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ONE DOLLAR

From the Other Side of the Desk

I wrote this a long time ago, but it still rings true...

A few years ago, I got the call. I got the Hee Haw call.

I wasn't expecting it, but a few people had to miss the performance that year and some substitutes were needed.

I wasn't the only one. Mark Gilliam, now known Hardeman County-wide as Gordie, was also brought in to fill out the roster as well as Tracy Byrum as Miss Scarlet.

Like most substitutes, we expected to be on the bench for most of the show, just getting in the game when Sinus or Finus or Foster needed a breather.

Boy, were we wrong.

We got thrown right in the mix, out there with Lulu and Doc and Nurse Goodbody. We rubbed elbows with Ida Lee and Laverne and even Stringbean.

Gordie and I had to sing. Together. Acapella. They haven't let us do it since then, by the way. Hmmm....

We were on stage with Junior and Greg and Josh and Johnny.

I made new friends. I hope they count me as their friend too.

There were long hours. We practiced for weeks and the performance was a week long as well.

My kids had been to the show before. I had taken them each year. But now Dad was in the show...

To make my living, I do over a hundred basketball, baseball, football and other broadcasts per year. I get to host a radio show that airs five times a week. I write a weekly column that is occasionally humorous, and sometimes isn't a re-print of a past column ;).

But they think me being in Hee Haw is the coolest thing of all.

And, well, so do I.

Darrell Teubner, Editor

Bolivar Candidates Set for Election

The slate of candidates for the Bolivar City Election in 2017 has been set.

Running for mayor are incumbent Barrett Stevens and city councilman Julian McTizic. Stevens is seeking his third term in office. McTizic was elected to office in 2013.

Page Walley has filed petitions to run for the Bolivar District B, Position 4 slot currently held by Randy Hill, who did not run after two terms in office. Walley, who was a Tennessee State Representative from 1990-2000, is running for a municipal spot for the first time in his career.

One of the three city council

positions that have multiple candidates is District A, Position 4, currently held by Willie McKinnie. McKinnie, who ran an unsuccessful campaign for mayor in 2009 is seeking his second term as a city councilman. He defeated Eric Hill in 2013. Also a candidate for District A, Position 4, is Jonathan Joy, who unsuccessfully ran for city council in 2005 and 2009, losing in 2009 to Teresa Golden in a three-way race involving Laurie Miller. The third candidate for the spot is Raven Taylor, who is seeking city office for the first time.

The District B, Position 2 spot has four candidates: Suzanne Rhea, who is running for the first

time after being appointed in April 2015 after the death of her spouse, David; Jimmy Howell, who ran in 2005, losing to Milton Basden; and newcomers Bethany Miller and Paul Fuller.

Running for District A, Position 3, held by McTizic, is Melvin Golden. McTizic is not prohibited from running concurrently for city council and mayor in the same election year, but McTizic will only run for mayor. Also running for that slot is Mauricio Beauregard.

Early voting is scheduled for April 26-May 11. Election Day is

May 16. The last day to register to vote in the 2017 Bolivar City Election is April 16, 2017.

WMOD Radio, WOJG Radio, and the *Bolivar Bulletin Times* will join together to bring the 2017 City of Bolivar Candidates Debate on April 25, 2017 at the Bolivar Municipal Center.

The 2013 Bolivar City Elections saw Barrett Stevens defeat Brenda Woods 791-645, gaining 55% of the vote.

Bolivar is the only municipality in Hardeman County that does not hold its elections in federal election years.

The Bulletin Times presents

Bridal Issue 2017

See Section B

Giving Back to the Communities



The Hope Holiday Mart, held each December, is one of the many efforts to contribute to Hope House. See more on A12.

Youth Commissioners Sworn-In



The 2017 Hardeman County Youth Commission was sworn into office on March 1. These High School students, which are four from Middleton High School and four from Bolivar Central, spent the morning touring the court house and learning about the different duties within the county.

Each took the Oath of Office administered by Judge Charles "Chip" Cary and witnessed by county mayor Jimmy Sain. Each senior was given a puzzle piece by Hardeman County Superintendent of Schools Warner Ross. "These puzzle pieces by definition are an "essential piece". You can't put together a puzzle without all the pieces. And all of you are an essential piece of our school system."

Due to the unfortunate weather experienced that morning, they will return on another day to tour the Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center. The students will meet and function as a governing body over specific projects.

Photo: David Lor, Jessie Willis, Morgan Mills, Jamison Whatley, Ethan Hannis, Mia Gibbs, Hope Cody and Jordan Burns.

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Better Be Sure and Listen Close the First Time

The 38th annual Hee Haw and Howdy will begin its seven night run March 10 at the Hardeman County Arts Center.

The show will run through March 18, with the exception of Sunday and Wednesday nights. Shows will be at 7:00 p.m.

The show will feature country music #1 hits from the 1980s.

At press time, less than 100 tickets were available.

Tickets may be purchased at Weems Furniture, located at 425 Tennessee Street in Bolivar.

The show, conceived by Bertha Vaughan, Don Shackelford, and Bunny Orr in 1980, is directed by Bobby Sain, with musical direction by Jeff Shackelford. A cast and support staff of more than 60 people produce the live stage production that is representative of the TV show by the same name that ran from 1969-1971 and in syndication for 21 more years.

Photo: The Cornfield Cuties perform during Tuesday rehearsal. Photo by Ginger Tester.



A Reminder



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MARTIN FAMILY CIRCUS

Just as one might imagine a circus to be — upbeat, unexpected, accomplished, and exciting — the Martin Family Circus aims to bring that same joy and a room full of fun with their heartwarming and lively "music that makes you smile!" This self-contained vocal-driven melodic band of 2 parents and 4 kids packs a punch with their rich stack of family harmonies in a soaring blend!

Jamie says, "We have always felt that music is food for the soul, and that love is the answer to just about every situation. So for us, it's all about pouring out our family's joy and filling people up with a little musical love!"

