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From the Other Side of the Desk

I'll be brief. About 350 words to be exact.

As the decade of the teens comes to an end, it's also been ten years since The County Journal Incorporated began, which now publishes *The Bolivar Bulletin Times*.

Ten years is 521 different columns on the left hand side of the front page. Over the years, we recycled a few, but mostly it's been something new each week.

(by the way, a rough count has us mentioning the Oakland Police Department 143 times)

But beginning in 2020, this column will not be a part of the front page. It may come back someday, I don't really know.

I've looked at other papers in the area over the years, and we haven't looked much like them. Ever. I am happy about that, and I think our staff is too. We are truly locally owned and operated.

It's just time to focus on other things. And frankly, catch my breath.

I'll miss writing about things I can't exactly fit into the rest of the paper. After all, it's called *From the Other Side of the Desk*. It's the only peek of what's on my mind (or whatever I could come up with) that week. I've tried to entertain, I've tried to be serious, I've tried to subtly get my view out there. Sometimes I just wrote 350 words and hoped it made sense. You be the judge.

(Mostly because unlike other media, we will do our absolute best to never take a side in the news...if you think we ever had, I promise it wasn't intentional)

But I'm taking a break. In the meantime, I'll keep my eyes open though and make sure I take some notes in case my mind gets changed about this. Happy New Year.

Darrell Teubner, Editor

The County Budget Lawsuit

Story of the Year

The passing of the Hardeman County Budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 by the Hardeman County Commission in June wasn't actually finalized until the Hardeman County Commission met in special session on October 8 and settled the three-month standoff between Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen and Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain.

The sheriff's department, who originally sought and sued for approximately \$1.4 million dollars, settled for \$102,000, which was close to the amount the Hardeman County Commission cut from their budget from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020 fiscal years.

The October meeting, which was called by a petition signed by nine commissioners, was

used only for the purpose of hearing the settlement hammered out by Hardeman County Attorney Charles M. Cary and Roy Herron of Dresden.

"I've done my best with it," explained Cary prior to the vote. "This is the best that we can do. I think it is in the best interests of the county. Our money can be better used than using it to pay lawyers."

The meeting was attended by fourteen of the sixteen commissioners, with Chandra Lake and Bobby Hensley not present.

After less than thirty minutes of presentation and deliberation, Commissioner Gary Barber made the motion and Mike Madden seconded. The vote went 13-1 in favor of the settlement.

The lone dissenter, Commissioner Mac Vaughn felt the sheriff had failed to communicate during the budget process.

"The Budget Committee met for months. We had a vote. The sheriff never said a word. I assumed he agreed. Next thing you know we have a lawsuit. If he had a problem, he should have told us," said Vaughn.

According to figures obtained from the Hardeman County Circuit Court, the total in legal fees for the case is expected to go over \$200,000, but with only \$22,947.95 going to Hardeman County Attorney Charles M. Cary and the remainder to plaintiff attorney Roy B. Herron and his staff.

Judge J. Weber McCraw will decide the final cost of the lawsuit, as it pertains to legal fees.

Doolen filed the lawsuit on July 16 against Hardeman County Jimmy Sain in his official capacity, asking for funds for "deputies, jailers, and staff, and to acquire essential crime fighting equipment."

More Stories We Covered in 2019

January 3, 2019 -- The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) made regulatory changes in response to the confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in deer in Fayette and Hardeman Counties, voting to establish a CWD Management Zone in Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy Counties. With the positive confirmation, Tennessee became the 26th state to have documented CWD. There have also been three Canadian provinces to have CWD.

January 3, 2019 -- The Board of Directors of Hardeman County Community Health Center announced that Marlita T. White, MBA, was selected as the organization's next Chief Executive Officer.

White is a native of Memphis, and a graduate of The University of Memphis and Webster University with a Master of Business Administration. Since 2012, Marlita has worked in the behavioral health industry and in 2015, she lead the efforts to integrate behavioral health and primary healthcare services and successfully opened the doors of Tri-State Community Health Center where she served as the Chief Financial Officer. Marlita has an extensive background in behavioral health, primary healthcare, business, finance and organizational leadership.

White replaced Mary Heinzen, who retired after 23 years of service to the Community Health Center and affiliates in West Tennessee.



January 10, 2019 -- Long-time Bolivar Police Officer Michael Jones was selected to fill the position of Chief of Police for the City of Bolivar. Chief Jones officially assumed the leadership post at the Bolivar Police Department on January 1, after being appointed by Mayor Julian McTizic.

"Chief Jones brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to lead this department and has proven himself to be an exceptional leader," said Mayor McTizic. "I expect that his familiarity with the department's operating procedures and personnel will result in an efficient and flawless transition for the department."

Jones replaced Pat Baker, who served as Bolivar Police Chief since 2011. Baker resigned November 28. Assistant Chief David Sipes served as interim until Jones was named.

February 7, 2019 -- Firefighters, friends, and family gathered at the Bolivar Fire Department on February 1 to honor Emmett Bolyard for his 55 years of service and to dedicate the sleeping quarters to be named in his honor.

Bolyard began working for the department January 1, 1964 as a volunteer and took the full time job on the same date in 1970. He was assistant chief beginning in 1994.

Bolyard, who turned 80 on February 1, is still on the scene for most of the fire calls that come to the department. *Photo: Fire Chief Lynn Price and Bolyard.*



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Hee Haw Celebrates 40th Anniversary in Hardeman County



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Hardeman County Hee Haw performed their 40th annual show March 8-16, 2019 at the Hardeman County Arts Center in Bolivar. The production is the longest continuous running Hee Haw Show in the state of Tennessee and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society. *Photo by Jammie Gilliam.*



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February 7, 2019 – The Vaughan Oil Company, with help from the Hardeman County Mayor's Office, gave away more than thirty buckets of kerosene to needy families on January 31.

"We know this won't get them through the winter," said Greg Vaughan. "But we wanted to give people some help during this cold spell."

Photo left to right: Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain, Janna Vaughan and Greg Vaughan of the Vaughan Oil Company.



March 7, 2019 -- With an eye to the future and a fear of a repeat of the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget cuts by the Hardeman County Commission, Hardeman County Superintendent of Schools Warner Ross says this year is critical to the success of the school system.

"We haven't invested in our schools," said Ross. "We are doing what we are required to do, even with less money. But we can't progress without support."

Ross points to plans in the works for programming at Lone Oaks Farm that could attract as many as an estimated 200 kids who would still graduate with their student body at either Bolivar Central or Middleton High School, but would get a unique experience that could attract students to stay in Hardeman County.

"Kids could take charge of their learning experience. This could give us a more prepared workforce and open up other possibilities," said Ross, adding the school board has been traveling to areas around the state that are successful in this field.

