

## BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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**DEPARTMENT:** Communications/Public  
Information Department

**TOPIC: GOOD NEWS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF:** July 2023

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1. **Gaston County Schools** received the prestigious Golden Eagle Award from the United Way of Gaston County.
2. Four individuals with a connection to **Gaston County Schools** were presented the 2023 Community. The award recipients include **Kaitlyn Dockery**, a fifth-grade student at **W.A. Bess Elementary**; **Heather Vernitsky**, PTO president at **Springfield Elementary**; **Aubrey Bridges**, a volunteer at **Tryon Elementary School**; and **Flip Bombardier**, a long-time mentor at **York Chester Middle School**.
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8. **Collin Robinson** of **Cherryville High School** signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Pfeiffer University.
9. **Cherryville Elementary** teacher **Crystal Christy**, **Carr Elementary** teacher **Robin Melton**, and **Lowell Elementary** teacher **Celeste Helewski** each received a grant from Sonic Drive-In to support classroom projects and initiatives.
10. The **Cherryville High School** golf team won the Southern Piedmont 1A/2A Conference championship and finished as the runner-up in the western 1A regional championship. **Jackson Tedder** received all-conference honors and was named the conference player of the year. **Blake Tedder**, **Tyler Stroupe**, and **Peyton Huffman** also received all-conference honors.
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