OUR COUNTY

Hardeman County Remembered by Lisa Coleman

In the hall of fame for mommas, I surely believe that my Mom, Freddie Coleman, is in it. My Mom was there at the beginning of my life and I was allowed the privilege to be there with her at the end of her life as she passed from this life in the early morning hours of March 2.

Mom was a proud native of Hardeman County and graduated from Central High School (Class of 1951). Her family's roots run pretty deep in the county and she was always proud to tell you that she grew up in "North Cloverport". She grew up during the Great Depression in the rural South and just about the time they were getting past that, World War II came along. She always told us that none of the family or folks in her world ever thought of themselves as poor or missing out on anything; everyone was in similar situations and folks just helped each other out. She picked cotton and went to her early grades of school in a one room schoolhouse

in Cloverport. She was a basketball player for Toone School when she moved to the upper grades (her sports abilities most definitely were not passed on to me.)

I learned so many lessons from my Mom and I remember so many things she did for me during my lifetime. I remember very vividly that she would stop and play with me when I was little. She taught me how to iron and sew and to be kind to my little brother. She would patiently help me when I had trouble learning to read and write as a first grader. She would listen when I was learning Bible verses to recite for Sunday School, and I always think of her when I read the 23rd Psalm, which was her favorite. My Mom and I were baptized on the same day, which is one of my most priceless memories. Her faith was quiet and deep.

My Mom was a real survivor, too; she fought cancer twice and won those battles. A heart condition over the past few years slowed

her down and would be one of the things that took her from us. Many have shared stories and memories of her with me and my family in the past few days and I am blessed and comforted by the fact that she had a good, long life and that she touched the lives of others along the way.

How grateful and how blessed I have been, y'all, that I was given the gift of such a precious lady to call Mom.



Hardeman County Native Wins Medical Award

Hardeman County native Chris White is this year's recipient of the Larry Griffin Paramedic Award. This was presented at the annual Tennessee Ambulance Service Association (TASA) awards banquet on February 22, 2017, in Gatlinburg, TN. Among his many supporters and family members on hand for this special presentation were his parents, Hugh and Joyce White of Bolivar.

human being to be in his spot. He is one that cares and takes his position seriously. He was recognized for his service not only mentoring to his peers but also to his community and described as a caring human being. He has been known to pick up the homeless and make them feel comfortable in the ambulance knowing that the only thing he was called for is food and warmth.

At the end of his shift he would then get food and return to where he had picked them up to ensure they had something to eat. Chris has also been known to respond to calls in his own vehicle with the jump bag, monitor and O₂ when the ambulance would not start until the next closest unit could get there. He is known to keep his station clean and ready for the next call and also willing



to help coworkers in any way he can.

Chris is married to Susan Sheldon White which is also in the medical field. They have eight children and three grandchildren which are the "apples of his eye".

Photo and story by Carla Bartlett.

Adoptable Animal of the Week by Sara Vonderheide

Bo #16383 is a male, Shepherd/Labrador mix. He is about a year old and weighs about 50 pounds. Bo is a very handsome, incredibly smart dog. He is currently in a foster home waiting on his forever family to find him. His foster mom says he is a smart, sweet boy who loves to play fetch. He is Heartworm negative! Bo does not like cats, so he needs to be in a cat-free home. He is unsure of other dogs, and he will need to be introduced to new dogs slowly. Bo can climb a chain-link fence, so he will need to be in a yard with a tall, wooden fence. Bo is happy, healthy, and waiting for you! If you are interested in adopting or fostering Bo or any of our wonderful dogs at the shelter, please contact a volunteer: Charla Cooper at 731-234-4421 or Jennifer Smallwood at 731-609-0408. You can also check out our Facebook page, Hardeman Adoptable Animals, Inc. You can also come to the shelter. We are located inside the county landfill on Walton Road, and volunteers are there between 9-1 each day.



HAA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Adoption fees are \$125, and this includes all vaccines, spay/neuter, and care while at the shelter.

Mosquitoes are already back in TN! Please make sure your pets are up-to-date on heartworm prevention. One bite from a mosquito is enough to infect your pet with potentially deadly heartworms.

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EDNA'S PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who/what does "their eyes stand out with fatness" refer to in Psalms 73? *Demons, Wicked rich, Serpents, Unholy*
3. From 1 Kings 17, what was the widow's cruse miraculously kept full of? *Milk, Water, Oil, Light*
4. Who reaped a crop a hundred times the grain he sowed? *Gideon, Isaac, Samson, Hanun*
5. Whose daughter was referred to as Taliitha by Jesus? *Zeresh, Jairus, Jeremiah, Shelomith*
6. From Acts 16, who sold purple cloth? *Lydia, Zimri, Sisera, Hannah*

Sports QUIZ by Chris Richcreek

1. Who is the only player to win a league batting title in three different decades?
2. How many seasons did Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza have at least 30 home runs, 100-plus RBIs and a batting average of .300 or better?
3. When was the last time before a 2016 bowl game that the Penn State and Georgia football teams faced off?
4. Which two teams hold the NBA record for worst start to a season?
5. In the 1981-82 NHL season, Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky set a record with 92 goals. Did his team go on to win the Stanley Cup?
6. Who was the first NASCAR driver to break 200 mph in a stock car at Talladega?
7. Name the last tennis player 31 or older before Stan Wawrinka in 2016 to win the U.S. Open men's singles title.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "Land of Enchantment"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: What does the Fitzpatrick scale measure?
3. MOVIES: Who starred as the kid in the original "Karate Kid"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the second-largest of the Hawaiian Islands?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is a knish?
6. THEATER: What famous play features a character named Sally Bowles?
7. ANATOMY: What are alveoli?
8. HISTORY: What were the last names of the 1930s crime duo known as Bonnie and Clyde?
9. LANGUAGE: What is the end of the famous proverb that begins, "People who live in glass houses ..."?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does Hitler's title — "Führer" — mean in German?

