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ONE DOLLAR

## From the Other Side of the Desk

Spring has sprung. You know it's spring when...  
1. Baseball. And all that is baseball, the smell of the grass the sound of a bat hitting a ball. The pop of a ball into a mitt. See also #5.

2. You hear the sounds of lawn mowers. Not mine yet, but I've heard them out there. I guess I'll go to my neighbors house this weekend and get a jump-start for my mower. They always help. They're ashamed of my lawn too. More than I am, I think.

3. You start wondering if your air conditioning will work. Much like November with the heat pump.

4. The early bird gets the worm and the early worm gets...eaten.

5. We all of a sudden, run out of baseball and softball fields to practice on. We talk about needing more and how it's an emergency. Don't worry though, it'll all be fixed by August.

6. Kids start looking forward to the last day of school. Teachers too.

7. Gary Rodgers, 4H Director in Hardeman County, gets ready to go to camp.

Spring is a lot of things to a lot of people. It's not just March 21, it's an attitude. Things are about to happen. It's Spring.

My father-in-law had a saying he would post on his office door when he went out to take advantage of the change of season.

Spring has sprung...  
The grass has riz...  
Scott has gone  
Where the fishes is...

Happy Spring,  
Darrell Teubner, Editor

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# Saving Our Luez Theatre

The Bolivar Downtown Development Corporation (DEVCO) voted to spend \$250,000 to renovate and update the Luez Theatre in Bolivar.

The initial phase will be to repair the marquee outside of the theatre and make the circa 1948 theatre usable for events. Included in the plans are new seats, curtains for the walls, painting the ceiling, fixing and updating the HVAC equipment, and new projection equipment, sound equipment, and a brand-new 3D screen will be installed.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring back the Luez to Hardeman County," said Luez Theatre Chairperson Cathy Frost, adding that plans to screen movies and have live entertainment, such as Music on the Square type performers are among the ideas being

considered. A stage was built in 2016 in order to accommodate musical acts.

The first phase of the project has a budget of \$336,233, but a grant of \$79,250 will be used for the facade restoration.

Plans being considered for future phases involve renovation of the balcony section and adding more restrooms.

The Luez closed its doors in 2012, when the movie industries changed to digital made movie acquisition impossible for the current owners, who were still using reel-to-reel technology.

DEVCO purchased the theatre in 2013, with hopes of restoring and re-purposing the facility to serve the county.



## Cold Case Gets New Attention

A 19-year old unsolved murder in Hardeman County got new attention as representatives from the offices of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the 25th District Attorney General and the



Hardeman County Sheriff's office held a press conference on March 23.

A reward of \$24,000 was announced in an effort to gain more information about the unsolved 1998 murder of Michael Bell. At that time, Mr. Bell was a clerk at the McKee's Stateline Convenience Store, located on Highway 125 South between Middleton and Walnut, Mississippi in the south end of Hardeman County. The investigation revealed that an unknown individual shot and killed the clerk, then left the store in a 1990's General Motors model sedan, and drove toward Walnut, Mississippi. Information gathered during the investigation indicates that robbery doesn't appear to have been the motive of the shooting of Michael Bell, but he was instead the target of a coordinated murder. Investigators believe there are people in the community who can provide information that will assist in helping solve this crime.

"Clearly what we want to announce is that we have continued to work this case. It's a brutal homicide, the people of Hardeman County, the family of Michael Bell, they deserve to have this case solved. We want to bring Justice for the Bell family, to the citizens of this county for this unsolved homicide that's been going on for 19 years," said 25th District Attorney General Mike Dunavant.

"Unfortunately, we don't have all the pieces of this puzzle. The picture leading up to the events over 19 years ago, are not perfectly clear, and that's the context that brings us together today in this call to action to the public. You, the public, have information that can resolve this investigation, that can resolve this case. To those who committed this cowardly act, I have this one message, your crime is not forgotten, justice will be done," said FBI Special Agent in Charge Michael T. Gavin.

The reward is only given for information that directly assists law enforcement in the arrest and conviction of the person and or persons responsible for the death of Michael Bell. Anyone who has information about the July 23, 1998 murder of Michael Bell at the McKee's Stateline Convenience Store in Hardeman County is asked to call 1-800-TBI-FIND.

## A Sports Innovation for Bolivar

Youth baseball and softball in Bolivar will be part of a pilot program designed to let parents have more input into their kids' decisions on the ball field. The program, called Coach in the Stands (CITS), uses smart phone technology and transistors that attach to the skin behind the ear to let parents communicate with their players while they are on the field or at bat.

"We are thrilled to be a part of this," said a league official. "Now instead of having to scream instructions over the voices of others or wait until in between innings to yell at their kid, parents will be able to do it more often and express their disappointment in a more timely fashion."



The company brochure boasts that parents will be able to tell their kids to "run faster" or "just swing at it!" or even ask "what

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## Grandparent Scam Hits County

by Jessica Simmons

A new scam taking advantage of grandparents, with a criminal impersonating their grandchild, has made its way to Whiteville. The scam begins with something most grandparents don't get enough of -- a phone call from a grandchild -- or so the caller says before the desperate plea for money.

On March 10, 2017, a Whiteville grandmother received a phone call from someone who stated he was her grandson. The voice expressed he was in a car accident in the Dominican Republic while on vacation and that he'd been arrested. He was calling his grandmother to keep from getting into so much trouble with his parents, he asked her to please not tell anyone, but he needed her help right away. From there, a Sergeant Perry Thomas with the U.S. Embassy in the Dominican Republic became involved and said she needed to send an \$889.78 money gram

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## The Arts Council is Looking for a Few Good Men (and Women)

Auditions for *Hometown Heroes: A Military Tribute* with Patriotism, Music and Comedy will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 3-4, at the Hardeman County Arts Council at 1580 West Market Street, Bolivar from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The play cast calls for men and women of all ages and there are a limited number of roles for children. The performance dates are Friday through Sunday, May 19-21, 2017.

Experience to audition is not necessary. There are singing and non-singing roles. Performers need to bring music if they would like to be considered for a singing role. Call 731-658-2787 for more information.

The Hardeman County Arts Council (HCAC) provides artistic forums in a wide range of venues to educate, entertain, and enrich the community. The HCAC seeks to provide the best in artistry, entertainment, and culture. They hope to inform, enchant, and inspire the community through the presentation of local groups, individual artists, and major art organizations, that will nurture and promote the arts.



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## Soccer Starts at Middleton High School

Middleton High School's addition of a soccer program for 2017 began with a 4-0 loss to Fayette Ware in the opening match on March 20 and first year coach Steve Pickens says he and his program realize they will have growing pains.

"My only experience with coaching soccer comes from coaching my own children in youth leagues. However, I have been a fan and have followed the sport closely since the early 1980s. Since I came to Middleton, I have watched the city's youth leagues and noticed how popular they were with the students. I just felt like it was a sport which could prosper at the varsity level," he said.

The team is co-ed and the TSSAA allows girls to play on the boy's team if there is no girl's team, but

Pickens expects the competition to be mainly against teams of all boys.

"I'm looking at all 25 players as first year soccer players, and we have a young team which seems to indicate a bright future. Senior David Lor is the team leader and probably has the most experience at organized soccer. He is like having an assistant coach on the field. Our goal is to build a complete soccer program at MHS to include separate teams for girls and boys with each eventually competing for district championships."

Middleton will face the Memphis Nighthawks on April 4.

See A3 for remainder of season schedule.  
Photo by Heather Pulse.



# A2 SPORTS

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## A Rainy Run in the Let Love Glow 5K

The TeamMicaFund and Pathways Behavioral Health 2nd Annual Let Love Glow 5K and Fun Run in Bolivar on March 25 attracted competitors to help fund the organization's efforts of suicide awareness and prevention.