But to offer that, Ross says, the schools can't have a replay of last year's budget cuts by the county commission.

"Losing four cents (on the tax rate) a year ago wasn't easy to absorb. We have just as many schools, classes and teachers. It cost the same to run, if not more, than the year before. But what happened is the county got more money and the schools got less," said Ross.

"I hate we built the Criminal Justice Center off the backs of schools. But even so, with some nurturing, we can grow. And we have to. Our county is listed as distressed, and education needs to be the centerpiece. But we can't do anything without the support of the county commission," adding he hasn't found an instance that the schools got an increase in support since at least 2004.

"We need partners. County, state, and from the technology centers," he said, adding the schools need to pay attention to the strategies Governor Bill Lee has brought into play in his first year as governor. "Give our kids options. Support the schools."

March 7, 2019 -- Citing a lack of evidence of a chargeable criminal act, 25th Judicial District Attorney Mark Davidson has closed the case related to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's (TBI) probe into the death of Brian Christopher Lawler.

"I've reviewed the TBI file on the case and there is nothing criminal about it that is chargeable," said Davidson. "There will not be any charges filed. It appears to be a suicide."

Brian Christopher Lawler, 46, a resident of Hardeman County, passed away on July 29, 2018 in Memphis. Son of Jerry "The

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King” Lawler, Brian was in the Hardeman County Jail after being arrested in early July on charges of DUI and felony evading arrest.

According to a statement from the Hardeman County Sheriff’s Department on July 29, Brian was discovered after hanging himself in his Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center cell on Saturday, July 28; he was given CPR and air-lifted to the MED in Memphis, where he passed away.

Lawler was best known for his career in the World Wrestling Federation (now known as WWE), where he performed as Brian Christopher and Grand Master Sexay and won 44 titles within the United States Wrestling Association.

March 14, 2019 -- Governor Bill Lee made a visit to Hardeman County on March 8, as he attended a round table discussion at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) in Whiteville.



In the round table discussion were Lee, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain, Hardeman County Schools Superintendent Warner Ross, Tennessee State Senator Dolores Gresham, State Representatives Ron Gant and Johnny Shaw, Lone Oaks Director Ben West, TCAT President Jeff Sisk, Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce Director Laura Hall, and Hardeman County Industrial Board member Larry Crawford. Many educators and local officials attended as well.

It was the first visit Lee, who has made education a big part of his first few months in office, has made to a TCAT since his election.

March 14, 2019 -- The once proposed sharing of a building by Hardeman County and the City of Bolivar fell apart as Bolivar’s request for modifications to the building on Lucy Black Road in Bolivar were rejected and another tenant was being sought by the Hardeman County Properties Committee.



In a letter dated February 25, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain sent a letter to Mayor Julian McTizic, which stated, “In 2016, the City of Bolivar Council voted to lease a proposed fire station facility from the county once constructed. The Engineering company of TLM and Associates were instructed to build a sub-station for the Bolivar Fire Department. The facility was designed and completed on December 7, 2018. The design plans, as required by law, were on display at all times inside the building during construction. Any and all changes to the plans were submitted to the Tennessee Fire Marshall for approval and Chief Lynn Price and Sarah Rice were copied on every report. At no time did the City of Bolivar attempt to correct, submit changes, or disagree on any changes to the plans. Chief Price and Sarah Rice toured the facility frequently as it was constructed. To this date, the City of Bolivar has not occupied or paid any lease payment on the facility.

March 21, 2019 -- Bolivar Fire Chief Lynn Price disputed Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain’s assertion that the department had anything to do with the fire station. “We had no input,” said Price. “He asked us about the height and width of the doors. He didn’t ask about anything else. We never got a notice of any changes. We never were consulted on changes. But it’s not so much that he changed things, it’s that he just didn’t do some things that were in the plans at all. My first look, was after the walls were up and the concrete was already laid with no drainage.”

“The Hardeman County Properties Committee now has entered negotiations with another tenant. Please respond by March 5th with the city’s intentions concerning the facility. Enclosed is an invoice for the approved \$500.00 share of the cost of plans,” the letter concluded.

The Bolivar City Council voted during their meeting on March 7 to pay the \$500, but took no other action.

The story of the partnership between the city and county began in 2015, when the City of Bolivar Industrial Board voted in February to donate the land in the Bolivar Industrial Park for the project, the Bolivar City Council voted to pay up to \$500 for planning for the facility during their March 2015 meeting. The council then voted unanimously, in July of 2015, to approve a lease agreement between the city and the county.

In December of 2018, the county opened the 22,400 square foot facility, built at a cost of approximately \$980,000, for an EMS/Fire Station annex combination building, but Bolivar balked at completing the deal, citing an inadequate workspace, including lack of floor drains, for the fire station and a need for more work to be done to get it ready for them, using a report from the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) as their guide.

The MTAS report, dated December 2018, highlighted the changes needed, such as 1. Drains in the apparatus bay floors, 2. A slip resistant apparatus floor, 3. No asphalt and no concrete apron at the apparatus bay exit, and 4. The lack of a straight path from the parking lot to the road. Twenty-three other suggested changes were in the MTAS report.

“It never was designed to be a full-blown fire station,” said Sain. “The MTAS report details what it would take to have a full-blown fire station. This was always designed to be a sub-station. But we are good with the building and have other uses for it.”

In October, the Hardeman County Commission voted to lease the space to Hospital Wing, a mid-south based air ambulance company supplying emergency air lift services and inter-hospital transfers of patients.

March 28, 2019 -- The Hardeman County Commission voted on March 21 to begin meeting every month instead of every other month, beginning in the next fiscal year.

The issue was raised after more than two hour session that included numerous resolutions on issues that had been raised in the past two months.

“After tonight we’re not scheduled to meet for eight more weeks,” said Mark Gilliam, who brought the idea to the commission. “And by then we’re not going to remember what happened tonight.”

After Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain, County Attorney Charles M. Cary, and County Clerk Steve Armstrong cautioned the commission on issues relating to the change such as the budget and the lack of

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ACCEPTING BIDS

The Hardeman County Emergency Communications District is seeking bids to renovate the business office located at 210 North Washington Street, Bolivar, TN. Bidders must visit the office prior to bidding to receive specifications. All bids must be received by the district, by **10:00 a.m. on the 17 of January, 2020**. The Hardeman County Emergency Communications District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For more information contact Mary Henderson at 731-658-3249.

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OBITUARIES

PEGGY TOWNSEND

MARCH 19, 1938 - DECEMBER 18, 2019

Peggy Townsend, age 81 of Middleton, departed this life Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Bolivar General Hospital. Her family received friends for visitation Friday evening, December 20 at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Middleton.