FLASHBACK POP ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA

1. Who released "Kiss and Say Goodbye," and when?
2. Name the singer who had a No. 1 hit with "The Candy Man."
3. Which female artist released "Walk On By" in 1964?
4. Which Jay, of Jay and The Americans, sang "Come a Little Bit Closer" in 1964?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I long to hold you near and kiss you just once more, But you were on the ship and I was on the shore."

EDNA'S PAGE ANSWERS ON A6

Super Crossword

ADD CAMPAIGN

- ACROSS**
- 1 British Derby town
 - 6 — apso (terrier)
 - 11 Billy's bleat
 - 14 Time and —
 - 19 Name on a mower
 - 20 Greek letters
 - 21 Raised RR's
 - 22 Storybook elephant
 - 23 Cheer up the singer of "Galveston"?
 - 26 Cowboy rope
 - 27 "Aw, quit — bellyachin'!"
 - 28 Frozen cubes
 - 29 Pack, for one
 - 30 Lack of law
 - 32 Rice fields whose workers love a frothy pastry filling?
 - 38 With a very sharp image, for short
 - 40 Ipanema site, briefly
 - 41 Drink in many a 58-Across
 - 42 Corp. VIP
 - 43 Scottish boys testifying in court?
 - 49 Fr. woman with a halo
 - 52 "As I see it," to a texter
 - 53 "Science Guy" Bill
 - 54 Turkey Day tuber
 - 55 Artistic users of acid
 - 58 Pub barrel
 - 59 Farm fowls
 - 61 Food grinder
 - 65 "Zapped!" actor Willie
 - 66 GQ staffers
 - 67 Throw one's ordinary existence into confusion?
 - 71 Sky's color, in Salerno
 - 72 Luau guitar, for short
 - 73 Ocean filler
 - 74 Driver's 180
 - 75 Horse riders' activity in an Asian island country?
 - 81 Insult, hip-hop-style
 - 84 "— a Grecian Urn"
 - 85 Actor Davis
 - 86 Rebuke to Brutus
 - 87 Rhea's kin
 - 88 Bill or Hillary
 - 90 Suffix with joy or humor
 - 93 Slim fish
 - 94 Big primate
 - 95 Slugger Griffey
 - 96 Officer in charge of soft packing material?
 - 102 Tycoon Onassis
 - 104 Two, to José
 - 105 Take it on the — (escape)
 - 106 Woes
 - 107 NFL announcer John acting up?
 - 115 Typical
 - 116 Crude stuff
 - 117 Stud's place
 - 118 Pay a visit to
 - 121 Municipal
 - 122 Deliver a craze follower into custody?
 - 128 Up in the air
 - 129 Nero's "I love"
 - 130 Spirits in bottles
 - 131 —-car (Avis service)
 - 132 Hopes to get
 - 133 "Fresh Air" aier
 - 134 Artery-opening tube
 - 135 Letters of plurals
- DOWN**
- 1 All nerves
 - 2 Brazilian soccer hero
 - 3 Sniffers in rescue operations
 - 4 O'Hare airport code
 - 5 Army doc
 - 6 Tablecloths, e.g.
 - 7 Ad — committee
 - 8 "I'm — loss"
 - 9 Fruit Loops toucan
 - 10 In line with
 - 11 Hybrid meat
 - 12 Completely
 - 13 Like — in the face
 - 14 Wear away
 - 15 Beehive, e.g.
 - 16 Ancient calculators
 - 17 Machine shop tool
 - 18 Gets ragged
 - 24 Prefix with car or chic
 - 25 Make dim, as by tears
 - 31 Opposite of day, in Bonn
 - 33 Kooky
 - 34 Nation south of Braz.
 - 35 Super-small
 - 36 Opus finale
 - 37 Drop-line link
 - 38 "Looks great to me!"
 - 39 Called
 - 44 Aid for an asthmatic
 - 45 Looked at amorously
 - 46 Wire, e.g.
 - 47 Stone of film
 - 48 Word
 - 49 Interstate rig
 - 50 Not kosher
 - 51 Nero's "to be"
 - 56 Cruel Roman emperor
 - 57 Physically fit
 - 60 Aspersions
 - 62 Linear, for short
 - 63 Weigh down
 - 64 As — (usually)
 - 68 Squeezes (out)
 - 69 Amaz of TV
 - 70 Her niece is Dorothy
 - 71 Weed — (lawn care brand)
 - 75 Foot coverer
 - 76 Be inactive
 - 77 "No, Hans"
 - 78 Charlie Chaplin's last wife
 - 79 Era after era
 - 80 Agenda part
 - 81 Envy and lust
 - 82 Urge to act
 - 83 Plaintiffs
 - 89 In arrears
 - 91 Wrinkly citrus fruit
 - 92 Flip through
 - 97 34th prez
 - 98 Show respect (to)
 - 99 "Because — so!"
 - 100 "Wow!," in an IM
 - 101 Not a one
 - 102 Going with the flow
 - 103 Strikes back, say
 - 107 Kind of parrot
 - 108 Teresa's city
 - 109 English county
 - 110 "Borstal Boy" author
 - 111 Many YouTube uploads
 - 112 Prove apt for
 - 113 Little battery
 - 114 Rapper with six Grammys
 - 119 Villa d'—
 - 120 Greek letters
 - 123 Rock blaster
 - 124 Pooch's doc
 - 125 Propyl ending
 - 126 — Tin Tin
 - 127 Arles article

A 15x15 crossword grid with blacked-out squares and numbers 1-135 indicating starting positions for the crossword clues.