An official timing company was new for 2017 and provided live results on a flat screen TV that could be printed out as competitors finished the race. Music, information on suicide prevention, vendors, and a silent auction were a few of the festivities of the morning.

Local 2017 Sponsors included: American Bancshares Mortgage, LLC, Anytime Fitness/Elite Physique Training, Baker Glass Shop, David Dorris Logging, First South Bank, A Haven of Flowers, Stephen Frost Well Co., Tony Hooper Sawmill, Hornsby Law Firm, P.C., Merle Norman, Maxwell's Big Star, Merchants & Planters Bank, Old Hatchie Vet Clinic, Shelton's Flowers & Gifts, Southern Daisy's Boutique, Stenz, Quinco Mental Health, and Vaughan Oil Company.

Photo from left to right: 2nd Place: Brandon Bishop with a time of 22:25, 1st Place: Shane Fawcett with a time of 17:34, 3rd Place: Landon Cole with a time of 24:40.

Photos by Jessica Simmons.



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# SPORTS

## Star PT Hardeman County Sports Notes

The City of Whiteville will conduct a T-ball league at the Whiteville City Park beginning April 24. Registration will take place at Whiteville Elementary School for boys and girls ages 4-7.

There will be no cost to participate and uniforms will be provided.

For more information contact Whiteville City Hall at 731-254-8523.

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Rick Barnes, head coach of the University of Tennessee men's basketball team, will speak at Freed-Hardeman University Thursday, April 27. FHU's Sports Advisory Council will host the dinner and speech to raise funds for the university's intercollegiate athletic programs.

Patron tickets, available for \$25 each, include general seating for the dinner and program. Sponsorships and tables, which include premium seating and photo passes, are also available.

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The Jackson State Community College Foundation is excited to announce the keynote speaker for its second annual scholarship banquet. Pro Football Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith will bring a message of leadership, teamwork, and what it takes to succeed in business and in life. The event will be Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Tickets and tables for the event can be purchased by calling the civic center at 731-425-8587.

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### Middleton High School Soccer Schedule

- April 4 Memphis Nighthawks
- April 6 at Riverside
- April 11 at Jackson Northside
- April 17 at Sacred Heart
- April 18 Riverside
- April 21 at Adamsville
- April 24 at Scotts Hill
- April 27 at Fayette Ware
- May 2 at Jackson Christian



## VAUGHAN

### Hardeman County Sports Scoreboard

#### March 23

- Fayette Academy 11 Bolivar Central Baseball 1
- Bolivar Central Softball 7 Briarcrest 3
- Hornsby 6 Bolivar Middle Baseball 5
- Hardin County 13 Bolivar Central Softball 0
- Walnut 22 Middleton High School Baseball 5

#### March 24

- Jackson North Side 10 Bolivar Central Baseball 4
- Chester County 14 Middleton Middle School Baseball 1

#### March 25

- Bolivar Central Baseball vs. Ripley, Rain

#### March 27

- Bolivar Middle School Baseball vs. Corinth, MS, Rain
- Jackson South Side 4 Bolivar Central Baseball 2

#### March 28

- Jackson South Side 5 Bolivar Central Baseball 4
- Bolivar Middle School Baseball 7 St. Mary's 3
- Bolivar Middle School Baseball 4 St. Mary's 3



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Bolivar Central girls tennis beat Jackson South Side 5-2 on March 23 to raise their record to 2-2 on the season.

Molly Barnes and Emma Burnett won their doubles match, while Sadie Richardson, Burnett, Meredith Owens, and Mason Strope won in singles. Jackson South Side did not field a boys tennis team this season.

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TCAT Whiteville 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk will be on April 1 at 9:00 a.m. All ages welcome. Awards for top 3 male and female finishers in each age division. Registration fee \$25, (\$30 day of race). Proceeds benefit the SkillsUSA Team. Call 254-8521.

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The lone two Middle School Volleyball in Hardeman County teams faced off in Hornsby on March 23, with the varsity match going 2-1 in favor of Middleton Middle School.

Photo by Melanie King.



## Sports Innovation Comes to Bolivar

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were you thinking?" as well as telling youth league pitchers to "throw strikes!"

"It's amazing how many kids, when they pitch, appear to not be trying to throw strikes. And coaches don't seem to care either. With CITS, parents will be able to let their kids in on what they expect," says the brochure.

The voice communicator package will be used for players 7-12, while the 6 and under age division will use a button that will deliver a small electric shock to the player if the parent feels like their little ballplayer isn't doing enough on the field.

"This should focus the smaller kids a little better on the job at hand, to stop them from acting like little kids and get them winning ballgames so their coach can win the league and coach the all-stars," said company spokesman Ed Loseman, who says a profanity-filter was being developed for the voice communicator and that a junior golf communicator was in the works as well.

A parent-to-coach communication system has been developed, but the company decided not to make that available in the initial release.

"During games, we felt it is better for the parents in the stands to grumble among themselves about the coaching rather than have a direct link to the manager," said Loseman. "Besides, if the parents really wanted to have input on game strategy and personnel, they'd have volunteered to coach."

According to Loseman, the first shipment of the equipment is scheduled to go out April 1. Yes, April 1. ;)




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# EDNA'S PAGE

## Super Crossword

IT TAKES TWO

### BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

### Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. During biblical times, what rough, coarse cloth was worn as a mourning symbol? *Sackcloth, Shadrah, Shiloh, Sling*
3. What Old Testament book's ninth chapter mentions the constellation of "Orion"? *Joshua, Judges, Job, Jeremiah*
4. From Luke 13, which king was referred to by Jesus as "that fox"? *Herod, Solomon, Ahab, Caesar*
5. Who said, "Be sure your sin will find you out"? *Matthew, David, Noah, Moses*
6. What is "Jebus" another name for? *Jericho, Jerusalem, Judah, Joshua*

### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: How much Champagne does a Jeroboam-size container hold?
2. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the condition called onychophagia?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pyro" mean?
4. TELEVISION: How many crew members were on the USS Enterprise in the original "Star Trek" series?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What country has an airport called Ninoy Aquino International?
6. STATE CAPITALS: Which U.S. state capital is named after an explorer who popularized the use of tobacco in England?
7. FAMOUS SAYINGS: What is the end of the following idiom? "Take it with a grain of ...?"
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male turkey called?
9. CHEMISTRY: What is another name for a mineral known as "fool's gold"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest peninsula in the world?

1. In 2015, four players were voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. When was the last time before 2015 that a quartet was voted in?

2. Shoeless Joe Jackson holds the career batting average mark for two major-league teams. Name them.

3. In 2015, Tyrod Taylor set a Buffalo Bills record for most consecutive passes without an interception (22). Who had held the team mark?

4. Entering 2017, three teams in men's college basketball had come back from a 14-point or more deficit to win a Final Four game. Name two of them.

5. In 2016, Evgeni Malkin became the second-leading scorer of power-play goals (111) in Pittsburgh Penguins history. Who was No. 2 at the time, and who is No. 1?

6. Chase Elliott, in 2017, became the fifth driver in NASCAR Cup series history to win consecutive Daytona 500 poles. Name two of the other four.