The wife of R. L. Townsend, who survives, she was a homemaker and had formerly worked at Lucerne and Brown Shoe Company. She was born Saturday, March 19, 1938 in Marshall County, Mississippi, daughter of the late James Woody Kizer and Ollie Mae Wilson Kizer, moving to Hardeman County after her marriage in 1955.

She was well known as a "work horse", enjoying gardening, canning, working outside, being active in church and raising her grandbabies. She also enjoyed collecting Elvis memorabilia. She received her greatest fulfillment from being around her family, whom she dearly loved. Mrs. Townsend was a member of Rogers Springs Church of Christ.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Bolivar are in charge of professional arrangements.

In addition to her husband, survivors include a daughter, Judy Sides (Tony) of Middleton; three sons, James Townsend (Michelle), of Walnut, MS, Jerry Townsend and Jimmy Townsend (Tammey) all of Middleton; a daughter in law, Carolyn Townsend of Middleton; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Beavers, Jeanie McCain, Christopher Sides, J.R., Casey, Jimmy, Kristin and Brittany Townsend; and 17 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Patricia; a son, Roger Dale Townsend; and two brothers, Buddy and Oscar "Dicky" Kizer.

Memorial donations in her name may be sent to the Rogers Springs Church of Christ.

PATRICIA CAROL FLINT

MARCH 19, 1938 - DECEMBER 21, 2019

Patricia Carol Flint, age 70 of Saulsburry, Tennessee, passed away Saturday night, December 21, 2019, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.



Memorial graveside services will be held Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Vernon Cemetery in the Cloverport community. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Bolivar oversaw the professional arrangements.

She was born in Jackson and lived her first four years in Cloverport. The daughter of the late William Gilbert and Mary Frances Overton King, the family moved to Memphis in 1954. She graduated from Oakhaven High School in Memphis with the class of 1968. On Saturday, June 21, 1980, she was united in marriage to Mr. Alex Flint, who survives. The Flint moved back to Hardeman County in 1987.

Mrs. Flint was primarily a homemaker, but had also worked in the Hardeman County Property Assessor's Office and for CCA in Whiteville. She had attended West Memorial Baptist Church and in her spare time enjoyed gardening, cooking and time spent with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband of 39 years, she leaves two sons, Brandon (Alisa) King and Derrick Flint, both of Saulsburry; a sister, Katie Jo Woods of Bolivar; three brothers, Manley Earl (Janet) King of Saulsburry, Terry Lane King of Memphis and Jerry Wayne (Peggy) King of Hernando, MS; three grandchildren, Skylar Shea King, Mackenzie Faye and Mary Allison Flint; and one aunt, Lou Nell Cupples of Bolivar.

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agenda items, Gilliam made the motion to begin meeting monthly starting in July. It was seconded by commissioner Justin Howell. On the roll call vote, three commissioners, Chandra Lake, Chris Bell, and Johnny Lanier were the only commissioners who voted against the change.

On May 21, the Hardeman County Commission again voted to meet monthly, this time by a 12-4 in favor of the measure. Voting against meeting monthly were Gary Barber, Chris Bell, Johnny Lanier, and Jackie Sain.

March 21, 2019 -- Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen was asked to stop the practice of allowing sheriff's deputies to take a patrol car home if they live outside the county by a resolution of the county commission. The request was passed 14 votes for and one against, as only commissioner Bobby Wright voted no. Commissioner Mac Vaughn was not present at the meeting.



The already-in-place practice of allowing officers who live in the county to take their patrol cars home was not a part of the discussion.

"This is something we do for our underpaid staff," said Doolen in protesting the resolution. Doolen, who estimates four officers could be affected by this move, said the county is already having trouble keeping officers as the City of Bolivar and surrounding counties offer more pay to deputies.

Doolen said an incoming officer starts at \$27,000 a year, or \$30,000 dollars a year if they have graduated from the academy, which is in some cases more than \$10,000 less than is being offered to start at other places.

None of the resolutions considered or passed by the commission are legally binding to the sheriff's office as the county commission controls the budget, but not the policies the sheriff's department uses.

When asked if he intended to honor the commission's resolution, Doolen had no comment.

April 11, 2019 -- With the first meeting of the Hardeman County Budget Committee behind him, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain was confident this year's budget would not be a difficult process.

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OUR SCHOOLS



The Middleton High School Band, under the leadership of Tracy Smith, has enjoyed multiple awards for their performances in various marching competitions. One of the competitions included the Hornet Invitational, held at South Gibson High School in Medina.

The band's color guard was awarded second place at this event. Another competition, the Mid-West Tennessee Marching Festival, held at Waverly High School, also proved rewarding to the band as their field commander took first place, the band and color guard took second and the percussion section took third.

Photo and story by Paul Steinsultz.



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 Shirley W. Anderson November 11, 1965 - March 11, 2019
 Nancy Jane Anthony November 22, 1934 - June 14, 2019
 Beverly Denise Armour October 25, 1959 - March 7, 2019
 Sharon Azotea June 17, 1962 - January 9, 2019
 Ola Mae Babb April 6, 1924 - June 24, 2019
 Rev. Doug Baker February 8, 1948 - April 5, 2019
 Tommy Gene Baker January 8, 1954 - May 4, 2019
 Annie Edna Burgess Ballard February 20, 1920 - June 21, 2019
 Jerry Lee Barnard November 21, 1932 - March 15, 2019
 Jack Harold Barnes, Sr. August 12, 1955 - September 2, 2019
 Ronnie Lee Bass November 3, 1952 - February 27, 2019
 Mae Ida Beard May 12, 1926 - December 14, 2018
 Esther Bendush November 14, 1921 - March 10, 2019
 William "Chief" Bernard January 28, 1938 - October 7, 2019
 Mary Geneva Bevill April 23, 1935 - June 25, 2019
 Jeanette C. Biggers February 27, 1925 - March 16, 2019
 Annie Ruth Fortune Bishop April 18, 1950 - June 30, 2019
 Iva Pearl Bizzell June 20, 1930 - September 16, 2019
 Charlene (Futrell) Black May 17, 1942 - December 23, 2018
 Charles Bernhardt Bland, Jr. May 12, 1936 - June 25, 2019
 Sandra Blankenship April 8, 1947 - March 6, 2019
 Larry Eugene Bolden October 18, 1949 - March 29, 2019
 John Allen Brasfield, Jr. August 1, 1941 - July 8, 2019
 William Neely Breeden, Jr. September 26, 1935 - March 9, 2019
 George Wayne Brint January 10, 1944 - February 4, 2019
 Richard William Brooks October 27, 1955 - November 16, 2019
 Quilla Mae Brumbelow October 27, 1950 - January 13, 2019
 Gary Bryant August 14, 1961 - August 19, 2019
 Tommy Bryson February 11, 1950 - March 9, 2019
 Michael Reese Buffkins October 7, 1945 - January 16, 2019
 Martha Bufford February 27, 1930 - December 7, 2018
 Barry Burgess April 9, 1961 - January 15, 2019
 Grace Bynum January 1, 1943 - August 19, 2019
 Gwen Campbell October 6, 1951 - January 6, 2019
 Nida Jewell Hill Campbell January 17, 1932 - June 7, 2019
 Andrew Champion November 28, 1965 - October 26, 2019
 LaShonda Yvette Cheshier February 19, 1972 - December 25, 2018
 Joseph Oscar "Joe" Clark February 21, 1936 - July 31, 2019
 Thomas Wayne Claunch August 30, 1960 - August 14, 2019
 Don Clift April 20, 1943 - January 11, 2019
 Ruby Bohanon Clift February 2, 1933 - February 13, 2019
 Eileen Crighton Cooper May 5, 1927 - January 15, 2019
 Robert Mervyn Cowling August 29, 1937 - July 30, 2019
 Carlos Lee Cox February 11, 1939 - April 22, 2019
 Jack E. Cox July 2, 1919 - September 12, 2019
 Mead Kenneth Crawford January 13, 1933 - May 25, 2019
 Hubert "Dee" Crossnine October 1, 1929 - April 29, 2019
 Roger Dale Crouse April 16, 1951 - February 25, 2019
 Walter L. Darling September 12, 1939 - July 24, 2019
 James Franklin Davis, Jr. February 15, 1965 - November 13, 2019
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Business Owners: Plan for Next Phase of Life