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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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A 9x9 grid for the 'GO FIGURE!' puzzle. The bottom row contains the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9. The rightmost column contains the numbers 15, 18, 23, 14. The grid contains arithmetic symbols: -, x, +, ÷, x, x, x, -.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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The Maxwell's Stay-at-Home Gourmet

Chopped Salad with Steak

- Ingredients**
- 6 cups chopped romaine lettuce
 - 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 red bell pepper, chopped
 - 1 yellow bell pepper, chopped
 - 1 cucumber, peeled and sliced
 - 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped
 - 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh flat-leaf greens of choice, chopped
 - 3/4 pound Seared Flank Steak, sliced
 - Crumbled blue cheese (optional)
- Preparation**
- Toss together first 7 ingredients in a large bowl. Divide salad mixture among plates; top each with steak and desired amount of blue cheese. Serve with blue cheese dressing or dressing of choice.



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

OUR COUNTY

Scouts Hold Pinewood Derby

On Sunday, February 26, Middleton's Pack 35 held their annual Pinewood Derby. The Scouts had a variety from tanks, cars and even a racing rocket.

Pictured is Cub Master Dennis Toll. Left to right: First Place went to first year Webelos, Jude Brady, Second Place went to second year Webelos, Will Durham, Third Place went to Wolf, Cash Floyd and Best of Show went to Wolf, Collin Taylor for his Mincraft car.

The pine wood derby is a racing event for Cub Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scouts, with the help of parents, build their own cars from wood, usually from kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels, and metal axles.



City of Bolivar Honors Veterans



The City of Bolivar and Mayor Barrett Stevens hosted the Vietnam Veterans Celebration of 2017 on Saturday, March 4. A parade including Vietnam veterans, military personnel, state representatives, and members of the community started off the morning at the Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center and followed the route to the National Guard Armory. Special guests of the program included Medal of Honor recipient Major General (ret) James Livingston, Founder of The Real Army Wives Andrea Lynne Cory, Youth Visionary Award recipient Margaret White, and Greg Wood was the Emcee for the event. Photo by Jessica Simmons.

Dr. Seuss was On the Loose

by Jessica Simmons

The National Education Association's Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd- Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Students, teachers, librarians, and toddlers throughout Hardeman County celebrated what would've been the "Dr's" 113th birthday.

Photo: Julian McTizic spends time at the Bolivar Hardeman County Library eating Dr. Seuss cupcakes and speaking to Riley Gilmer.

Photo by Jessica Simmons.



In the March 2, 2017 issue of the *Bulletin Times*, a page B2 story entitled "TCAT Honors a Living Legend", we incorrectly stated Evelyn C. Robertson and his wife, Hugholene Ellison Robertson, had been married 45 years. They have been married 53 years. We apologize for the error.

Pine Meadows Healthcare



Volunteers of the Month BOLIVAR CHURCH OF GOD

Bolivar Church of God was chosen by the resident council as our special volunteers for the month of March. Bolivar Church of God has been coming to Pine Meadows since 2001. They come every third Saturday of the month. They love to sing songs and fellowship with the residents. We appreciate all their time and dedication.

Congratulations and thank you for all you do Bolivar Church of God, our volunteers of the month!

Pine Meadows Healthcare

Resident of the Month – Mr. Herman Walden was selected Resident of the Month for March. Mr. Walden was born in Gibson, TN, and lived there for 65 years. He was married to Ms. Patsy Young for seven years. They have three children: Beverly Walden, Regina Walden and Kay Walden. Mr. Walden was a preacher of Assembly of God, and was a Mississippi State Trooper for five years and also a school teacher for ten years. Mr. Walden loves to hunt, fish, eat Chinese food and watch westerns.



Congratulations Mr. Walden!

Employee of the Month – Ms. Christina Hopper was chosen by our Resident Council as our Employee of the Month for March. Ms. Hopper has been employed at Pine Meadows as a LPN since May of 2016. Ms. Hopper likes working at Pine Meadows because of the family-like atmosphere and the teamwork knowing they make a difference in the residents' lives. Ms. Hopper said she also likes coming to work and putting a smile on their faces. It lets her know that this is where God needs her to be. *Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work Ms. Hopper!*

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bolivar, Tennessee on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bolivar Municipal Center, 211 N. Washington St. Bolivar, TN 38008. The purpose of this hearing is for the 2nd reading/public hearing of Ordinance 17-001 "An Ordinance to Amend Title 12, Section 12-502 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Relative to Sprinkler Systems Standards in One and Two Family Dwellings and Townhouses". This ordinance may be viewed during normal business hours at Bolivar City Hall, 211 N. Washington St. All interested parties are welcome and invited to attend.

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Black History Month Celebrated at Grand Junction Elementary



Grand Junction Elementary School presented their Black History Program, "The Crisis in Black Education" on Tuesday February 29. After having the guests of the day introduce themselves, principal Linda Buggs opened the day's events by addressing how many significant contributions have been made in the strides for equality in the lives of Black Americans. "We should remember these contributions not only during the month of February, but throughout the year. We should pay tribute to these trailblazers by doing our best in school and working towards a better education for everyone."

With influential African American Hardeman Countians in attendance, trivia questions were asked about their many accomplishments with all students answering them in unison correctly every time. Students performed skits; "Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles and The Raelettes, "My Girl" by The Temptations, and "ABC" by The Jackson 5.

Mr. Jonathan Blanchard and his band mates performed the "History of Hip Hop," which traveled the history of African American music, why it has the rhythms it has, how it branched into different genres, the effects it had on the Civil Rights Movement, and finally to where the music industry is today. The most touching moment of the day came when Mr. Blanchard had everyone in the room cross their arms and hold hands to show the unbreakable bond of the civil rights marchers. *Photo and story by Jessica Simmons.*

Hitting the Century Mark at Bolivar Elementary

First graders at Bolivar Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school on January 30.

Students brought in collections of 100 things. Students enjoyed counting to 100 in a big circle outside. Those winning prizes for collections were:

Photo left to right: 3rd Place- Kaigan Simmons, 2nd Place- Jacob Walker, 1st Place- Tamera Bufford, Honorable Mention- Brylie Avent.

