

New book offers history of Charlestown High School basketball

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"Pirates of the Hardwood", - **Chronicles the History of Pirate Basketball** written by Charlestown High School 1961 alum Chuck Ledbetter, Sr., was introduced to Pirate Nation during a recent basketball game.

This newly published book accounts the nearly 100 year legacy of boys varsity basketball at Charlestown High School; from the splintered hardwood of the original Jonathan Jennings School Gymnasium, through the mystic lore of the Bill Dunn Sports Arena. Readers will not only be introduced to the forerunner of Charlestown's first organized ball team; but also to some of the coaches and players who were later inducted into the elite basketball hall of fame, whose basketball roots began at Charlestown.

Published copies of the 340+ page paperback are currently on sale at the Charlestown Public Library as well as on the Charlestown Pirate Pride website (www.CharlestownPiratePride.com/PiratesOfTheHardwood.htm). A

\$3.60 shipping charge does apply for orders placed on-line. The history of Charlestown boys basketball is much more rich than many know, until they have read

"Pirates of the Hardwood"

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