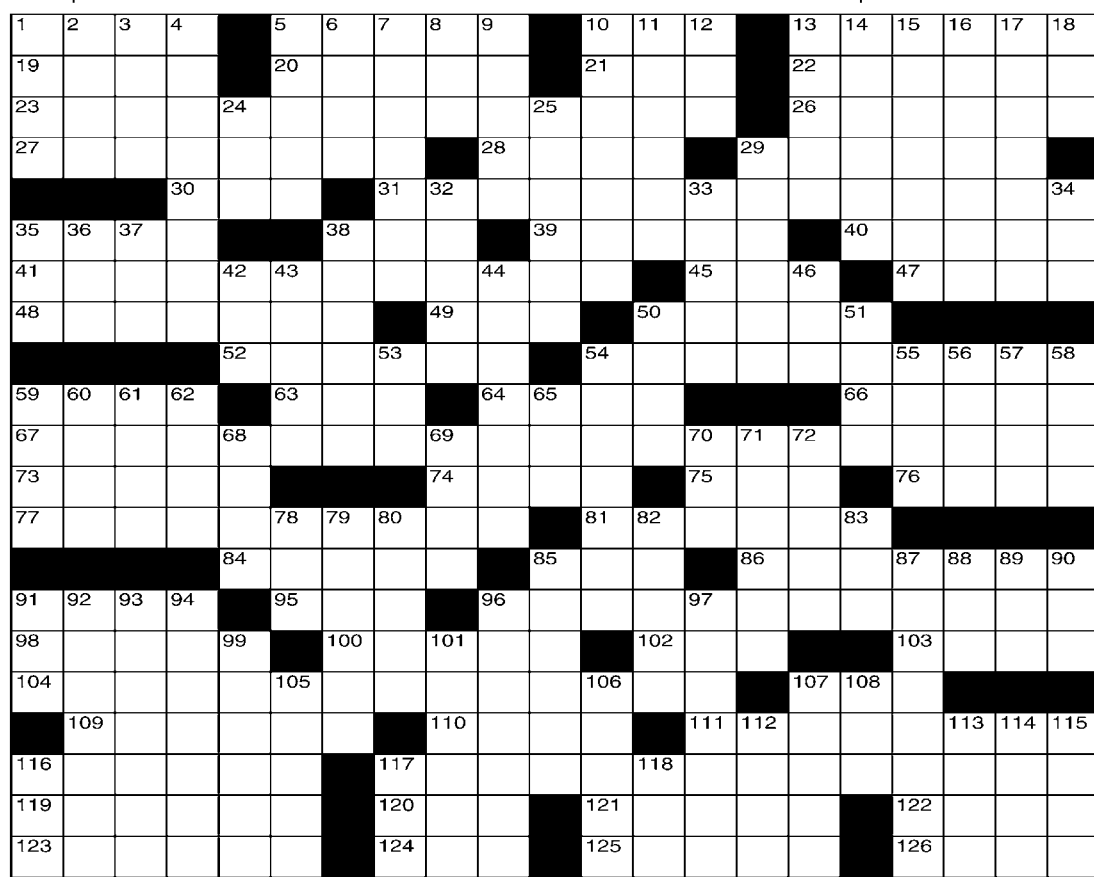
7. In 2016, Karolina Pliskova became the fourth female tennis player to beat both Williams sisters in the same Grand Slam event. Who else did it before her?

### FLASH BACK

1. Name the group that released "Heaven Must Have Sent You."
2. Which girl group released "Somebody We'll Be Together"?
3. Who wrote and released "Why Don't You Love Me" and when?
4. What was "Mr. Custer" about?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "But there are times that you feel you're part of the scenery, all the greenery is comin' down, boy, And then your wife seems to think you're part of the furniture, oh, it's peculiar."

EDNA'S PAGE ANSWERS ON A11

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sighing word
  - 5 Humiliate
  - 10 Sugar-name suffix
  - 13 Stretch (out)
  - 19 Billiards item
  - 20 Drive rudely (out)
  - 21 Flanders of "The Simpsons"
  - 22 Mambo music's Tito
  - 23 Bicycle add-ons for tykes
  - 26 Make a new blueprint for
  - 27 Cut and Paste setting
  - 28 Give relief to
  - 29 Protein formed during blood clotting
  - 30 Sue
  - 31 Sterile hand wear
  - 35 Three, in 6-Down
  - 38 PIN-taking dispenser
  - 39 "Hands off!"
  - 40 Microwaves, e.g.
  - 41 Stalled-car clip-ons
  - 45 Metalliferous rock
  - 47 "The Neverending Story" author
  - 48 Related to earthquakes
  - 49 Hi- monitor
  - 50 A little wet
  - 52 Edberg of tennis fame
  - 54 Horse rider's attachments
  - 59 Dot in the sea, to José
  - 63 Part of Gr. Britain
  - 64 Entertainer Lollobrigida
  - 66 The older Obama girl
  - 67 Theme of this puzzle
  - 73 Asocial sort
  - 74 She had a show with Sonny
  - 75 "It's — -brainer"
  - 76 Rogen of "Superbad"
  - 77 They look like footless socks
  - 81 Gymnast Olga
  - 84 "Ghost" co-star Demi
  - 85 Stylist's goo
  - 86 Coastal
  - 91 In a crowd of
  - 95 Pal, casually
  - 96 Rink rentals
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  - 100 Commercial charge
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  - 109 Little leaves on flowers
  - 110 Old jazz singer Anita
  - 111 Collective software clients
  - 116 Bela of old horror films
  - 117 They often surround titles
  - 119 Wiped from the board
  - 120 A/C abbr.
  - 121 Broadway prizes
  - 122 Luau favors
  - 123 Blank out
  - 124 Jet to JFK, once
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  - 126 Ineffectual
- DOWN**
- 1 Funny Johnson
  - 2 Hog fat
  - 3 Antioxidant-rich berry
  - 4 Many Aspen outings
  - 5 Sky ram
  - 6 Old German capital
  - 7 City of golf's Masters
  - 8 Albany-to-Baltimore dir.
  - 9 Passé anesthetic
  - 10 Toddlers' bodysuits
  - 11 Opt for
  - 12 Mag VIPs
  - 13 Parsley part
  - 14 Adobe dwelling
  - 15 Scold gently
  - 16 Pep up
  - 17 Done
  - 18 Lion's locale
  - 24 Abbr. for people with only two names
  - 25 Aerie nesters
  - 29 Ornate
  - 32 Dark area in an eclipse
  - 33 Do — deed
  - 34 Dir. 45 degrees from 8-Down
  - 35 Dance club VIPs
  - 36 Regret a lot
  - 37 Big British record co.
  - 38 Brogue
  - 42 Middle of summer?
  - 43 Solemn acts
  - 44 Running times
  - 46 Subj. for some immigrants
  - 50 The "m" of "yes'm"
  - 51 Office sub
  - 53 E-I linkup
  - 54 Skin diver's tube
  - 55 Flock noises
  - 56 "It's —!" ("Untrue!")
  - 57 Surrounded
  - 58 Military band
  - 59 "— turn up"
  - 60 Brogue, e.g.
  - 61 "What a ding-a- —!"
  - 62 Freshly
  - 65 Hard water
  - 68 Mass unit
  - 69 Realty unit
  - 70 Corn unit
  - 71 Congenital
  - 72 Verb counterparts
  - 78 Plunder, e.g.
  - 79 Eel types
  - 80 Rub down
  - 82 North fired by Reagan
  - 83 "Bad!" cluck
  - 85 Charges
  - 87 Off-the-wall sport?
  - 88 An Amerind
  - 89 Color of chili
  - 90 Suffix with govern
  - 91 Whelp yelp
  - 92 Put a ruler to
  - 93 Outlawed
  - 94 Get rid (of)
  - 96 Digital display
  - 97 Subsequent
  - 99 China shop ensemble
  - 101 Defies openly
  - 105 Skip, as a syllable
  - 106 Hotel chain
  - 107 Nail-biting
  - 108 Ulna locale
  - 112 Tofu bean, to Brits
  - 113 Environs
  - 114 Kind of milk
  - 115 "To be," in Latin
  - 116 Fronted
  - 117 NFL VIPs
  - 118 Also



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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# The Maxwell's Stay-at-Home Gourmet

## Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup

### Ingredients

- 1-32 ounce container reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3 cups water
- 2 1/2 cups chopped cooked chicken (about 12 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups sliced carrots (3 medium)
- 1 1/2 cups sliced celery (3 stalks)
- 1 1/2 cups mushrooms, sliced (4 ounces)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme, crushed
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic pepper
- 3 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, cut up
- 2 cups dried egg noodles

### Directions

In a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker combine chicken broth, the water, chicken, carrots, celery, mushrooms, onion, thyme, and garlic pepper. Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 6 to 8 hours or on high-heat setting for 3 to 4 hours. If using low-heat setting, turn cooker to high-heat setting. Stir in cream cheese until combined. Stir in uncooked noodles. Cover and cook for 20 to 30 minutes more or just until noodles are tender.