Story by Jessica Simmons. Photo courtesy of Bolivar Elementary School.



Middleton FFA Celebrates National FFA Week



Middleton High School FFA students participated in activities for their National FFA week. Wednesday they were allowed to dress up as farmers, Thursday was Dress Up as a Farm Animal Day and Friday was Drive Your Tractor/Lawnmower to School Day. FFA also participated in various activities during the school day such as rolling tires, tossing hay bales, and playing tug of war.

County Students Attend Development Conference

Nine students from Hardeman County attended the 16th Annual Project "Save-A-Student Leadership and Development Conference" presented by the Education Equal Opportunity Group, Inc. on February 22. Students from Hardeman County had the opportunity to visit various college campuses in Nashville, meet college presidents, interact with current college students as well as other high school students from across the state of Tennessee. The group, chaperoned by Miss Bethany Miller heard and met interesting speakers, participated in a speed career networking exercise, and attended a Nashville Predators game.

If you would like to hear more about this Leadership Conference, the students will make a presentation to the Board of Education on April 13, at 5:30 pm.

The four young men from Bolivar Central High School are ShaKeal Fason, Anthony Mc-



Gowan, Curtis Neal, and LaDuante Parham.

The five young ladies from Middleton High School are La-

kiya Anderson, Andrika Cheairs, Shanequa Donis, AqKenna McKinnie, and Talandra Sain.

Photo courtesy of Bethany Miller.

Bolivar Central High School Current Scholarships

As of 3/7/17

(unless noted, see Mrs. Fulghum for details and application)

Sylvester and Louise Justice Memorial Scholarship
Deadline is March 10, 2017.

Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Literacy Essay Contest
Deadline is March 13, 2017.

Quinco Mental Health Center Scholarship
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JSCC Academic Service and Foundation Scholarships
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HCCBH Black History Scholarship
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TSU Alumni Scholarship
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Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. Scholarship
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Advance Financial Foundation Scholarship
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The County Journal Scholarship
Deadline is April 10, 2017.

Hardeman County Arts Council Scholarship
Deadline is April 11, 2017.

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Bolivar Civitan Club, Inc. Scholarship
Deadline is April 13, 2017.

Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship
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St. James Episcopal Church Scholarship
For students with a minimum 3.5 GPA who demonstrate financial need.
Deadline is April 13, 2017.

Bird Dog Foundation Scholarship Essay Contest
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Deadline is April 15, 2017.

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OPINION

County 4-H Speaking Contest Continues by Calley Overton

If you can speak, you can influence. If you can influence, you can change lives. If you can change lives, you can change the world. In that case, Hardeman County is home to many who are on the right track! 4-Hers in the 4th, 7th, and 8th grades came together for the first night of the second round of 4-H speech competitions at Dixie Hills Baptist Church on February 27. Fifth and 6th grade competed on February 28th. The first round of competition was at the respective Hardeman County elementary and middle schools. The winners in each class qualified for the county wide competition. The next levels are regional, state, and national.

The twenty-four fourth grade competitors spoke for one minute on any topic. The most popular topic of the night was pets, closely followed by favorite vacations, relatives, hobbies, and influential people. Jenna Kirk and Kayla Druen of Middleton Elementary School tied for third place. Isabella Milford, also from MES, placed second. Emmy Piefer from Toone Elementary placed first.

The 7th and 8th grade speeches



ranged from four to five minutes long. In the 7th grade division, Ella Willis of Middleton placed third, Alexis Williams of Toone placed second, and Emily Gibson of Toone placed first. In the 8th grade division, Gracie Swift of Hornsby placed fourth, Louanna Haadsma of Middleton placed third, Lily Reid of Toone placed second, and Shelby Smith of Hornsby placed first.

Competitors were judged on their presentation, subject matter, and composition. Eye contact,

good posture, good use of language, volume, and preparation were all factors of the presentation. The subject matter needed to be well-organized, have accurate information, include an introduction, and include a summary. The audience's response to each speech was also considered.

Photo: Hardeman County 4-H Director Gary Rodgers speaks to (left to right) 1st place, Emmy Piefer; 2nd place, Isabella Milford; 3rd place, Jenna Kirk and Kayla Druen.

Giving Back to the Communities continued on A1



Hope Recovery Center is a faith-based, non-denominational place ordained of God where women can come with hurts, habits and hang-ups, with a Hope Chapel where there is a base of people that love this ministry and are dedicated to help and show women how change can take place through compassion and love.

Photo: First South Bank presented a donation to Hope House in December.

My letter concerns the story of "TBI Begins Inquiry on Allegations". I noticed that the article did not seem to have a problem publishing the victim's name and her "crimes", but the other party's name and his crimes were not mentioned.

Chief Deputy Billy Davis who is accused of assault and causing the victim to unjustly lost her job of 12 years; was sparted the embarrassment of his name being dragged through the mud in the paper by the mayor. Mr. "mayor" has already made up his mind without both sides of the story being told. The victim as already been found guilty by the mayor. As always, the woman is the "guilty party" in an assault!

I suggest Mayor Sain should keep his opinions to himself until he knows the rest of the story. He and others may have a few "secrets" in their closets also.

Brenda Fish
Bolivar, Tennessee

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Editor's Notes: *Here's what we've got here. We have a civil suit filed against a citizen. Not a criminal charge. We did not name the defendant, because a crime has not been charged. Right now the accused in the suit is no different from anyone else in regards to this matter, in the eyes of the law...think about that.*

The plaintiff filed the suit and her name is public, even if the details of the case are not.

If criminal charges were (or will be) filed, it would be the other way around. We would publish the name of the accused, but not the accuser.

If the accused is charged or has to defend himself in this case, he will get his day in court. And, his name in this newspaper.

As the highest elected official in the county, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain was asked to comment. He said the plaintiff's name. If he had not, we would not have since we have not seen a copy of the lawsuit. If you have a problem with what was said about the accuser, realize it was a direct quote, not our opinion.