As a business owner, you're always thinking of what you need to do now. But you can't forget about the future – yours and that of your business. So it may be a good idea to consider your personal retirement plan and business succession strategy.

Let's start by looking at a few retirement plan possibilities:
Solo 401(k) – This plan, which is also known as an Owner-only 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. A Solo 401(k) offers many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option, which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax-free. Your Solo 401(k) contributions consist of two parts: salary deferral and profit sharing. In 2020, you can defer up to \$19,500 of income, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older. Your profit-sharing contribution is based on your earnings. The sum of your salary deferral and profit sharing can't exceed \$57,000 (or \$63,500 if you're 50 or older). If your spouse is employed by your business, you each can contribute the maximum amount allowed.

SEP IRA – If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to think about a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can generally contribute up to 25% of compensation, up to \$57,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment.

Solo defined benefit plan – Not many businesses still offer pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

A financial professional can help you choose the appropriate retirement plan. But you'll still need to think about succession planning. Of course, you can always sell your business outright at any time you like. Or you could leave your business to your children in your will, but if you give it to them gradually during your lifetime, you can become more confident they'll be able to manage the business on their own.

Another alternative might be to transfer the business with a buy-sell agreement, which allows you to determine when, to whom, and at what price you can sell it. Because you can establish the purchase price as your business's taxable value, a buy-sell agreement is useful in estate planning. If you want to keep the business in your family, you might want to consider funding the buy-sell agreement with life insurance, so family members can use the death benefit proceeds to buy your ownership stake.

In any case, given the complexities and tax issues involved with succession planning, you'll need to consult with your legal and tax advisors when creating a strategy. But don't wait too long. You can't predict the future, but by planning ahead, you can help achieve the outcomes you desire.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

April 4, 2019 -- The Whiteville Police Department will become the second municipal law enforcement agency in the county to employ body cams as officers will begin wearing them on April 11.

"We will train on upgraded body worn cameras and the new cameras will be deployed that evening," said Whiteville Police Chief Steven Stanley. "Body worn cameras act as a silent, non-biased witness that aids prosecution, officer training and ensuring the public's trust in law enforcement. I'm proud to be part of giving our officers tools that help them in their professions and protect their lively hood."

Whiteville joins Bolivar in using the technology that records an officer's movements and interactions during their shift, and archives it for viewing at a later date.

Bolivar began using cameras in 2015. *Stock photo.*

April 11, 2019 -- Hardeman County Dispatchers will have a new working space soon as the Hardeman County 911 Board elected to move dispatch from the Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center to a new building that will adjoin the current Hardeman County 911 business office.

Previously a part of the sheriff's budget, the Hardeman County 911 Board will now oversee dispatch, according to Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain.

"The county didn't have a 911 dispatch center," said Sain. "So they asked the sheriff's department if they could use the reception of the criminal justice center. But it's too small. They can't heat and cool it properly. And people come in with business and questions for the sheriff's department. Dispatch should be away from everybody so they can do their job. People's lives may be at stake. They shouldn't be interrupted. Also, no one entity should be in charge of dispatch," said Sain. "it needs to be independent, an independent agency that everyone contributes to."

Sain added that both Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen and the City of Bolivar, who have paid \$150,000 per year, but will now pay approximately 35% of costs, have been part of the discussions.

April 18, 2019 -- Preliminary work began on April 15 in preparations to "scrub seal" and "shadow pave" Highway 18 North from Market Street in Bolivar to the Hardeman County line near Medon.

"They started putting out signs this week," said Hardeman County Superintendent of Highways Casey Swift. "But won't actually start any physical work until April 22."

According to Swift, it will start with concrete walkways near the courthouse down to Maxwell's. There are three handicapped walkways that were not up to par and they will re-do those."

Swift, who attended a meeting with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), said the plan was to re-route traffic around the areas.

Swift added this is not a project of the Hardeman County Highway Department. TDOT estimated the job will be complete August 31

April 25, 2019 -- The former estate of Charles Larry Bates was put on the auction block.

The sale went toward paying approximately 400 people a total of \$21 million Bates gained in a scheme that offered them huge profits in the precious metals market. Bates, who made his religious-themed pitch on radio outlets nationwide, was sentenced to 21 years and 10 months in prison in September of 2017.

Customers had given \$87 million to First American Monetary Consultants to buy precious metals. But prosecutors maintained and the jury decided that the defendants kept the money for their personal use. By 2009, the company had more than \$26 million dollars in unfilled orders, according to court documents.

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OUR SCHOOLS

County Schools Award Volunteers



The Hardeman County Board of Education honored Greg Vaughan and Lynn Sterling as their volunteers of the quarter at their regular meeting on January 10.

Both Vaughan and Sterling were given puzzle pieces signifying they are "essential pieces" to the success of the Hardeman County Schools.

The awards program allows school administrators to nominate worthy volunteers that contribute above and beyond for school success.

The volunteers and their stories will be submitted to the Tennessee State Board of Education for consideration for the state award given each year.