You can buy all the ingredients in this recipe at Maxwell's Big Star, 200 North Main Street, Bolivar





# OBITUARIES

## ADDIE WAMMACK SAIN

OCTOBER 18, 1918 - MARCH 20, 2017

Addie Wammack Sain, age 98, passed away Monday morning, March 20, 2017 at the Country Cottage Assisted Living Center in Corinth, MS.

She was born on Friday, October 18, 1918, to Allen Wammack and Carrie Vaughn Wammack in Hardeman County, Tennessee. On January 16, 1938, she married William Mayo Sain, Sr., who passed away on March 28, 2005. Addie was a homemaker and attended the Middleton First Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing, riding horses, fishing, and crocheting. Addie was an excellent seamstress, able to make anything, including lots of clothes for her family. She lived all of her life in Hardeman County.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Christley (Richard) of Hernando, MS; three grandchildren, Anthony Kirk (CJ) of Westport, TN, Brian Sain of Middleton, TN, and Sherry Sain of Middleton, TN; three great-grandchildren, Zach Kirk (Meghann), Jacob Kirk (Alix), and Jessica Kirk; two great-great-grandchildren, Henry Kirk, and Harrison Kirk; and a daughter-in-law, Mary Sain of Middleton.

Addie was preceded in death by her parents, Allen Wammack and Carrie Vaughn Wammack; her husband, William Mayo Sain, Sr.; a son, William "Bill" Mayo Sain, Jr. and all of her siblings.



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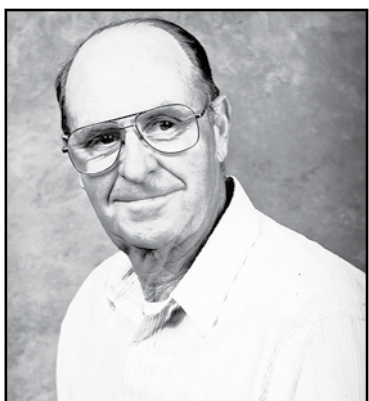
DECEMBER 4, 1929 - MARCH 21, 2017

Mr. Leroy Holloway, age 87, of Bolivar, departed this life Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Bolivar General Hospital.

A native of Alcorn County, Mississippi, he was born December 4, 1929 to James Franklin "Doc" Holloway, who died when Leroy was 11 years old, and Nellie Pearl Ferrell Holloway and had lived in Bolivar since 1965. He was retired as a maintenance worker with Bolivar Gas Department, retiring in December of 1998 after 33 years of employment. One of his favorite things to do was to go fishing, but he got more enjoyment out of "talking" about fishing. He loved God and his family and was a member of Bolivar United Pentecostal Church.

Services were Thursday, March 23 at Shackelford Funeral Directors chapel in Bolivar with Tim Bryant and Lee Marek officiating. Burial was in Bolivar Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Glenda Lagomarsino of Victoria, MS; a son, Lamar Holloway of Silerton; four grandchildren, James Lamar Holloway, Jr., Rick Lee Stansell, Jr., Mandy Michelle Stansell and Christopher Michael Farrell; four step grandchildren, Donna Christopher, Cherie Bryant, Brent Ethington and Paul Adam Lagomarsino; and five great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Alene Burchman, Bobbie Ruth Wilbanks and Vera McAnally; and a brother, Junior Franklin Holloway. The family requests memorial contributions in his name be made to the Bolivar United Pentecostal Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate).



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Hardeman County Community Calendar

**The Hardeman County Arts Council** is holding auditions on April 3-4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., for the Military Tribute with patriotism, music and comedy. Singing, non-singing and children's roles are available for all ages. Performance dates are May 19-21. Call 658-2787 for more info. Bring music with you for singing auditions.

**The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry** wants to remind citizens that if they plan to burn outdoors, a burn permit is required. These permits are free and can be obtained at the Bolivar Municipal Building at 211 N. Washington St. Call 658-2020 for further information. You can apply anytime at burnsafetn.org

**TCAT Whiteville 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk** will be on April 1 at 9:00 a.m. All ages welcome. Awards for top 3 male and female finishers in each age division. Registration fee \$25, (\$30 day of race). Proceeds benefit the SkillsUSA Team. Call 254-8521.

**Zion Temple Worship Center** at 760 McTizic St. in Bolivar will hold a Spring Fling and BBQ Cookoff from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 1 with the Game Truck, hot spot airbrushing, cotton candy, candy apples, Gege's Gourmet Goodies, unique décor, S&S Photography, and more! Booth rentals still available for \$20. Call Nikki Williams at 731-616-8942. Everyone is welcome!

**The Middleton High School Reunion** will be held on April 1 at the Middleton Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, \$10 per person. Send money to PO Box 797, Middleton, TN 38052 by March 25. All teachers and MHS attendees are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Hardeman County's Annual Celebrity Waiters** event is April 1 at 6:00 pm. at 208 Hope St., in Bolivar. 25 waiters are needed and can be anyone in the community. Please call Kathy Weaver at 433-9075 for more information. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

**The Hardeman Adoptable Animals Shelter** will have a Raise the Woof fundraiser on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at 117 S. Main St., in Bolivar. Play bunco, win door prizes and help raise money for the new shelter.

\$20/person, Cash prizes for bunco winners. 609-4173

**The Hardeman County and Bolivar Head Start Centers** will be taking applications from the 2017-18 program school year on April 5&6 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the HC Head Start at 525 Moss Lane. All applicants will need to bring the child's certified birth certificate, immunization record, insurance card and proof of household income from 2016. For more information, call 658-1803 or 658-4920.

**The UT Extension Office** will sponsor a Pink and Teal night out for women's health on April 6 from 5-7:00 p.m. in the activities building at the Bolivar United Methodist Church. Guest speakers, cancer survivor story, entertainment, exhibits, shopping with local vendors, finger foods, door prizes and fun. Create and wear your spring hat and be a part of the Spring Hat Fashion Show. This free event is for all to attend and sponsored by the UT Extension Service. Call Katie Dees at 658-2421.

**The Hornsby Ruritan Fish Fry** will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Hornsby Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 115 Fulghum St. \$10 per plate. Purchase tickets and for more information call 609-1210

**New Bethel Baptist Church** will host the Cranes Gospel Singers on April 8 at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Robert Buse and congregation welcome all to attend.

**Hillfield MB Church** will host Bible Bowl VI on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is Standing for Christ.

**Handgun Carry Permit Classes** for ladies only will be held on Saturday, April 8 & 22 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call Jerry Siler at 609-1517 to schedule this class, then register at apps.tn.gov/handgun. The cost is \$65.

**The Mobile DMV Highway for Heroes** program will come to Courthouse Square in Bolivar on Tuesday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., to provide onsite driver's services not only for Veterans but for all citizens of Hardeman County. If you have

any questions call the Hardeman County Clerk's office at 658-3541.