And by the way, we feel the actions of the other news outlets were irresponsible and a perfect example of what out-of-town media feels Hardeman County is good for: a spectacle designed to gain viewers without regard for ethics or personal destruction. These vultures are not journalists. At best, they are the National Enquirer of electronic news media. We're guessing the reason the Bulletin Times wasn't informed about the lawsuit until we heard it on TV is that whoever called them (the other media outlets who seemingly couldn't wait to get here) figured we weren't interested in merely scandal without some sort of criminal charges or evidence to go with it.

Yes, things have changed here at the Bulletin Times.

We're not saying it is not a story. In fact, we printed it last week.

But we'll report the news as we get it and we'll write what people say to us and what we see people do. Nothing more and hopefully, nothing less.

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2017 BCHS Tennis Schedule
 March 16 vs Lexington
 March 20 vs Chester Co
 March 21 @Hardin Co
 March 23 @Southside
 April 3 vs Southside
 April 10 @Lexington
 April 13 @Chester Co
 April 17 @Adamsville
 April 18 vs McNairy
 April 20 vs Middleton
 April 24 @McNairy
 April 25 vs Hardin Co
 May 5-6 District Tourn.

The Let Love Glow 5K and Fun Run in Bolivar will be on Saturday, March 25 with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. \$15/5K, \$10/FunRun and \$15/Virtual Runner. This year will introduce an official timing company for race results, and online fundraising option for teams or individuals. Race day will feature live music, food, a silent auction and more. Visit their facebook page at Team Mica Fund.

The Bolivar Lions Club is still looking for players for both baseball and softball for the 2017 season. The cost is \$70 per player and includes a uniform for league play. Call 731-609-5373 for more information.

The Middleton Youth Spring Basketball League has begun registration for ages 9-15. The players will be formed into three leagues: 9-11 coed, 12-15 coed and a 13-15 boys league.

The draft has been scheduled for March 20 for the 9-11 league and March 23 for the other two divisions. Games will be played on Thursdays and Fridays beginning April 6 and ending May 13.

The entry fee is \$25. For more information call 731-376-8391 extension 12.

The Middleton Girls Softball League will have sign-ups for the 2017 season March 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Middleton Community Center. Ages 12 and under are eligible. Call 731-609-5285 for more information.

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.

Barnes, the 31st head basketball coach of the UT Volunteers, took the reins of the program for the 2015-16 season. In his first year with the Vols, he guided Tennessee to multiple wins over ranked opponents, including signature wins over rivals Florida, Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

Head coach at the University of Texas from 1998 to 2015, Barnes won more games than any other coach in school history. Throughout his 17 years with the Longhorns, his teams advanced to the NCAA Tournament 16 times and appeared in five Sweet Sixteens, three Elite Eights and one Final Four.

Barnes has coached at the college level for 40 years, including 10 years as an assistant coach and 30 years as a head coach. Throughout his time as a head coach, he has produced 24 NBA draft picks, including superstars Kevin Durant, LaMarcus Aldridge and T.J. Ford.

Nationally respected in player development, Barnes is the only coach in the nation who can claim two different National Players of the Year in the last 14 seasons (Ford in 2003 and Durant in 2007). Barnes has also produced four consensus All-Americans and three National Freshman of the Year honorees.

The Sports Advisory Council Benefit begins at 4:30 p.m. in Brewer Sports Center with a silent auction, which will continue until 6 p.m. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the program, featuring Barnes, immediately following the meal. Those interested in purchasing sponsorships or tickets may call FHU Athletics at 731-989-6900 or 731-989-6901.

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Hardeman County Sports Scoreboard

March 2
 Memphis Mitchell 50 Middleton Boys Basketball 39
 Fayette Academy 12 Hornsby Baseball 3
 Middleton Middle Baseball 16 Biggersville 5
 Middleton Middle Baseball 19 Chalybeate 0
 Adamsville 9 Middleton High School Soccer 0

March 3
 Middleton Middle Baseball 7 Bolivar Middle Baseball 0

March 4
 Dresden 39 Middleton Girls Basketball 38

March 6
 Humboldt 86 Middleton Boys Basketball 80
 Bolivar Middle School Baseball 8 Middleton Middle Baseball 7
 Hornsby Baseball vs. St. Mary's, Rain

March 7
 Fayette Academy vs. Bolivar Middle Baseball, Rain
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6-8 League Standings			
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Lakers	5-3	J. Watkins	9.5
Spurs	5-3	C. Tate	9.1
Grizzlies	1-7	A. Williams	7.0
Warriors	0-8	B. Alexander	6.3
March 4 Scores			
Lakers 37	Grizzlies 24	9-10 League Standings	
Cavaliers 57	Rockets 53	Hornets	7-1
Spurs 27	Warriors 26	Warriors	5-3
Tournament Schedule March 11			
Lakers vs. Warriors,	10:00 a.m.	Rockets	2-6
Spurs vs. Grizzlies,	11:00 a.m.	Bulls	2-6
March 18			
Spurs/Grizzlies vs. Rockets,	9:00 a.m.	March 4 Scores	
Lakers/Warriors vs. Cavaliers,	10:00 a.m.	Hornets 32	Warriors 22
Semifinal Winners,	11:00 a.m. (Championship Game)	Rockets 28	Bulls 26
Leading Scorers			
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O. Essie	19.4	T. Smith, Bulls	11.1
J. Stanley	18.5	K. Allen, Rockets	10.1
		C. McCarley, Warriors	9.8
		Herron, Warriors	7.1
		J. Cross, Warriors	6.6
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Free Throws Spell Doom for State Hopes

Both Middleton basketball seasons came down to the free throw line in their sub-state contests, but failure at the stripe contributed to the end of both seasons one step from state tournament berths.