Photo left to right: Vaughan, Superintendent of Schools Warner Ross, Sterling, School Board Chairman Bobby Henderson, and Bolivar Central Principal Cameshia Emerson. Photo by Paul Steinsultz.

GJ Library Awards GJ School

Wanza Hicks Taylor, Grand Junction Library Director, presenting Dollar General gift cards to Grand Junction Elementary School Principal, Linda Buggs.

Thirty-four students were able to improve a book level in the Accelerated Reader Program. The Grand Junction Friends of the library raised the funds to pay for the gift cards.

The Grand Junction Library and the Grand Junction Elementary School are partners in this endeavor.

Photo and story by Barbara Chambers Hensley



WES Does Read Across America Week



Whiteville Elementary School celebrated Reading with gusto February 27- March 4. Students celebrated our theme, "Readers Make Leaders," by dressing professionally and taking pictures as 'future presidents' in their very own "Oval Office." Guest readers from across the area visited the library classes to read to students and encourage students to keep reading.

Some of the guests included the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Officer Strickland from Whiteville Police Department, Glenda Doyle Whiteville Public Library, and children's authors Pat Winston and Natalie Wade. In addition, the P.L.U.G. organization (People Linked Under God) cooked and served green eggs and ham to the K-3 students.

Students participated in poetry contests, bookmark contests, costume contests, book report contests and jingle contests. Students donated over \$900 for the school's Read Across America fund raiser: Penny Wars.

Right photo: Raymond Robertson as "POTUS". Bottom photo: Children's Author Pat Winston with Mrs. Estes class.



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Black Eyed Peas with Ham Hocks and Greens

Ingredients

- 2 pounds black-eyed peas, soaked overnight if possible
- 2 pounds smoked ham hock, meaty ham bone or slab bacon
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 large onion, peeled and stuck with 2 cloves
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon allspice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 pounds collard greens (or desired greens), cut in 1-inch ribbons (about 8 cups)
- 1 bunch scallions, cleaned and chopped, for garnish

Directions

1. Drain peas and put them in a large Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed soup pot. Add ham hock or bone (if using slab bacon, cut it into 2-inch chunks), cover with 10 cups water and turn heat to high. Add salt, onion stuck with cloves, bay leaf, black pepper and allspice.
2. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a gentle simmer. Skim off and discard any foam that rises to the surface. Simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until peas are tender. Throughout cooking, add water as necessary, always keeping liquid level 1 inch above surface, stirring with wooden spoon occasionally. Turn off heat. Check broth for salt and adjust seasoning. Mixture should be fairly frothy. With a pair of tongs, remove ham hock, ham bone or bacon. Chop meat and skin in rough pieces and set aside.
3. Put a large wide skillet over medium-high heat. Add vegetable oil and heat until wavy. Add garlic and red pepper and let sizzle without browning. Add collard greens and stir to coat. Season with salt and add 1 cup water, stirring to help wilt greens. Add chopped ham and reduce heat to medium, then cover with lid slightly ajar and cook until greens are soft, about 20 minutes. Check seasoning. To serve, put greens and meat in low soup bowls, then ladle over hot black-eyed peas. Sprinkle with scallions.



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2,372± sq. ft. home, 4 bedrooms (fireplace in the master), den, kitchen, eating area, utility room, beautiful concrete patio and built up brick patio off the back of the home. Renovated with open floorplan, new flooring, interior decor, updated kitchen and baths, lighting, new central heat/air conditioning, gorgeous lot and 1 car garage.



136 MOROCCO ROAD • BOLIVAR
Price: \$129,500

Home with Basement! 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath home located inside the city limits with a beautiful wooded lot! Approx. 1,800 sq. ft. of living area and features 2 bedrooms, kitchen, eating area, living room, den and dining room upstairs, and 2 bedrooms, den, utility, and bath downstairs.



205 CAROLE STREET • BOLIVAR
Price: \$125,000

Spacious Living! Take a look at this 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home, over 1800 sq. ft. of living area, open concept with kitchen, eating area, den, nice size bedrooms and utility room. The inside is just the beginning with this property! Detached 2 car garage, gazebo, patio, brick grill, and open shed. Call Bobby Sain, Broker today

320 BILLS STREET • BOLIVAR
Price: \$190,000

Beautiful 100 Year Old Home loaded with architectural character, beautiful front porch, large spacious rooms, over 1900 sq. ft. on beautiful wooded lot featuring Living Room with fireplace, Dining Room, Kitchen/Eating Area, Utility Room, 2 large bedrooms downstairs, 1 or 2 bedrooms upstairs, 1 car detached garage and utility building.

AFFILIATE BROKERS: Blake Sain, Bobby Doyle, James Hicks, Dajuan Sain, Amy Sain and Don Young

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
HARDEMAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Oather L. Lake and Mabel E. Lake executed a Deed of Trust to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Lender and Mary Ruth Tackett, Trustee(s), which was dated October 25, 2007, and recorded on October 31, 2007 in Book 663, Page 22, and rerecorded/modified/corrected on November 2, 2007 in Book 663, Page 155 in Hardeman County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on January 8, 2020, at 1:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Hardeman County Courthouse, Bolivar, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hardeman County, Tennessee, to wit:

Beginning on a 5/8 inch iron rod set at the northeast corner of this lot (located North 88 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds West, 90.68 feet from a steel fence post found at the northeast corner of the tract of which this is a part), the same being a point in the south boundary of the Charles F. Sanders and wife, Helen M. Brady Sanders, property (Deed Book Y-15, Page 438), and runs; thence with a severance line through the tract of which this is a part as follows: South 17 degrees 37 minutes 10 seconds East 185.23 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set; South 26 degrees 41 minutes 59 seconds West 164.19 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set; South 35 degrees 21 minutes 50 seconds West 287.05 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set at the southernmost corner of this lot; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds East 563.13 feet, being at all times 20 feet east of, adjacent to and parallel with the east boundary of the Callie Faye Avent property (Deed Book I-16, Page 203) to a 5/8 inch iron rod set at the northwest corner of this lot the same being a point in the south boundary of the aforementioned Sanders property; thence South 88 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds East 183.77 feet with the south boundary of Sanders to the point of beginning and containing 87,120 square feet or 2.00 acres, more or less.

Per Certificate of Survey by Paul C. Henson, R.L.S. #1922, Selmer, Tennessee, dated February 5, 2007.