**The Bolivar Hardeman County Library** will have a fundraiser and silent auction on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Falcon Ridge Farm. This outside event will feature Small Shack and a BBQ dinner for \$25. For tickets and information call 658-3436. The library has Free Fun all week during spring break with Kids Happy Hour, Lego Club, Anime Club, Kids Yoga, Adult Coloring, movie day and more! Stop by and pick up their calendar from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Don't forget Story Hour with Miss Shana (ages 2-6) every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., contribute to their Million Penny Challenge and visit the Common Grounds Coffee Bar. Visit their facebook page for details.

**Hardeman County Relay for Life** will be held on May 5 from 4 -10:00 p.m. at the Bolivar Farmers Market. This year's theme is "Give Cancer the Boot". For more information and to participate visit their facebook page or call Kathy at 433-9075 or Brandon at 518-6404.

**The Grand Junction Community Yard Sale** will be on May 6. Participants are urged to obtain their \$1 permit from city hall.

**Whiteville's Second Annual Community Day** will be held on July 15 at the Whiteville City Park. Free food, drinks and games. Bring a towel for water activities. All food donations must be in by July 14.

**It's time for the Hardeman County Rescue Squad's Annual Boston Butt Fundraiser.** Tickets are \$35. Call 609-8382 or see any Rescue Squad member. Pickup is April 15 at Walmart.

**The APTA Sampler II Cookbook** is available for sale and is full of good ol' Southern recipes and history. Help preserve Tennessee's antiquities all year long. \$20 each, order yours today by calling 658-7912. Join the APTA in 2017 visit www.hardemancountyapta.org and follow them on facebook at The Pillars and Courthouse.

**Bolivar AA Meetings** are held Monday,

Tuesday and Fridays from 8:00-9:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 218 W. Market St. Call Stephanie Galloway at 609-9679 for more information.

**The Hardeman County UT Extension's Spring Shape Up 8 Week Program** Walk Across Tennessee has begun. It's not too late to participate. Get a 6-person team together, select a leader and all you do is walk on your own time and log it. Earn prizes, get in shape and have fun. Call Katie Dees 658-2421

**The GED (HiSET) Prep class** at the Grand Junction Library is held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. It's free, call 731-764-2716 for more information.

**Bolivar General Hospital** hosts an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more details call Sara Skinner at 659-0216 before 4:00 p.m.

**The Bold Truth - Messiah's Spiritual Body Family Bible Studies**, Free Conference Calls Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. CST. Dial 641-715-3580 enter code [256428#] after the lecture we offer Q&A, discussion, feedback, and fellowship, all over the phone. Pastor Lynard Brock, Messiah's Spiritual Body 731-924-9484

**New Bethel Baptist Church Services** will begin each Sunday with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. followed by worship service at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays nights at 6:30 p.m. with Brother Boyce Wilson preaching. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

**The Hardeman County Exchange Club/Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse** is a program that can help if you suspect child abuse call the Hardeman County office at 659-2373 or the 24-hour hotline at 1-877-237-0004. Your call will be kept confidential.

**The BiPolar/Depression Support group** will meet each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Horizons Peer Support Center on 428 Market Street in Bolivar. For more information call Shirley Kelley at 609-9318.

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# OUR COUNTY

## Hardeman County Remembered

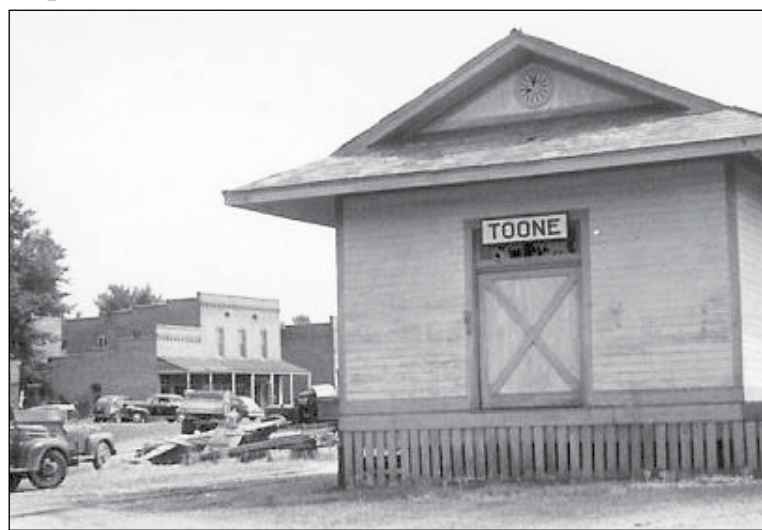
by Lisa Coleman

The next stop on this virtual train trip around our county is in Toone.

Mr. James Toone and his wife Elizabeth Loftin Toone had been married in Madison County, Alabama (in 1827), but made their way to this new part of Tennessee and America in the 1830s. Mr. Toone was a blacksmith by trade and quickly became interested in helping the area to grow. He contracted and helped to build part of the railroad which ran through the growing town site, and it was originally named Toone Station in his honor.

Other early settlers in this area of the county had last names that are still familiar today – Pirtle, Anderson, Marsh, Overton, Rainey, and Ruffin. Issac Walter Pirtle, born January 9, 1820, is believed to have been the first white child born in Hardeman County. He was the son of William and Abigail Gregory Pirtle and the grandson of Jacob Pirtle, one of the justices of the first Hardeman County Court who also helped to form the old Hatchee Town settlement. Through my mother's side of the family I am related to the Pirtles, and there is a thread that ties that Pirtle family to mine.

The Illinois Central Railroad came across this area of the county in 1856. As the railroad was being built so was the town; lots were quickly sold around the railroad. The first business lot was a



small grocery/general store owned by Mr. T. J. Ruffin. Other stores, a hotel, churches, and yes, a saloon or two, added to the commerce in the town. The town became prosperous due to the railroad's presence.

The railroad through Toone, as it did other places in the county, became another piece of the railroad prize that both armies were after during the Civil War. A detachment of Union soldiers were sent to guard the railroad and camped near Murdaugh Springs, but were noted to be kind to the Murdaugh family. There was a skirmish between the Union and Confederate near the rail line one day and children sat on a hillside and watched it unfold. Can you imagine that? What a history lesson – just go outside and watch these two armies fight a battle!

The town continued to grow after the Civil War, and more businesses were added to the town. A furniture maker, an undertaker, a barber shop, a machine shop, a pottery shop, a brick furnace, and a cotton gin soon began doing business in the town by the railroad. Several churches and a school were added as well. As happened in other places, as the railroad's business slowed down, so did the businesses in town. The train finally stopped going through and the old depot came down, only to live on in memories and wonderful photos like this one.

Some things, blessedly, don't change, and while the train and many businesses may be only memories in Toone, there are still many fine and friendly people around those parts. See y'all at the next stop down the line.

## Taylor Attends Annual Flying Tiger Reunion

A Hardeman County man was one of two original Flying Tigers from World War II to attend the Flying Tiger Reunion at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, March 9-11.

J.M. Taylor, who flew P-40s and P-51s in China attended the reunion.

"I can't tell you how many reunions I've been to, maybe 30 through the years, but I can tell you how many I've missed, only about five or six, due to health reasons," said J. M. Taylor, former 75th Pursuit Squadron pilot and WWII POW. "I'm very grateful and I honor those that have passed on before me."

"I don't know why, but I feel really blessed that the Lord has given me the life I've had and the health that I've enjoyed. The Flying Tigers have a lot of camaraderie. I'm thankful for the recognition and the opportunity to express my feelings and experiences just one more time."

Taylor and current Flying Tigers boast that there isn't another unit or squadron in the entire Air Force that has the lineage of the Flying Tigers.

"I remember it well ... on July the 4th, 1942, the 23d Fighter Group was born," said Taylor. "And we were born on the battlefield. Over the years, we have been deactivated, reactivated and reactivated but always reactivated and we're proud of that. I wear my tiger shark with pride. I am a Flying Tiger."