The Lady Tigers fell 39-38 to Dresden on March 4, after leading 38-33 with just under two minutes left. Seven missed free throws down the stretch caused the Lady Tigers to miss a trip to Murfreesboro for the first time since 2014. Middleton shot 8-22 from the line on the night.

Chelsey Perry had 15 for Middleton before fouling out with 1:52 remaining in the contest. Sequoia Warren had 16 to lead the Lady Tigers, who finished 24-8 on the season.

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Middleton's boys season also came down to the free throw line, but with a twist. Tylardarius Parks hit a free throw with 1.7 seconds left in the sub-state contest with #1 ranked Humboldt, but a lane violation on Parks negated the free throw that would have put the Tigers ahead 73-72. Middleton subsequently fell in overtime 86-80. Parks and senior Montrez Jones led Middleton with 21 each.

The Tigers, who ended the season 23-8, were looking for their first trip to Murfreesboro since 2011. *Photo of Parks at the line against Trinity Christian during the district tournament by Mike Davis.*



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Something about this tradition seems to resonate with all brides no matter what type of ceremony is held. "Something old" symbolizes continuity with the bride's family and the past. "Something new" means optimism and hope for the bride's new life ahead. "Something borrowed" symbolizes happiness from a married friend or family member, whose good fortune in marriage is supposed to carry over to the new bride. The borrowed item also reminds the bride that she can depend on her friends and family. Standing for love, "Something blue" has been connected to weddings for centuries. In ancient Rome, brides wore blue to symbolize love, modesty, and fidelity. Christianity has long dressed the Virgin Mary in blue, so purity was associated with the color. Before the late 19th century, blue was a popular color for wedding gowns, as evidenced in proverbs like, "Marry in blue, lover be true." "A silver sixpence in her shoe" is the final part of the poem that is rarely revered in today's times. Signifying wealth and financial security, this custom dates to Scottish grooms putting a silver coin under his foot for good luck.

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7 Ways to Recycle a Wedding Gown

When planning their weddings, many brides-to-be devote a large portion of their wedding budgets to their wardrobes. Statistics released by *The Knot* in 2014 indicated an amount the average woman was willing to spend her gown was \$1,281.

Wedding gowns are among the most costly wedding expenditures. Because wedding gowns can be so expensive, many brides elect to have their gowns cleaned and preserved. Reusing a wedding gown is a cost-effective and earth-friendly idea. Women have many options when it comes time to putting their wedding gowns to use after they have tied the knot. The following are just some of the great ideas couples can explore.

1. Save it for younger generations. One of the primary reasons to preserve a wedding gown is to save the dress for a daughter, granddaughter or another relative to wear at her own wedding.

2. Transform it into other attire. There are a number of different occasions when wearing white is acceptable. Religious ceremonies such as baptisms and communions qualify, and a wedding gown in the hands of an experienced seamstress or tailor can be transformed into a baby's Christening ensemble or a beautiful dress for a youngster about to receive First Holy Communion.

3. Donate the gown. Brides in need may not have the funds to purchase their own beautiful gowns. Work with an organization that will provide dresses to the less fortunate. Or donate it to an organization that can sell the gown to fund projects for others in need. Another option is the Mary Madeline Project, which uses wedding dress fabrics to create



burial outfits for stillborn infants.

4. Cut it up into usable fabric. Wedding gown fabrics can be used in various applications. Dresses can be transformed into decorative pillows or other wedding mementos. Stretch the fabric across a frame and use it as a blank canvas for a photo keepsake. The fabric also can work for baby cribs and infant basket skirting.

5. Use it as a Halloween costume. Dress as a bride for Halloween. Otherwise, tailor the dress to fit a child and she can use it for any number of

dress-up opportunities.

6. Donate it to a costume archive. Theatrical companies may be able to use the fabric to create costumes for their productions.

7. Create a keepsake. Cut a small piece of the fabric and put it into a pendant or locket. A piece of tulle or lace also can be placed inside a clear Christmas ornament and hung on the tree for years to come.

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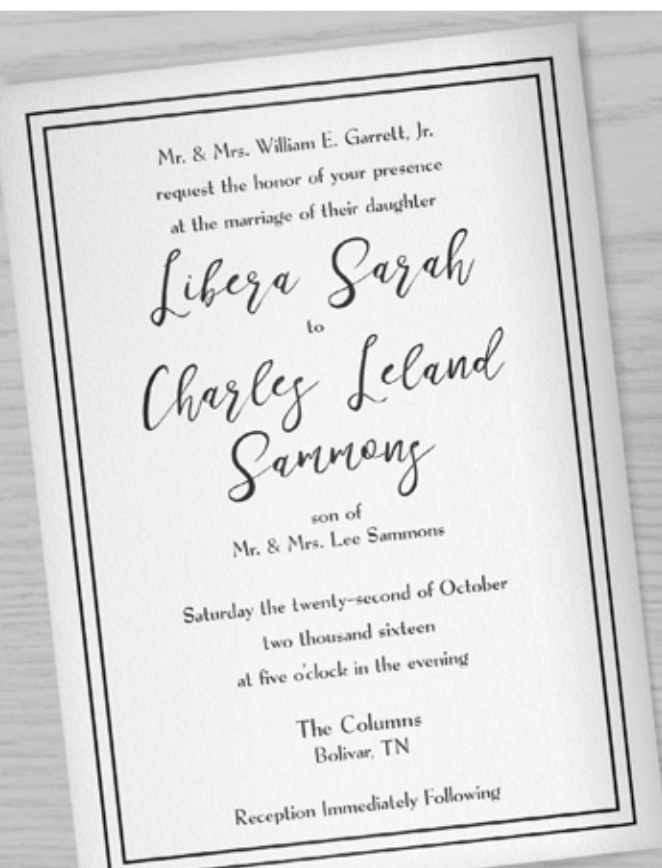
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Incorporate Flowers in Various Ways

Weddings are special moments for couples and the guests they invite to share their happiness on their big days. Beautiful weddings require substantial planning, as every last detail must be considered for couples to enjoy the wedding of their dreams.