CONVEYED HERewith IS A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY WHICH SHALL RUN WITH THE LAND AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning on a 5/8 inch iron rod set at the northwest corner of the lot which this easement serves (being Lot 1 of the Oather Lake Minor Subdivision, a plan or plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet B, Page 750), and runs

thence, North 88 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds West 120.01 feet to a point; North 01 degrees 48 minutes 55 seconds East 26.36 feet to a point in the south right-of-way of Oak Hill Road (based on a total width of 40 feet); thence North 68 degrees 19 minutes 59 seconds East 59.33 feet with the south right-of-way of Oak Hill Road to a point in the south right-of-way of Oak Hill Road; thence South 88 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds East 115.59 feet to a point; South 01 degrees 48 minutes 55 seconds West 50.00 feet to a point in the north boundary of the lot which this easement serves; thence North 88 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds West 50.00 feet with the north boundary of the lot which this easement serves to the point of beginning.

Per Certificate of Survey by Paul C. Henson, R.L.S. #1922, Selmer, Tennessee, dated February 5, 2007.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Oather Lake, by deed as found of record in Deed Book N-15, Page 101, Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee. See Plat of record in Plat Cabinet B, Page 750, Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Map 110, Parcel 9.02

Parcel ID Number: 110 009.22
Address/Description: 2771 Oak Hill Rd, Bolivar, TN 38008.
Current Owner(s): Oather Lee Lake and wife Mabel L. Lake.
Other Interested Party(ies): PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC ASSIGNEE OF CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. and TAG2 Final Assignee.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; and any all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 19-14100 FC01

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust, executed the 5th day of April, 2010, by Caycee M. Vaughn and Mitch Vaughn, to H. McCall Wilson, Jr., as Trustee as the same appears of record in the Office of the Register of Hardeman County, Tennessee, at Deed of Trust Book 686, Page 157. Said Deed of Trust being Modified by Modification of Deed of Trust dated September 9, 2010, being of record at Deed of Trust Book 689,

Page 363, as corrected by Scriveners Affidavit of record at Deed of Trust Book 691, page 254 in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee. Thomas M. Minor was thereafter appointed Substitute Trustee of record at Deed of Trust Book 745, Page 835 in the said Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Whereas, The Bank of Fayette County, being the owners of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by a default in the payment of the debt and obligations secured, at the option of the Owner, after being authorized to proceed with a sale under the aforesaid Deed of Trust in the event of a default there under, this is to give notice that the undersigned will on the 3rd day of January, 2020, commencing at 12:00 noon, at the front door of the Courthouse in Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hardeman County, Tennessee, to wit:

Beginning at a new cotton picker spindle in the apparent center of Wolf Pen Road, said spindle being on the east line of the Betty Kay Dysart and Shirley Ann Yancey parcel (Deed Book S16, page 591), which this description is a part of; thence coincident with the apparent centerline of Wolf Pen Road and along a new severance lines of said Betty Kay Dysart and Shirley Ann Yancey parcel the following four (4) courses: (1) north 50 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds West – 225.56 feet; (2) north 49 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds west – 172.87 feet; (3) north 50 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds west – 76.07 feet; (4) into a curve to the left, having a radius of 400.00 feet; and arc length of 52.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 54 degrees 23 minutes 22 seconds West, and a chord length of 51.97 feet to a new cotton picker spindle;

thence north 02 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds East leaving said road and continuing along a new severance line of the said Betty Kay Dysart and Shirley Ann Yancey parcel, passing through a new capped 1/2 inch iron rod, (typical of all irons in this description referred to as new) at 25.00 feet and continuing on and passing through another new iron rod at 1335.91 feet and continuing on to a total distance of 1353.88 feet to a point in the apparent center of Hardcastle Creek and being on a south line of the Billy J. Smith parcel (Deed Book M15, Page 686); thence along the apparent center of said Hardcastle Creek and the south line of said Billy J. Smith the following three (3) courses (1) North 81 degrees 36 minutes 11 seconds East – 276.81 feet; (2) north 77 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds East – 101.67 feet; (3) South 76 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East – 52.21 feet; thence south 02 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds West coincident with a west line of the Lila Cartwright parcel (Deed Book V9 Page 201) passing through an old metal t-post at 21.63 feet and continuing on another 1305.44 feet to an old iron rod being the northwest corner of the Harold Clifton parcel (Deed Book M17, page 463) and continuing on for a total distance of 1737.08 feet to the point of beginning, containing 15.00 acres.

Property subject to any and all road right of way rights of said Wolf Pen Road.

All bearings noted are based upon the Tennessee Coordinate System of 1983. Per certificate of survey of James S. Simpson, Jr., RLS #2553, dated March 5, 2010, with office located at 110 W Market St, Bolivar, TN 38008.

This being the same property which has been designated by the Hardeman County Tax Assessor as Parcel No. 36.01 on Tax Map 174.

This being the same property conveyed to Mitch Vaughn and wife, Caycee M. Vaughn by Warranty Deed dated March 31, 2010, from Betty Kay Dysart and Shirley Ann Yancey of record at

Deed Book 49, Page 885 in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Property Address: 75 Wolf Pen Rd, Pocahontas, TN 38061
Owner of Property: Mitch Vaughn and Caycee M. Vaughn

The sale of the above described property shall be subject to unpaid property taxes, assessments, subdivision restrictions, building lines, easements and all other prior liens and encumbrances of record superior in right to the Deed of Trust. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: 1.) Second Mortgage Holder, New Idea Financial, Inc., 4800 Navy Road, SU 4, Millington, TN 38053.

All rights and equities of redemption, statutory right of redemption, homestead and dower and all other rights or exemptions of every kind are expressly waived and title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The sale held pursuant to this notice may be rescinded at the Substitute Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement of the time and place for the sale set forth herein.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 9th day of December, 2019.

THOMAS M. MINOR
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
MINOR JOHNSTON DOUGLAS, PLLC
ATTORNEYS FOR SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
124 EAST MARKET STREET
SOMERVILLE, TN 38068
(901) 465-3117

Publication Dates: December 12, 2019, December 19, 2019, December 26, 2019

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 23, 2020 at 1:00 P.M., local time, at the West Door of the Hardeman County Courthouse, 100 North Main Street, Bolivar, TN 38008, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Gabriel Williams Vickers for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Evolve Bank, as Beneficiary, dated May 25, 2018, of record in Instrument Number 178597, Book 755, Page 36, in the Registers of Deeds Office for Hardeman County, Tennessee, ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by James E. Albertelli, P.A. d/b/a ALAW, a Florida corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Tennessee, having been appointed Trustee, all of record in the Register of Deeds Office for Hardeman County, Tennessee. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC
Other Interested Parties: N/A

The hereinafter described real property located in Hardeman County, Tennessee will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

PROPERTY BEING SITUATED IN THE HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A STAKE, INTERSECTION OF WRIGHT STREET, 40 FEET WIDE, AND FISHER STREET, 45 FEET WIDE, AND RUNS WITH THE NORTH MARGIN OF FISHER STREET WEST 133 FEET TO A STAKE IN A DITCH; THENCE WITH THE DITCH NORTH 150 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 7; THENCE WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT NO. 7 EAST 133 FEET TO A STAKE ON WEST MARGIN OF WRIGHT STREET; THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 19,950 SQUARE FEET. BEING LOTS 7 AND 8 IN BLOCK E OF JACKSON-KELLER SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN BOOK V-3, PAGE 150, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT BOLIVAR.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 604 FISHER STREET BOLIVAR, TN 38008

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GABRIEL WILLIAM VICKERS BY WARRANTY DEED ON 11/18/16 FROM TERRY DAVID WILLIAMSON AND FILED FOR RECORD ON 12/02/16 IN BOOK 86 PAGE 421, IN REGISTER'S OFFICE OF HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 604 Fisher Street, Bolivar, TN 38008, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Map/Parcel Number: 0701-G-014.00-000

Current owner(s) of the property: Gabriel Williams Vickers

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; and unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this foreclosure sale.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale.