"I don't know of a soul, who was disappointed that they were assigned to the tigers," Taylor added. "Just the name Flying Tiger, more so than any other groups, from WWII to now, is the most recognized of over any other group."

Taylor attributes desire, fortitude and determination for what keeps him coming back to reunions year after year and when the 94 year-old POW was asked what advice he had for the younger generation of Flying Tigers, Taylor responded with a chuckle, "Fly low and slow



and don't get captured."

The reunion marked the 75th anniversary of Claire Chennault's all volunteer group and gave attendees the opportunity to celebrate their heritage and share war stories among four generations of Flying Tigers.

"The reunion strengthens our bonds, helps us understand our past, and motivates us to carry on the traditions of the greatest flying organization anywhere in the world," Maj. Sean Griffin, 74th Fighter Squadron A-10C Thunderbolt II pilot and reunion coordinator. "Our Fighter Group has been called on throughout history to do extremely dangerous and demanding work."

The 23rd Fighter Group's lineage traces back to the 1st American Volunteer Group, commanded by Claire Chennault, a retired Army Air Force officer, who began organizing and training pilots for the Chinese Air Force, shortly after the Japanese attacked the U.S. at Pearl Harbor.

"As we move forward, I think the Flying Tiger Reunion is a great way to allow our diverse wing to come together and celebrate our accomplishments," said Griffin. "In the past, the reunion focused on the American Volunteer Group and World War II members to meet and reminisce, but only a few are still with us, so now, the point is to allow other great generations of Flying Tigers to come together."

Over 300 Flying Tigers spanning from conflicts as early as WWII to today's Global War on Terrorism were in attendance.

*Photo: J.M. Taylor, World War II veteran and prisoner of war, watches a combat search and rescue demonstration during the 75th Anniversary Flying Tiger Reunion, March 10, 2017, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.*

*In 1941, President Roosevelt signed an executive order forming the American Volunteer Group. The AVG was organized into the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Pursuit Squadrons and later disbanded and replaced by the 23d Fighter Group in 1942.*

*Under the command of Gen. Claire Chennault, the Flying Tigers comprised of the 74th, 75th, and 76th Pursuit Squadrons defended China against the Japanese. Throughout World War II, the Flying Tigers achieved combat success and flew the US-made Curtiss P-40 Warhawks painted with the shark-mouth design. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ceaira Young)*

*Story courtesy KOREY J. FRATINI, Capt, USAF, Chief, Public Affairs, 23d Wing, Moody Air Force Base.*

*For more photos go to <http://www.moody.af.mil/News/Features/Display/tabid/6031/Article/1112599/flying-tigers-celebrate-75-years.aspx>*

## Salvation Army Marks Anniversary

This month marks the 137th Anniversary of the Salvation Army's work in the United States. On March 10, 1880, Commissioner George Scott Raiton and seven women officers knelt on the dockside at Battery Park in New York City to give thanks for their safe arrival. At their first official street meeting, these pioneers were met with unfriendly actions, as had happened in Great Britain.



They were ridiculed, arrested, and attacked. Several officers and soldiers even gave their lives. Three years later, Raiton and other Salvationists had expanded their operation into California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. President Grover Cleveland received a delegation of Salvation Army officers in 1886 and gave the organization a warm personal endorsement. This was the first recognition from the White House and would be followed by similar receptions from succeeding presidents.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

Our prayer request: Grace Bynum, Wilma Bynum, Cleo Snellings, Curtis and Marjorie Hines, Jack Hopkins, Sharon Tice, Tate Daniel, Barbera and Junior Hensley, Paula and Ken Stanley, Richard and Elaine Hayslip, and all caretakers. May God heal the sick!

March Birthdays: 5th, Doug Hall; 8th, Richard Hayslip; 10th, Ilene Russell & Tate Daniel; 15th, Elaine Hayslip; 20th, Ralph Mayes, Jr.; 23rd, Kourtney Daniel & Becky Edwards, 24th, Bart Allen & William Pierce; 25th Tommy Deming; 30th, Wayne Wilburn. April Birthdays: 1, Wilma Bynum; 5th, Cissy Pierce & Peyton Hutchins; 9th, Brittany Russell & Sandy Hall; 16th, Cynthia Watkins & Tonya Wells Taylor; 27th, Evie Corder; 29th, Pat Johns. May you all have a blessed day and may God bless you!

I had foot surgery and have been down but on the road to recovery. Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather! Spring is here!! Easter is on its way!! Praise Our Savior!! Please contact me for any news. May God Bless you and keep you safe! Until next week!!

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On Saturday, March 18, 2017 the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. held its annual Art Awards ceremony and reception at the National Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction for the student winners of the 2016-2017 Sporting Dog Art Contest. Fifty-six student winners, ranging from kindergarten to the twelfth grade, were honored and celebrated with prizes and awards. Approximately one hundred and twenty people attended the event which included proud parents, grandparents, teachers, and other family and friends. The contest had a total of four hundred and nineteen art submissions from schools in six different West Tennessee and North Mississippi counties.

The annual Sporting Dog Art Contest is sponsored by the Wildlife Heritage Center, the educational component of the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. The contest helps promote the development of artistic skills in the area of environmental awareness, sporting dogs, field trialing, other wildlife conservation interests and also helps fulfill the mission purposes of the non-profit organization.

The Bird Dog Foundation would like to thank all the hard working teachers and students who prepared for and participated in the contest this year. They would also like to encourage everyone to participate next year. All winning artwork is on display at the National Bird Dog Museum's Library which is open to the public every day except Mondays.

For more information on the Bird Dog Foundation and its educational programs, including its college scholarship essay contest for college bound high school seniors, please visit the Museum at 505 West Highway 57 Grand Junction, TN or online at: [www.birddogfoundation.com](http://www.birddogfoundation.com). The deadline for essay submissions this year is before or by April 15th.

There will be a Retirement event for Brother Ron Davidson (former pastor of First Baptist Church Grand Junction) at First Baptist Church in Adamsville, TN at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30th.

First Baptist Church in Grand Junction will have Picnic in the Park Service on Sunday, April 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Junction City Park. There will be singing, preaching, and delicious food. Pastor Troy Styers invites everyone to attend and bring a friend.

Birthdays for March 24-31; Helen Causey-24, Bill Taylor and Andrew Colbeck-25, Ashley Whitehead and Dennis Smith-28, Alex Colbeck-30, Dr. Charles Nestor and Tom Even-31.

Scripture Verse for the Week; If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

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Keeping with farming today versus farming in older days, Bill Siler shared some interesting facts. Bill remembers farming with two horses, Maude and Dixie, as a very young boy. Around 1942, when he was nine years old, his daddy purchased a one row Allis Chalmers which had 17 hp. Today his lawn mower has 26 hp. A disk, cultivator and a breaking plow came with the tractor. He remembers having a hand crank to get it started. After the land was prepared, they had to use the horses to pull the planter. Because tractors were being improved, they upgraded quite often. In 1950, they purchased an Avery model A which had a starter and at this time a planter had been manufactured. Bill has a receipt totaling \$1200.00 for one of their tractors. Bill said, "What took a day using two horses and a breaking plow can now be done in about an hour." They cultivated about 10 acres of cotton and about 15-20 acres of corn. Corn seed was planted about three feet apart compared to less than six inches now. Preparing the land usually started in April so planting could start in May." Today Bill has downsized his farming to a garden and said that there have been great improvements. He laughingly said that his garden tiller cost more than their first tractors.

Vonda Siler recalls the days that she picked cotton for \$2.00 for a hundred pounds. She usually picked around 150 pounds daily earning approximately \$3.00 a day. She used the money to order her school clothes from the Sears and Roebuck catalog.

