, and the **nurture of democratic principles**. Essential to these goals is the protection of freedom to learn and to teach and **the guarantee of equal educational opportunity for all**.

Some HCDE Leadership:



Meet Our Leadership Team



Dr. Jasmine Fernández

Chief of Student Supports

Office: [\(423\) 498-7104](tel:(423)498-7104)

Assistant: [Valencia Martin](#)

As the Chief of Student Supports for Hamilton County Schools, Dr. Fernández leads teams responsible for all aspects of academic advising, alternative learning, behavioral interventions, mental health, and targeted supports for students experiencing foster care, housing instability, truancy, or involvement with the juvenile legal system. The Department of Student Supports is committed to listening to students, collaborating with school communities and external partners, and building a responsive, unified system of student supports that promotes belonging, resilience, and long-term success.

← Jasmine Mari Fernández

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Jasmine Mari Fernández

Jun 17, 2020 · 🌐

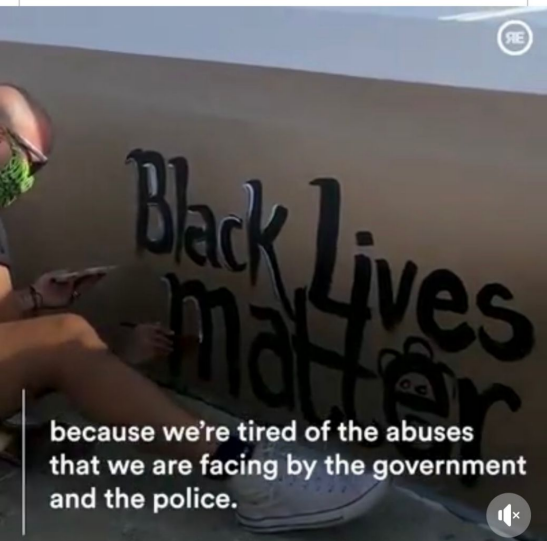


La Borinqueña created by Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez

Jun 3, 2020 · 🌐

"A lot of us experience the consequences of constant racism."

Why hundreds of Puerto Ricans in Loíza showed up to celebrate the life of George Floyd and protest police brutality.



facebook.com

← Jasmine's post



Jasmine Mari Fernández

May 27, 2020 · 🌐

I am often asked, "When are you and Chris having kids?" I usually brush it off or give people a look because it isn't their damn business. However, the truth is one of the reasons for my hesitation is I can't fathom the thought of raising a black and brown baby in this cruel and racist world. He/She/They will likely come out with lighter skin because of my complexion, but he/she/they will still be Black in America.

As a light skinned person of color, I still benefit from white privilege. Unlike my husband, I get to walk around our quiet neighborhood in Charlottesville without being questioned. Unlike my husband, I get to decide if I want to wear a hoodie at night. Unlike my husband, I can enter the supermarket with a bandana around my face when I can't find my mask. The list goes on and on about how I am perceived in comparison to him.

← Jasmine's post

Before some of y'all white folks and light skinned POC come at me in the comments, let me be clear: Yes, I'm sure you all have experienced some type of discrimination. I am not negating nor undermining your hardships, but this isn't the tunnel of oppression. More importantly, I'm not talking about all the other "isms" here. I am talking about R A C E. Whether you inherently believe it or not, you still benefit from white privilege. PERIOD.

Truth is, becoming an anti-racist individual or organization takes hard work. Anti-racism work can be hella exhausting, especially when you're one of the few people of color at your job. However, the reality is anti-racism work shouldn't be the sole responsibility of just black and brown folks. Real racial justice requires all of us to sacrifice. We won't move forward as a collective society until we all do our part and acknowledge the need to make our liberation intersectional.

PS. I've been working on an Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism resource guide for educators. It includes frameworks, facilitation guides, recommendations of books, documentaries, podcasts, etc. Whether you are an educator or not, please feel free to send me a private message to learn more.



BREONNA TAYLOR

June 5, 1993 – March 13, 2020



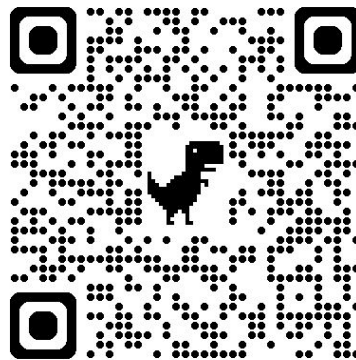
AHMAUD ARBERY

May 8, 1994 – February 23, 2020



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NEWS

On a Different Pathway

Ed.L.D. marshal Jasmine Fernández finds story — hers and others' — is at the heart of her work