If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Albertelli Law Trust Account. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the Lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received, in excess of the winning bid, will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the Lender or Trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Trustee at any time.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

James E. Albertelli, P.A. d/b/a ALAW, Trustee
401 Commerce Street, suite 150
Nashville, TN 37219
PH: (615) 265-0835
FX: (615) 265-0836
File No.: 19-023735

YEAR IN REVIEW

May 9, 2019 -- An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Bolivar City Councilman Jonathan Joy alleging he overbilled Hardeman County for the sale and installation of five air conditioning units.

Joy, who is the owner of Joy Heating & Air, was hired to install new air conditioners at multiple county facilities between August 2017 and June 2018.

Investigators determined that Joy installed air conditioners that were rated for less tonnage than what the county ordered, and then billed the county for products with more tonnage. For example, in January 2018, Joy installed a 6-ton air conditioning unit at the Hardeman County Health Department, and then invoiced the county for a higher priced 7.5-ton product.

Investigators determined that Joy overbilled the county \$1,609 for the sale and installation of five air conditioning units.

Joy was indicted by the Hardeman County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000 and one count of official misconduct. He was arrested May 7, posted bond, and was released. In September, Joy agreed to pay restitution and court costs with the agreement his case would be deemed nolle prosequi, which is not classified as a conviction under law.

In April, Joy was elected as the Chairman of the Hardeman County Democratic Party. In December, Joy was removed from the position for failing to attend meetings.

In December, Joy was arrested for charges similar in Fayette County. His case is still pending.

Joy, who was elected to city council in 2017, will be up for re-election in 2021. If convicted of a felony, Joy would be removed from the council, according to the City of Bolivar charter.

May 16, 2019 -- A spent budget line item and a communication breakdown left the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department with no credit cards for gas on May 10, although a budget amendment was made to fix the issue and gas credit was being given by a local vendor without any interruption of service.



"The money actually ran out in March," said Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen, noting gasoline prices are up more than 20% in this fiscal year and that they only get reports from the county mayor's office every other month, "But we didn't find out about it until May 3 when we got our report from the county."

Doolen says the problem has come up in the past, but they were covered before.

"In the past, they would keep paying the bills, but they would let us know we needed to do a budget amendment. But this time they just stopped paying," he said.

"The sheriff was notified by accounts payable at least 13 days in advance that they had insufficient funds," said Sain. "He had made no attempt to do the budget amendment until after the fact. Someone at the Hardeman County Sheriff's Office has to put in the effort to track their budget. Blaming the county mayor is not the answer to their administration problem."

Doolen said he will ask for a formal budget amendment from the county commission on May 21, their next scheduled meeting, but would like the 2019-2020 budget to meet their needs from the start.

"We've gone over every year," said Doolen. "But they keep setting the line back to \$100,000."

May 23, 2019 -- Victories for the two incumbents and two open slots were filled as the Bolivar City Council set their panel for the next two years.

The closest race of the election was Carol B. Spinks, who won 60% of the vote in defeating Lajuana Polk in District A, Position 1, while the other open slot was the biggest landslide of the night as Larry Crawford defeated Barbara Jean Fitzhugh, winning 82% of the vote.

Spinks will replace Tommy Woods on the council, while Crawford takes the seat held by Tracy Byrum, who served two terms as city councilwoman.

The incumbents also had a relatively easy time as Todd N. Lowe beat Jimmy Howell and Daisy M. Harvey. Lowe, who will begin his third term on July 1, won 61% of the vote.

Larry McKinnie, Sr., currently the longest serving councilman on the council, received 79% of the vote in defeating Donell Polk, Jr. McKinnie will begin his 13th year on the council when the panel is sworn in on July 1.

May 23, 2019 -- The Hardeman County Commission on May 21 voted unanimously to accept the 2019-2020 budget presented to them on the first reading after the Budget Committee itself barely moved the budget numbers out of their five-man committee.

The 16-0 vote pushed the process forward to the second reading and public hearing, which is scheduled for June 18. The Hardeman County Budget Committee consists of commissioners Jackie Sain, Chris Bell, and Johnny Lanier, with Junior Jimmerson and Jerry Watkins rounding out the committee.

The final vote from the committee saw Sain and Bell reject the budget but it moved forward to the full commission with yes votes from Watkins, Jimmerson, and Lanier.

May 30, 2019 -- After months of debate and work, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain says he expects the 2019-2020 budget to pass without a tax increase and without much trouble at the second reading on June 18.

May 30, 2019 -- Bolivar Mayor Julian McTizic unveiled plans for Sand Beach Lake on the east end of Bolivar, in a ceremony on May 23.



Unveiled as a 122-acre park, the plans have a boat ramp, beach area, walking trails, an amphitheatre, camping areas, and in the future, cabins.

McTizic said that he expects the walking trail to be finished in two to three years, and the camping area, amphitheatre, and zip line in 3-4 years. In November of 2018, the city voted to use the funds from the Hatchie River Project to purchase the property to create a tourism destination. The sale was made final this April. *Photo by Nikki Williams.*

June 6, 2019 -- While the Hardeman County Commission passed the budget unanimously on the first reading in May, Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen hopes the second reading will attract a little more discussion.

"They (the budget committee) are proposing cutting our budget for next year," said Doolen. "No new cars. Car maintenance money was cut in half. We're having to wait until July and the new fiscal year to make some basic repairs, building maintenance, air conditioning, and plumbing. The only things we are spending money on right now are things that have to be done for safety issues, like tires for cars."

June 13, 2019 -- A tentative agreement designed to resolve the stand-off on funding the schools is teetering in the balance as the Hardeman County Budget Committee altered the Memorandum of Agreement with the Hardeman County Schools.