Bill and Gail Mayfield traveled to Columbiana, AL to visit a state 4-H Center much like our own Hardeman County Lone Oaks. They enjoyed touring the center and Bill especially enjoyed reconnecting with many county extension agents that he worked with during his employment in Alabama. The center is beautifully located on the Coosa River among pine trees and rolling hills.

Prayer: Grady Stack and Walter Cooper are still waiting for test results. Vivian Gibson and Debbie Ross would appreciate your prayers. Trudy Stack recently spent a few nights at Corinth Hospital with heart issues. When all consults and pre-tests are completed, she will get a new pacemaker that will be implanted at Baptist Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Piney Grove Baptist Church is looking forward to their Spring Revival to be held March 31-April 2. The church cordially invites you to attend.

Silerton Baptist Church is having a wild game dinner Friday, March 31 starting at 6:00. Make plans to attend. Remember to call with your news or a memory so we all can stay connected!

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Hello from Toone, where the first quarter of 2017 is already gone. April is here, and the landscape is quickly changing from the drab brown and gray colors of winter to the fresh green colors of spring. Flowers and bushes are beginning to show-off their bright colors! As I drive around town I see people already mowing their yards and tilling their gardens. It won't be long until those good, fresh vegetables will be piled-up on the table. Yep, this is my favorite time of the year, and it also means that boating season is not far away!

I hope everyone in the school system has enjoyed their "Spring Break" week. From the photos and comments I have seen on Facebook, it appears many of you have had fun vacations at the beach, in the mountains or other fun places, while others enjoyed a nice, quiet week at home. Now it's time to start thinking about going back to classes and hitting the books again on Monday!

Spring Break always marks the beginning of the year-end activities for TES and all other Hardeman County Schools. The 8th grade students will be busy with graduation activities as they prepare to leave TES and begin their new school life at Bolivar Central High School.

Plans are also underway for the Kindergarten graduation as these youngsters begin their new life as official first-graders.

Pre-K Registration for the next school year at Toone School will be, April 17-21. Kindergarten Registration will be, April 24-28.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our former Toone neighbors, Orland Harris Siler, who passed away last week at his home in Memphis. His Mother, Emily Siler, and the Harris family were long-time residents of Toone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Orland's family and friends.

If you have a special birthday coming up in April for someone in your family, please call the number above and let me add them to our Birthday list. Until next time . . . talk to your neighbors!

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Continue to remember the sick and shut ins. Those I know of are: Hilda Beatse, Sharon Azotea, Rubel Yopp, Patsy Bodiford, Brad Weatherly, Johnny Lowrance, Benny Luker, Jackie Kennemore, David Burcham, Jason Dixon, Nathan Vincent, Johnny Jackson, Caitley Mott and Dorris Medlin. Condolences to the Donald Jackson family.

Bonnie, Glenda Mathis, Mildred Sanders and Ann Shearon met at Bonnie's home for a delicious meal and hands and feet games Friday night.

Middleton Civitan is still taking orders for the Vadalia onions. Call Bonnie or any Civitan member. Civitans will meet April 3rd at 6 p.m. at Middleton Methodist Church fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to those who are saving the Best Choice labels for the Middleton Woman's Club. The money received from this helps with the improvements to the city park.

Thanks to those calling and giving me people that are sick and/or news. Call 731-376-8202 or email at [bonnieshealthyliving@comcast.net](mailto:bonnieshealthyliving@comcast.net) with any news

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Hello to all! I hope everyone is enjoying their spring break. I know there are a lot of people traveling so I pray for safety for all of them.

Everyone enjoyed the bridal shower Sunday that was held at Hornsby Baptist Church, for Makayla Dorris bride elect of Jordan Dunaway.

Matt Moore preached a wonderful sermon Sunday in place of Bro. Matt Emerson while he is gone doing mission work. Please remember the "Operation Christmas Child" and the "Love Thy Neighbor" ministries. We are collecting for the month of March cans of green beans, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Hornsby Elementary will play its last home baseball game April 4th at 4:30. Please come out and show these boys some support. The county tournament will be at the Hornsby field on April 8th. Adults are practicing for the Easter program titled "Thank You for the Cross". The Ruritan Club is busy getting ready to have their annual fish fry, which will be April 8th. Anyone purchasing a ticket will get fish, fries, hushpuppies, slaw, white beans, dessert, and drink all for \$10.00. You can call Patricia Baker at 731-695-1024, Melanie King at 731-697-9149 or me at the above number and we will be happy to get tickets to you.

Mark your calendar the "Hornsby Family Fun Day" will be April 29th. There will be a car show, food, vendors, and kid's activities. They need vendors for this day please contact Aubrey or Melanie King at 731-697-9150 or 731-697-9149. If you have any news you would like to share please call or email me, I would love to hear from you. If any of the other churches in the area would like for me to put anything in the paper for them I would be more than happy to do it.

Please remember to pray for the following: Patricia Baker, Terry Baker, Max Beck, Rosemary Bishop, Freddie Brown, Rick Brown, Ricky Chandler, Amanda Cornelius, Crawford Cossar, Kenneth Crawford, Elynor DeBerry, Bobbie Dorris, Shirley Emerson, Nina Floyd, Lee Gainey, Esther Galigher, Fred Haire, Richard Hazelwood, Sue Hodge, Dewey Hopkins, Ann Hornsby, Carolyn Howell, Jo Edna Howell, Wade Howell, Ann Kelly, Aubrey King, Joe Lacroix, Debbie Laster, Nell Maddox, Bobbie McBride, Evan Niend, Lockie Newman, Josh Overton, Gay Pierce, Prissy Poirier, Gail Pope, Tosha Powell, Paula Prince, Keith Raines, Sandy Sanders, Stacy Spence, Ronna Spoon, John Walton, Eddie Webb, Greg Wilson, the men and women who serve our country, Clark and Morgan Davidson serving missionaries, Bro. Matt Emerson with his mission work in Egypt, and the families of the ones who are fighting cancer.

His word for the week Psalms 116:1 "I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live" Praise God!!

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# OUR COUNTY

## CCA Whiteville Hosts Re-Entry Job Fair

The Core Civic Hardeman County Correctional Facility in Whiteville held its 2nd annual Inmate Re-entry Job Fair March 23. The Re-entry job fair is for those inmates who are within six to nine months of being released and to prepare them for re-entry back into society.

The agencies at the job fair provide the inmates with information to assist them in the transitions from prison, back into society.

Attending the job fair were: Hope Works, The Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Whiteville, Jackson State, TPOPS (Parenting and Child Support), Carl Perkins, Forgiveness House, TN Career Center, Veterans Administration for incarcerated inmates, Memphis Parole Office



from Nashville, TN, TRICORP, and Jackson TN Probation and Parole office.

There were approximately 200 inmates who benefited from the Re-entry Job Fair and this was a big of a success as last year.

HCCF is looking forward too many more successful Re-entry Job Fairs in the future to benefit inmate release and reduce recidivism.

*Photo by Cristie Maness*

## County Library to Host Fundraiser

The Bolivar Hardeman County Library will have a fundraiser and silent auction April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Falcon Ridge Farm near Toone.

There will be dinner and live music from Small Shack. For tickets (\$25) or information contact the library at 658-3436.

*Photo: Emma and Sadie Howell, along with Kaigan Simmons get some craft time in at the Bolivar-Hardeman County Library during a full week of activities for Spring Break.*



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## Volunteering to Help Shoulder the Load by Sara Vonderheide

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HAA has sent dogs all over the country to be adopted into permanent, forever homes. We are proud of the work that we do, but we cannot do it alone. HAA is lucky to have animal rescue partners like Minnesota Paws. MN Paws is dedicated to helping HAA education Hardeman County and to finding homes for as many of our shelter dogs as possible.