POSTED May 30, 2025

BY Lory Hough

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Education Reform

K-12 System Leadership



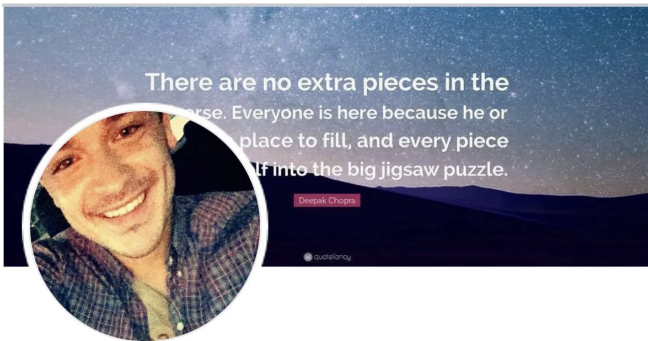
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Jonathan Berry

1.9K friends



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Math Teacher/Coach at **East Ridge Elementary School**



4th Grade Math/Science at North City School



Worked at A-Force Member at Lee University Admissions Office



Went to **Freedom High School**



See more about Jonathan

East Ridge Elementary

1014 John Ross Road, Chattanooga, TN 37412

Phone 423-493-9296 | Fax 423-493-9298

School Start Time – 8:15 AM

School End Time – 3:15 PM

Principal – Dr. Martha McMillan

Assistant Principals – Michelle Kernea, Rachel Donaldson, Jonathan Berry

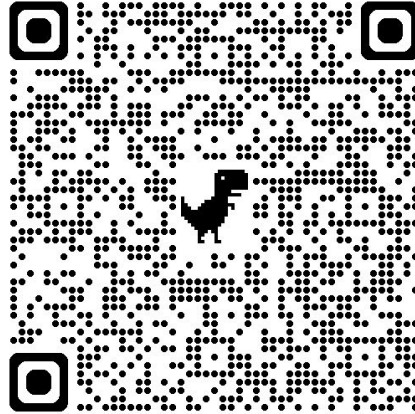
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State News

Hamilton County Elementary Teacher & Drag Queen Hangs Up Heels After Being Promoted To Assistant Principal

📅 July 1, 2025 💬 6



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Stacie Rect

The Erection of Perfection and the S in #SASS

🏠 Lives in **Chattanooga, Tennessee**

📍 From **Morganton, North Carolina**

📶 Followed by 485 people

🖼️ Photos



School Board Seats available in 2026:

Districts 3 - 5 - 6 - 8 - 9

Who's running???



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
★ 11:30AM - 1:30PM ★

ROSE FAMILY FARM
693 Lancaster Highway | Lancaster, TN 38569

FREE ADMISSION ★ PLEASE RSVP



JOIN ME

TAKE THE
**Constitution
Challenge**

READ THE CONSTITUTION BY SEPTEMBER 17TH

MOMS *for*
★ LIBERTY ★

MomsforLiberty.org/constitution



Little Debbie

**HAMILTON
COUNTY FAIR**

November 7-9th

Call for Volunteers: HCGOP at the County Fair!

DATES: Veterans Day Weekend – November 7, 8, and 9, 2025

LOCATION: McDonald Farm, Sale Creek



Why It Matters

- Last year, over 30,000 visitors attended the Fair!
- Our booth will be in a high-traffic location.
- Showcase what we stand for – “Faith, Family & Freedom” – at one of our county’s largest community events!

Volunteer Roles?

- Welcome guests and represent the Republican Party!
- Help with activity at our booth & voter engagement

 SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR COUNTY FAIR!

Friday, Nov 7

12:00-2:00PM

5:00-7:30PM

7:30-9:30PM

Set-Up

Booth Shift 1

Booth Shift 2

Saturday, Nov 8

11:00-2:00PM

2:00-5:00PM

5:00-8:00PM

8:00-10:00PM

Booth Shift 1

Booth Shift 2

Booth Shift 3

Booth Shift 4

Sunday, Nov 9

11:00-2:00PM

2:00-5:00PM

5:00-7:30PM

Booth Shift 1

Booth Shift 2

Booth Shift 3 +

Break-Down



Scan Me

Please email Tonya Miller
vicetreasurer@hcgop.com
if you have any questions!!



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
to Precinct 91**

**Bill Todd, Daphne Todd, Harry Brittain and more
for such a fun and energetic fundraising effort for the HCGOP!**

\$4,282.37 raised

Your attention please...



Kimberly Fiorello

Hamilton County GOP - Raffle?

