



February Is Black History Month

Making One's Dream a Reality

Hart County Historical Society Annual Black History Month Event Scheduled for February 28, 2025

Since 2014, Mary Mills-Turner, Hart County Historical Society Board member has spearheaded an Annual Black History Month Program. The theme is always “MAKING ONE’S DREAM A REALITY” celebrating cultural diversity, raising awareness about achievements and promoting pride and unity in our community.

Past speakers include Mayor Randall Curry, Clarence Glover, Tick Rogers, Todd Johnston, Ricky Line, Cornelius Faulkner, Kim Bradley Rice, Andre Barbour, Abraham Williams, and Mary Bradley and many others.

The event has grown each year, at first held at the Hart County Historical Museum and as the group size grew, Munfordville City Hall, Hart County Public Library and for the past few years held at Hart County High School Auditorium.

This year’s free event is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025, at 6 P.M. at Hart County High School Auditorium and will feature our speaker,



▲ PHOTO | MATTHEW BROWN
Each year, Mary Mills-Turner worganizes the annual Black History Month event, along with the help of the Historical Society Board and many others.

Chris Curry. Please join your friends and neighbors for this inspiring community event. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information as we draw closer to this event, please visit our website at <https://www.hartcountymuseum.org/> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HartCountyHistoricalMuseum>

Or you can phone us at the museum at 270-524-0101.

“Nothing can dim the light which shines from within,” Maya Angelou.

New Roads Added to the County System

By **Gary Gardner**
Guest Contributor

The Hart County Fiscal Court met Tuesday, February 11 in the courtroom. After Judge Joe Choate called the meeting to order, Brother Robbie Ward, Pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Deputy Jailer Paul Gentry reported there is a total of 99 in the county jail and presented the court with a check for just over \$8,000 for phone use by the inmates. Sheriff Jeff Wilson reported that a grant of \$12,750 had been granted by the state’s attorney general’s office to purchase 15

ballistic vests for the sheriff’s department. Sheriff Wilson also stated that Deputies Jonah Carter and Landon Meredith had been certified to fly the new drone the sheriff’s department had purchased.

In other business, the court approved: 1st reading to amend county road requirements; 1st reading to accept 13 roads that were in the City of Bonnieville into the county road system and moved Melissa Gerald from Finance Officer to Human Resources. The court’s next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25 at 9:00 am in the courtroom

Horse Cave City Council



▲ **Horse Cave Fire Chief Mason Michael reported on 53 total runs for the month of January, and commended Firefighters Logsdon and Robertson for recent efforts with storm drains.**

By **Katrina England**
News-Herald Reporter

The City Council of Horse Cave met in regular session on Monday, February 10. In attendance were Council Members Velpha Hatchett, Larry Bunch, John Buckingham, Vickie Rogers, Mandy Hatcher, and Randy Russell, as well as Mayor Randall Curry.

There were no guests to address the council, and there was no unfinished business.

City Clerk Joy Bennett gave the financial report, stating that current delays in mail were the only things causing slight problems.

New Business
The Council passed Resolution 2025-01 - Banking Services with

The Peoples Bank, which involved excess funds.

“Just as an investment, we’re going to put some of those funds into an (8 month) CD,” explained Bennett.

“We’ll be able to access this money at any time without penalty, but they need a resolution to be able to do that (investment),” said Curry.

The Council appointed Paul Wilson to a two-year term (2025-2026), on the Code Enforcement Board.

“Just because I’m not on city council doesn’t mean I don’t want to still be part of the city,” said Wilson. “I live here. This is my home. I’ve lived here longer that I’ve lived anywhere in my entire life. I just want to be

part, and we can’t make the city better if nobody is going to volunteer.”

There were no citizen concerns or council concerns.

Department Reports
In the absence of Chief Heather Childress, Derrick Murphy reported on an increase in call volume, particularly stolen vehicles and domestic calls.

In the Fire Department Report, Horse Cave Chief Mason Michael reported on 53 total runs, which included 31 medical, 5 injury accidents, 3 fires, 8 automatic alarms, 1 gas leak, and 5 misc runs.

Michael also reported that Byron Logsdon and Tony Robertson had gone above and

beyond to assist during storm drain troubles recently.

“It’s all about helping the people of Horse Cave,” said Curry, as he commended the fire department for carrying on a decades long tradition.

Randy Russell gave the Public Works Department report, and stated there had been 4 grave openings and continued limb clean up and drain work. He reported on the usage of the snow plow last month, as well.

The Council then went into closed session regarding undiscussed proposed litigation against the city. There was no action taken.

The next meeting of the Horse Cave City Council will be Monday, March 10.

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Volunteer Fire Department, a notification was paged out through dispatch on the night of February 15 of a vehicle in the water at the west end of Campground Road at Bacon Creek. Two individuals, a female and a child, were trapped inside.

“As we understood, they (dispatch) had telephone contact with them (in the car),” Amos said. “We were paged, and one of our firefighters was on the scene in under five minutes. He actually was there and was giving us directions by telephone of what he saw, and what he had seen was a car in the water, approximately a couple hundred feet out, still floating, with headlights on.”

“Within a few minutes, dispatch notified us that they had lost cell phone contact with the caller,” Amos continued. “I found out later, by the unit that was on scene, at approximately the same time that

we were pulling up, dispatch notified that they had lost contact with the caller. My guys immediately started suiting up in life vests and helmets, and we tied one of my firefighters and one deputy sheriff off by rope, and they went in the water and made their way to the vehicle.”

Amos said that Hart County Search and Rescue were also responding to the scene at that time.

“About the time that our guys made it to the vehicle, the rescue squad was in the water with their boat going out to the car to meet our rescuers,” Amos said. “Almost immediately as soon as the boat got there, one of our guys had pulled the juvenile out of the water...The boat came directly back to the bank with the child.”

Lifesaving measures were attempted by paramedics to revive the juvenile, but those efforts were unsuccessful.

At that same time, rescuers were still attempting to reach the mother. However,

due to rising water levels and the vehicle being partially submerged, as well as additional flash flood and thunderstorm warnings, heavy rain, and wind gusts, efforts were halted until

Sunday.

On February 16, both Philpott and the vehicle were recovered from the flooded area.

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