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HC Board Of Education Board Member Resigns



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"It's going to be best for me and my family," said Cub Run Board Member (and Board Chairperson) Tyler Holthouser, as he announced his resignation.

By **Katrina England** News-Herald Reporter

The Hart County
Board of Education
met in regular session
on Thursday, July
17. Board members
Tina Rutledge,
Andrea Robertson,
Tyler Holthouser,
Wesley Hodges, and
Leslie Jeffries were
in attendance, as well
as Superintendent Bo

Chenoweth was elected

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as the Board Secretary. Holthouser explained that typically, the Superintendent serves in this role.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Board Chairperson Tyler Holthouser, who represents Cub Run School.

"It's been my pleasure to be here and to serve,"

BOARD, Continued on page four

Horse Cave City Council

Poynter introduced as new Council Member



PHOTO I KATRINA ENGLAND

Allen Poynter, 27 year resident of Horse Cave, was introduced as the newest member of the City Council.

By Katrina England

News-Herald Reporter
The City Council of
Horse Cave met in
regular session on
Monday, July 14,
2025 at City Hall.
In attendance were

Council Members

Velpha Hatchett, Larry

Bunch, Vickie Rogers,

and Mandy Hatcher.

Allen Poynter was introduced as the newest member of the City Council. Poynter has resided in the city for 27 years.

A representative with the U.S. Small Business Administration

MEMBER, Continued on page four "If it mattered to the community, it mattered to Jerry."

Remembering Former Newspaper

Editor and Community Advocate Ierry Matera



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Jerry Matera, former Editor of the Hart County News-Herald, passed away on Friday, July 18 at the age of 84. Jerry's impact throughout Hart County was felt not only in his words and photographs, but through his dedication of serving others in the community for over 50 years.

By **Mary Beth Sallee** Managing Editor marybeth@jpinews.com

Gerald "Jerry" Matera, a respected figure in both the world of journalism and civic engagement, has passed away, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering dedication to truth and community.

A native of White Plains, New York, Jerry was born on March 28, 1941 to Italian immigrant parents. He graduated from from Archbishop Stepinac High School in 1959 and then attended Mount Saint Mary College, graduating in 1963. Jerry went on to attend Temple University on a scholarship for three years, earning his Master's Degree. While at Temple, he met Hart County native Elizabeth Ann Chaney, and the two wed in Philadelphia in 1964.

In 1966, Jerry returned with Ann to her hometown of Horse Cave and raised two daughters. The couple resided in Horse Cave until moving to Minnesota in 2021.

In the 1960s, Jerry taught English and Spanish at Munfordville High School and Temple Hill High School. He first began working for the Hart County newspaper in 1971 under the leadership of Dorothy and Aubrey Wilson. After working for the newspaper for some time, Jerry left and worked for the



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Alongside his wife Ann and brother-in-law Tom Chaney, Jerry Matera co-owned The Bookstore in downtown Horse Cave from 1994

I worked with Jerry for many years at the newspaper. Jerry was kind and considerate to all, a man with a servant's heart who was dedicated to his work and the community. Hart County has lost a true friend."

Becky Jones

Vice-President of Visual Communications for Jobe Publising, Inc.

school system during the early 1990s, serving as the Community Education Director for Hart County Schools for several years. Jerry was
Jerry. I
worked with
him for over 30 years.
He covered meetings
after meetings, took
pictures at everything
he attended, and he
knew the inside and
out of Hart County
even though he was
not born here. He will

be missed." Lesia Logsdon

Vice-President of Reader Services for Jobe Publishing, Inc.

Jerry was also instrumental in establishing community resource centers in each school within the county and creating the Leadership Hart County program.

After retiring from the school system, Jerry once again found himself covering local news, hired full-time by Jeff Jobe of Jobe Publishing, Inc.

While at the *Hart County* News-Herald, Jerry served in a variety of positions, including as a reporter, photographer, and editor. Hart County is the only newspaper that Jerry ever worked for, serving 30 of his years as the Editor. He dedicated countless hours to attending City Council and Fiscal Court meetings, school board meetings, award ceremonies, ribbon cuttings, beauty pageants at the county fair, athletic events, and much

In a News-Herald article from August 4, 2021, Jerry shared that he greatly enjoyed penning his weekly column, which occasionally focused on topics considered controversial for the local area. But each year at Christmas time, just like clockwork, Jerry always published a column titled "A Christmas Remembrance" featuring holiday family memories from his sister, Ann Ciaramella. That column can

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