To: Jennafer Russell, Cc: Gail Greene, Tonya Miller

May 23, 2025, 9:57 PM

[Details](#)

Dear Jennafer,

A local group of Republicans in Hamilton County are planning a pistol raffle as a fundraiser. Please see their plan below.

Could you let us know whether the HCGOP is permitted to participate in or endorse this raffle under state laws? Your guidance will help ensure we proceed appropriately and in full compliance.

Thank you for your time!
Best,

Kimberly Fiorello
mob. 917-940-4714

----- Forwarded message -----
From: William Todd <wftm@comcast.net>
Date: On Fri, May 23, 2025 at 8:12 PM
Subject: For: Revised HCGOP Pistol Raffle Plan
To: gail@greene@protonmail.com - <gail@greene@protonmail.com>
Cc: tonyamiller@protonmail.com - <tonyamiller@protonmail.com>
Gail,

Please review this revised plan and let me know if it's more acceptable.

The goal is to sell 1000 tickets at \$10 each and raise \$9000 for the HCGOP after expenses of \$1000. With your approval / endorsement we plan to sell tickets at the monthly HCGOP Community Meetings in June, July and August. I will approach other Republican organizations about ticket sales to minimize your involvement and time.

Ticket sales will cease September 10th to account for funds and any unsold tickets. You or some other member of HCGOP leadership will draw winning tickets at the September HCGOP Community Meeting.

We need your approval and endorsement to proceed. We only want one raffle conducted at a time and we ask that no other precinct or party organization be authorized to conduct a raffle until ours concludes. Precinct 91 will lead this effort.

I will ask other District 2 HCGOP precincts and HCGOP party organizations (Pachyderm, Republican Women, UTC Republicans, etc.) to support the raffle ticket sales.

I will purchase the pistol from Mr. Bill Connor a licensed firearm dealer. Mr. Connor is a member of the Marine Corps League (MCL) and has handles sales / transfers of weapons for MCL firearm rallies. Mr. Connor will handle the delivery of the pistol to the raffle winner and insure the transfer of the pistol from me / HCGOP to the raffle winner meets all Federal and State of Tennessee legal requirements.

Expenses: 9mm pistol (est. \$700); ammunition (est. \$100); Printing of 1000 raffle tickets (est. \$200) - Total: \$1000. I will purchase all prizes and request reimbursement from the HCGOP after conclusion of raffle.

Monthly Accounting: If desired by the HCGOP leadership, at the end of each month raffle ticket sales proceeds will be turned in to the HCGOP Treasurer or other designated member of leadership so the HCGOP chairwoman knows the status of reaching the raffle goal of selling 1000 tickets.

Prizes:

Raffle Winner 1st - 9mm pistol (est. value \$700)
Raffle Winner 2d - Five 20 round packs 5.56 ammunition (est. value \$60)
Raffle Winner 3d - One 100 round pack 9mm ammunition (est. value \$60)

Chronology of events

May: Acquire pistol and other prizes and print 1000 tickets

June: Community Meeting announce pistol raffle to attendees; also announce raffle on HCGOP Events weekly emails. Ticket sales begin at June meeting with Precinct 91 members selling tickets.

July: Community Meeting: Precinct 91 members sell tickets

July: With Republican Clubs and Organizations prior permission, attend meetings and conduct raffle ticket sales.



Jennafer Russell

RE: [EXTERNAL] Hamilton County GOP - Raffle?

To: Kimberly Fiorello, Cc: Gail Greene, Tonya Miller

May 27, 2025, 9:21 AM

[Details](#)

Hi Kimberly,

Yes, HCGOP is permitted to participate in or endorse this raffle. The portion of ticket sales that are collected on behalf of HCGOP will need to be disclosed as a contribution on your committee's PAC report. If the PAC makes any expenditures for the event, you will need to report those as well. I hope this helps and please let me know if you have other questions.

Thanks!

Jennafer Russell | PAC Compliance
Bureau of Ethics & Campaign Finance

WRS Tennessee Tower, 2nd Floor

312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue

Nashville, TN 37243

Main. 615-741-7959 Direct. 615-253-5375

Fax. 615-532-8905

jennafer.russell@tn.gov

www.tn.gov/tref

This electronic mail may be subject to the Tennessee Public Records Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503, et seq. Any reply to this email may also be subject to this act.

May 23 & May 27, 2025 – We sought and received approval for the raffle in order to be in full compliance with the Bureau of Ethics & Campaign Finance at the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance.

On Sep 4, 2025, at 6:05 PM, Jennafer Russell <jennafer.russell@tn.gov> wrote:

After further research, I might recommend you also contact Tennessee Secretary of State, Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming to ensure you are complying with their raffle laws.