Flowers play a big role in many weddings, and couples can add beauty and ambiance to the event by using floral arrangements in various ways. Modern floral arrangements are stunning, and many couples may not know that herbs, spices and flowers have been used in weddings for centuries.

Today, flowers are used to decorate wedding venues, impart sweet fragrances and complement formal attire, but in ancient times they were used differently. Flowers were used to bestow good luck on the couple and keep bad omens away. Brides carried aromatic flowers and spices to keep evil spirits from spoiling the festivities, and some even tucked bulbs of garlic into their bouquets. In ancient Greece and Rome, both the bride and groom wore garlands made out of strong-smelling herbs flowers around their necks or heads. These wreaths were considered gifts of nature, and thus extremely appropriate for a wedding. Traditionally, bridesmaids would

be responsible for fashioning these floral components. In ancient Sweden, young girls would carry small bouquets of fragrant herbs down the aisle and the groom would put thyme in his pocket. These aromatics were thought to help keep trolls at bay.

Besides warding off spirits or hungry trolls, flowers also served more practical purposes throughout history. During the Middle Ages, people bathed less frequently than they do today. Bathing might only have occurred twice a year, once during summer and then again at Christmastime. Because many weddings took place in the spring, flowers were used to mask bodily odors. Not only were flowers and herbs carried, but they also would be sewn into clothing.

Modern brides and grooms may no longer see their wedding days as times for opportunistic evil spirits. But that doesn't mean that couples cannot borrow from ancient traditions and incorporate flowers into their weddings in various ways.

- Wreaths and garlands: Ask the florist to weave small flower buds, berries and vines to a headband, wreath or piece of twine so that the bride and groom can wear these flowers in the way they were worn by ancient Greeks and Romans.



When coupled with Grecian-styled wedding gowns, brides can look like beautiful goddesses on their wedding days.

- Fragrant favors: Tuck dried rose petals and other fragrant flowers into sachets that are embroidered with the wedding date and couple's names. Guests

can use these sachets to keep clothings smelling fresh in drawers or as subtle air fresheners around the house.

- Edible flowers: Ask the caterer to make meals flower-friendly by including some edible blooms in the salad or as a garnish on meals.
- Raining petals: In lieu of

bubbles or birdseed, guests can shower the newlyweds with rose petals after the ceremony.

- Memorial: Some couples like to honor departed family members. Floral arrangements with small placards can make for fitting memorials.

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Tips for a Special Mother/Son Dance

Weddings celebrate the unions of happy couples ready to pledge their lives to each other. In theory, the wedding day spotlight should be shared equally by brides and grooms. But brides often eclipse their grooms, as guests are drawn to stunning bridal gowns.

Though grooms may play second fiddle for much of their wedding days, there is one moment when all eyes are on the groom and a special lady in his life. The mother/son dance is a wedding tradition that many grooms embrace as their opportunity to show their mothers how much they love and appreciate them. The mother/son dance is an ideal time to create a special moment, and the following are

some tips to personalize the dance.

- Precede the bride and her father. Make your own tradition and switch up the timing of the dances. Be the first to take a spin on the dance floor and set the tone for the other traditional songs to come.
- Create a photo montage. Work with an entertainment company or photographer to create a slideshow of images showing you and your mother together and separately.
- Show off your dance skills. One increasingly popular wedding trend is for fathers and brides to choreograph the father/daughter dances. Grooms and their mothers can follow suit, particularly if you both have some stellar dance moves.

- Let Mom choose the song. Give your mother the opportunity to express her sentiments to you, as mothers of the groom do not typically toast their sons during weddings or even rehearsal dinners.

- Invite other son/mother duos up. If the idea of dancing alone with your mother is a bit intimidating, give other mothers in attendance an opportunity to share the spotlight. Celebrate all mothers in attendance, encouraging any mothers and sons who are present to dance together.

Grooms may not garner the bulk of guests' attention on their wedding days. But they can take steps to make their special dances with their mothers more memorable and unique.

Wedding Checklist

Now that you have said 'YES', it's time to organize.

- ### 12 MONTHS
- Decide your budget
 - Choose your bridal party
 - Book Wedding Venue & Church/Registrar
 - Make a guest list & send Save the Dates
 - Start looking for your dress
 - Book Main Services:
 - Entertainment
 - Florist
 - Caterer
 - Transport
 - Cake
 - Photographer & Videographer
 - Honeymoon
 - Planner

- ### 6 MONTHS
- Dress fitting, choose shoes & accessories
 - Order favors and stationery
 - Book beautician & hairdresser

- ### 3 MONTHS
- Buy marriage license
 - Send out invitations
 - Select gift list, finalize music
 - Hair and make-up trials
 - Rough draft seating plans
 - Purchase gifts for bridal party
 - Arrange ceremony rehearsal

- ### 1 MONTH
- Final dress fitting
 - Re-confirm arrangements with:
 - Venue
 - Catering
 - Florist
 - Photographer & Videographer
 - Transport
 - Entertainment
 - Honeymoon
 - Write wedding speeches
 - Hen & Stag nights
 - Finalize seating plans
 - List of essential pictures for photographer
 - Place newspaper engagement announcement

- ### 7 DAYS
- Wedding rehearsal
 - Honeymoon money
 - Pack for your overnight stay & honeymoon
 - Run through bridal party duties

- ### DAY BEFORE
- Make sure wedding day items are ready
 - Final payments
 - Enjoy mani-pedi
 - Get some beauty rest

- ### WEDDING-DAY ADVICE
- Eat a good breakfast
 - Allow plenty of time to get ready
 - Greet everyone and thank them for coming
 - Take a deep breath, relax and have fun

- ### AFTER HONEYMOON
- Send thank you cards
 - Preserve bouquet
 - Clean dress
 - Finalize photo album/video
 - Change name on documents

- ### DON'T FORGET

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