We are happy to announce a new piece of our partnership. Any person who comes and volunteers at the HAA shelter for at least 20 hours can have his/her dog OR cat spayed/neutered for free. (This does not include vaccination or other expenses.) There are many benefits to having your pets spayed/neutered. The chances of cancers decrease; they are less likely to roam or run off; they are less prone to show aggression; and they live longer. And one of the largest reasons to have your pets "fixed" is that hundreds of thousands of animals are euthanized all over the US each year due to shelters being overcrowded because pet owners do not have their dogs/cats spayed/neutered.



Here is information on how you can have your pet "fixed" for free:

- Volunteer hours must be scheduled in advance. Hardeman Adoptable Animals' shelter is open 365 days per year. We are 100% volunteer run and hours of operation vary slightly from day to day. However, most volunteer opportunities are in the mornings.
- Citizens wishing to take advantage of this opportunity but that are unable for whatever reason to work at the shelter, can have someone do these hours on your behalf.
- These instances must be agreed upon prior to hours being counted. Anyone under 16 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult. Anyone under 18 must have a parent or guardian complete a release of liability in their behalf.
- Release forms and names of persons volunteering on behalf of a pet owner must be on file (in writing) before hours can be logged.

For more information, please TEXT (do not call) Charla Cooper at 731-234-4421 or Maia Broyles at 731-609-7552, or stop by the shelter Monday-Saturday 9:00-noon.

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# OUR SCHOOLS

## Reading Across America Week at BES

Bolivar Elementary School's celebration of Read Across America week took students on a journey with Dr. Seuss March 21-25 with activities each day. First graders had a different theme for each day while other grades participated in different activities throughout the week.

Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American writer, cartoonist, animator, book publisher, and artist best known for authoring children's books under the pen name Dr. Seuss. His work includes several of the most popular children's books of all time, selling over 600 million copies and being translated into more than 20 languages by the time of his death.

*Top photo: Monday, first graders participated in crazy sock day.*

*Bottom photo: Josh Sinclair reads, "Wocket in my Pocket" to Mrs. Howell's Kindergarten class for Community Reader Day.*

Other activities during the week included a door decorating contest for all staff, biographical presentations by fifth graders (below top photo) and poetry readings by fourth graders (below bottom).



*Top far right photo: Ms. Johnson's first grade class had crazy hair and hats on Wednesday.*

*Middle far right photo: Mrs. Haynes' first graders enjoyed eating green eggs while she read the book, "Green Eggs and Ham".*

*Lower far right photo: Fourth graders march in the Dr. Seuss Parade on Friday.*

*All photos by Jessica Simmons.*



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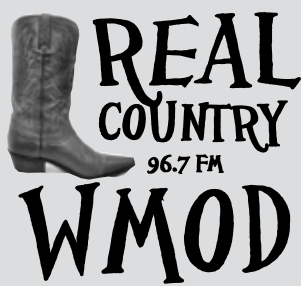
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## Ruritan in Grand Junction Does Flapjacks

The Grand Junction Ruritan Club had their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at the John Wilder Community Center on March 25.

Proceeds from the breakfast go toward scholarships and projects in and near the Grand Junction community.

Ruritan National has nearly 30,000 members throughout the United States, that work to improve more than 1,100 local communities. Since the organization's beginning in 1928, Ruritan Clubs have served America with Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.

*Photo: Ruritan members Donna Lane and Lorie Rice prep for the Annual Ruritan Pancake and Omelet Breakfast.*

*Photo by Jessica Simmons.*



## Creating a Habitat for Butterflies by Carolyn Tomlin

As a child, my mother often called me to "come see the beautiful butterfly." As one didn't see a butterfly every day, this was a special occasion. Perhaps that is why I grow both host and nectar plants in my garden that attract these elusive creatures.

Ranging in colors from yellow, black, blue, and shades in between, you see them on country roads—suburban gardens—to sunny nature centers. Driving on the back-roads, butterflies (Lepidoptera) flutter above Queen Anne's Lace, Black-Eyed Susan and Purple Cone Flowers that grow along the roadside. Regardless of how often they appear, one never tires of their beauty. These marvels of nature fly by day and rest with their wings erect.

The ideal way to attract butterflies is for gardeners to provide both host and nectar plants. For example, Monarchs need milkweeds (any plant in the genus *Asclepias*), but every butterfly species has a plant or group of plants that it specifically needs for its caterpillars to eat. Zebra Swallowtails only lay their eggs on Paw Paw trees. Gulf Fritillaries prefer Passion Vine. Long-tailed Skippers choose native Wisteria and other bean family relatives."

The primary host plant for the Monarch is the Common Milk-



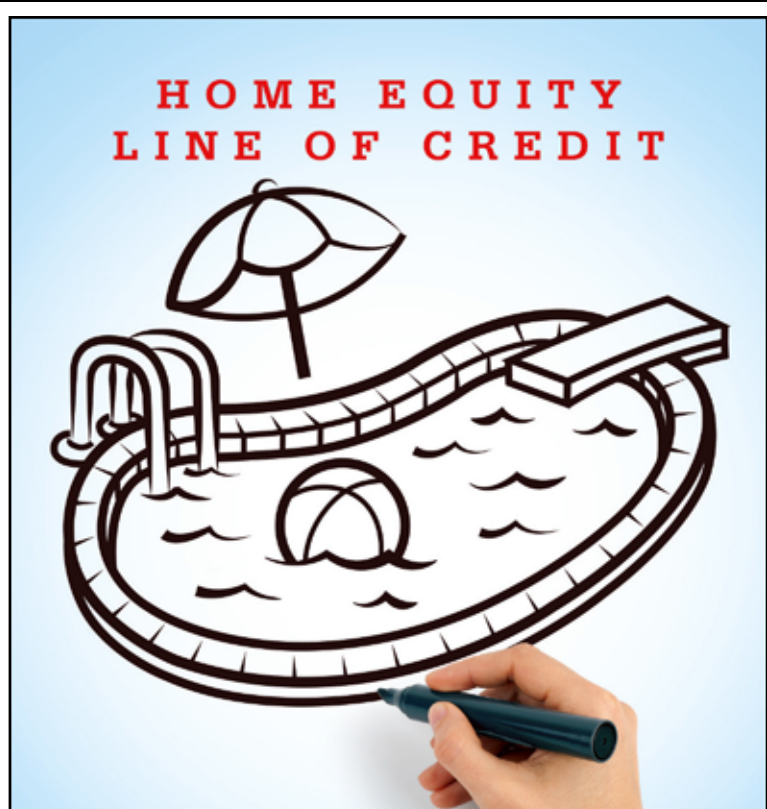
weed. If this plant does not die back in winter, cut back to the roots. Otherwise, the plant carries a disease that can harm Monarchs. New growth is excellent food for the Monarchs. With the overuse of chemicals and the milkweed that may produce a disease, the Monarch needs our help.

Nectar plants that grow well in west Tennessee and include those above and native also Honeysuckle, milkweed, Dwarf zinnia, Lantana, Mexican sunflower, Blazing star, Joe-pye-weed, and Phlox. Aside from providing host and nectar producing plants, there are additional concerns Tennessee gardeners can control. Place saucers of moist sand or clean water daily around your plants. Smooth

rocks or stone also provide a warm resting place." Any ideas for over-ripe fruit? Instead of discarding, slice bananas or apples and offer these tidbits for munching. Butterflies not only receive moisture, but the fruit provides energy.

A common problem affecting butterflies and non-harmful pests are chemicals and pesticides used to control weeds and insects. Use full-strength white vinegar to manage grass and weeds near nectar producing flowers. This will not eradicate tough foliage, but will help control without the use of dangerous ingredients.

*Carolyn Tomlin writes for numerous magazines focusing on wildlife and nature. Email: tom-linn@bellsouth.net*



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