Jennafer

From: Jennafer Russell

Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 4:21 PM

To: Kimberly Fiorello <treasurer@hcgop.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Raffle question

Good afternoon,

It would appear you would need to report the \$150 cash prize as an expenditure, and the handgun as an in-kind donation on your disclosure statement.

Jennafer

From: Kimberly Fiorello <treasurer@hcgop.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 1:40 PM

To: Jennafer Russell <Jennafer.Russell@tn.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Raffle question

Jennafer,

The precinct that is doing the raffle for the HCGOP is going to award a cash prize of \$100 to the second draw winner

How do I account for the cash prizes? And the in kind gift of the handgun being the main prize?

Thank u!!

Sept 4, 2025 – We were advised to check in with the Secretary of State’s Division of Charitable Solicitations re: Gaming regulations.

We sought Rep. Reneau’s assistance as well, since she was hosting an upcoming meeting with the SOS.

Sept 12, 2025 - We were advised by the Executive Director of Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance not to do a raffle “out of an abundance of caution.”

From: William Young <William.Young@tn.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 2:43 PM

To: Elect Michele Reneau <electmichele@gmail.com>; Michele Reneau

<rep.michele.reneau@capitol.tn.gov>

Cc: Lauren Topping <Lauren.Topping@tn.gov>

Subject: Re: Fw: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hamilton County GOP - Raffle?

Representative Reneau - Unfortunately our Office cannot provide such a waiver since raffles are regulated by the Charitable Solicitations Division of the Secretary of State's Office, I have copied Lauren to provide you that information. Since the raffle has not been held, you might want to advise the party not to proceed out of an abundance of caution. But if the raffle is held and should any questions arise, you can have whoever calls contact me directly. Again, as discussed, Ms. Russell provided advice under the statutes our Office regulates, and unfortunately other areas of State government are involved in this area. Thanks, let me know if you have any questions.
Bill

Bill Young

Executive Director, Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance

WRS Tennessee Tower, 26th Floor

312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue



Lauren Topping

Re: Fw: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hamilton County GOP - Raffle?

To: William Young, Elect Michele Reneau, Michele Reneau & 3 more

September 12, 2025, 4:13 PM

[Details](#)

Rep. Reneau,

As Bill stated, raffles are prohibited under the state's Non-Profit Gaming Law unless conducted by a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) organization and approved by the Legislature in advance each year. For more information on this, including exactly how the Secretary of State's Office treats political campaigns in this respect, I would refer you to <https://sos.tn.gov/charities/guides/charitable-gaming-event-faqs>.

It also seems that Jennafer may have indicated that the PAC was able to do the raffle because of guidance/instructions received from the Charitable Solicitations division; if this is the case, then the event could proceed as long as those instructions or guidelines are observed. Beyond this, Jennafer is not authorized to give legal advice and should not have done so. Despite this error, we have no authority to offer a "waiver" that would allow the raffle to take place in violation of state law. Unless the organization has squared this event with Charitable Solicitations, I must advise that the raffle must be cancelled.

If you have any further questions or concerns on this matter, I suggest you contact Michael Harmon in Secretary Hargett's Office for further guidance.

Sincerely,

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may be subject to the
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Therefore, we are canceling the raffle.

**All contributions received have been recorded
as donations to the HCGOP.**

I, the treasurer, will be reaching out to every donor.

Anyone wanting a refund will be honored.

Instead, next month on October 20th, we will do a

✨ ✨ ✨ **No Cost, Equal Chance Giveaway** ✨ ✨ ✨

- No donation necessary to participate.
- A donation does not increase your chances of winning.
- Everyone has the same opportunity to participate.
- Contributions made prior are recorded solely as donations to the HCGOP and requests for refunds will be honored.
- Prior raffle contributors will receive one chance like everyone else who wants to participate.
- All winners will be contacted if they are not here tonight.

Thank you for your understanding.



On Monday, October 20, 2025

No Cost, Equal Chance Giveaway

1st Prize Glock 19 Custom “USA Flag - Distressed Grey” 9mm Handgun

2nd Prize \$100 cash

3rd Prize \$50 cash

THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK IN THE GIVEAWAY!!



Announcements

- **School Board Meeting - THIS Thursday (arrive early!!!)**
- **TNFRW - 35th Biennial Convention www.tnfrw.org (October 17-19th)**
 - **FACL Training at Calvary**



Support Republican-owned Businesses!!!

Member spotlight...

Please introduce your business in 30 seconds or less



Next Meeting

Monday - October 20th

Location TBD (see hcgop.com for details)