The change was made during the Hardeman County Budget Committee meeting on June 10 at the Hardeman County EMS Building.

"We want to give the same amount to the schools, but at the same time we need to protect the county," said Sain. "We need to look at the long term. We don't need to take school funding away. But we can't pay more."

June 20, 2019 -- The Hardeman County Commission voted to keep the tax rate the same for the county and for the schools, ending months of discussion and speculation with a whimper instead of a bang on June 18 in the Hardeman County Courthouse.

July 3, 2019 -- The City of Bolivar passed a balanced budget with no tax raise and a three-percent pay increase for employees during the June 27 meeting at the Bolivar Municipal Center.



The tax rate stayed at \$1.1542. "I'm happy we were able to provide a cost of living increase without raising taxes on the citizens," said Mayor Julian McTizic. The vote on the budget was the final vote for councilpeople Tracy Byrum and Tommy Woods, who chose not to run in the 2019 election.

Photo: Sworn-in on July 1 were (from left to right) incumbent councilmen Larry McKinnie and Todd Lowe, along with newly-elected councilpeople Carol B. Spinks and Larry Crawford. Photo by Johnny Weems.

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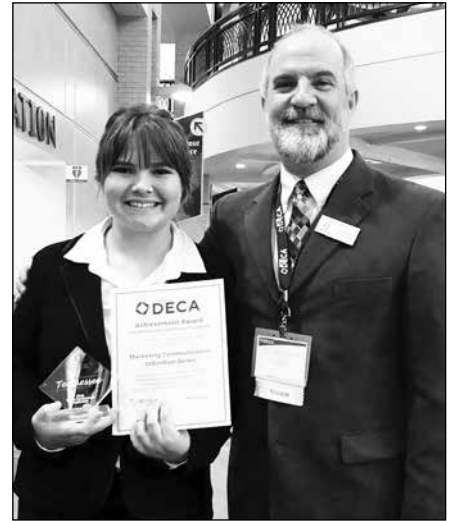
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Willis Qualifies for International

Middleton Freshman Ella Willis, a member of DECA at the MHS, qualified for the International Career Development Conference.

Nine of the last ten years have seen Middleton High School students qualify for the international competition.

Willis is pictured with Randy Bishop, Marketing and Dual Enrollment, and United States History teacher at Middleton High School.



Hornsby Elem. Gets First Day Visit



Dr. Penny Schwinn (center left) helped usher in the school year at Hornsby Elementary by visiting the school on August 7. Dr. Schwinn was sworn in as Tennessee's Education Commissioner on February 1 of this year.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

July 18, 2019 -- Lifelong Hardeman County resident Cecil Wilson Jeter, Jr., had his name placed on the Hatchie River Bridge on July 13 to honor and celebrate his years of service, both home and abroad.

"It was an honor to participate in the Sgt. Cecil Jeter Bridge dedication. His military accomplishments are outstanding and he is a true American hero. Hardeman County, as well as the State of Tennessee, are proud to claim him," said Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain.

Jeter, assigned to the 4th and 39th Battalion of the 9th Infantry as a 19-year old in 1968, was promoted to Sergeant and over his tour earned four Bronze Stars, three Air Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, a Purple Heart, a Silver Star, a National Defense Medal, a Sharpshooter (rifle m-14) Medal, Expert (rifle m-14) Medal, First Class Gunner (machine gun M60) Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is one of Tennessee's most decorated Vietnam Veterans.

Jeter was wounded during a firefight and received shrapnel to the neck and face from a bomb. Jeter refused medical attention until he got his unit evacuated from the area.

Upon returning home, Jeter served as a member of the Tennessee National Guard, was a Bolivar Firefighter for 27 years, and was Hardeman County Sheriff for eight years. *Photo by Johnny Weems.*

July 25, 2019 -- Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen filed a lawsuit on July 16 against Jimmy Sain as Mayor of Hardeman County, asking for funds for "deputies, jailers, and staff, and to acquire essential crime fighting equipment." *See A1 for Story of the Year*

August 1, 2019 -- World-renown wrestling legend Jerry "The King" Lawler has filed a wrongful death suit against Hardeman County, Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen, and numerous employees of the Hardeman County Jail, in regard to the circumstances surrounding the 2018 passing away of his son, Brian Christopher Lawler.

In the suit filed July 26, Lawler, through his attorney, is asking for compensatory damages of \$3 million, plus punitive damages if the jury believes they are warranted. Also, the suit, in part, asks for "proper policies and training to address the provision of timely and adequate protection and provision of medical and mental healthcare, particularly in situations such as those addressed in this Complaint..." The suit also asks for attorney's fees and costs to be paid by Hardeman County.

August 15, 2019 -- The State of Tennessee is lending a hand in efforts to keep schools safe in Hardeman County and around the state.

Hardeman County Schools were awarded a \$245,000 School Resource Officers Grant from the State Department of Education to assist the district in providing all schools in Hardeman County with a full-time Student Resource Officer (SRO) for the upcoming school year.

In previous years Hardeman County Schools coordinated with the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department to provide two full-time and one part-time SRO in the district that were funded through a grant and school district funds. Hardeman County Schools representatives are currently meeting throughout the county with city mayors, police chiefs, city councils, city administrators and the sheriff's department to secure an officer at each school.

August 29, 2019 -- With the county's response to the lawsuit filed by Hardeman County Deputies made public last week, Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen says the county has missed the point.

"The point is they are not being paid correctly," he said. "They don't pay the hours we send up there. They have an interpretation of the labor law and we have a different one. But ours has been consistent and theirs has changed three times since January."

The suit, filed May 29 by William C. Sessions of Heaton and Moore, P.C. of Memphis, was filed against the Hardeman County Government, including the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department, the Hardeman County Commission, and Mayor Jimmy Sain, saying overtime pay was due employees Patrick D. Perry, Justin Bryant, Thomas Cody Naylor, Cheri Baker, Chris Wilkerson, Michael Hatch, and Ethan Vasquez for work performed for the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department.

"The deputies pay rate changes with each check," said Doolen. "Instead of an hourly rate, they put them on salary rate when it works to their advantage."

At the center of the issue, says Doolen, is the 43-hour work week deputies work, versus 40 hours before overtime kicks in on what the sheriff contends becomes an hourly rate. By law deputies fall under the 43-hour work week before overtime kicks in.

"The county is saying they are salaried employees, but then calculate their pay hourly based on a 43-hour week instead of a 40-hour a week job," he explained.

A deputy making \$30,000 a year on a 40 hour week works out to \$14.42 an hour versus the \$13.41 they collect by the county calling it a 43 hour work week, explained Doolen.

And to call it a salary is somewhat misleading and one-sided, said Doolen, since their paycheck each pay period depends on their hours worked.

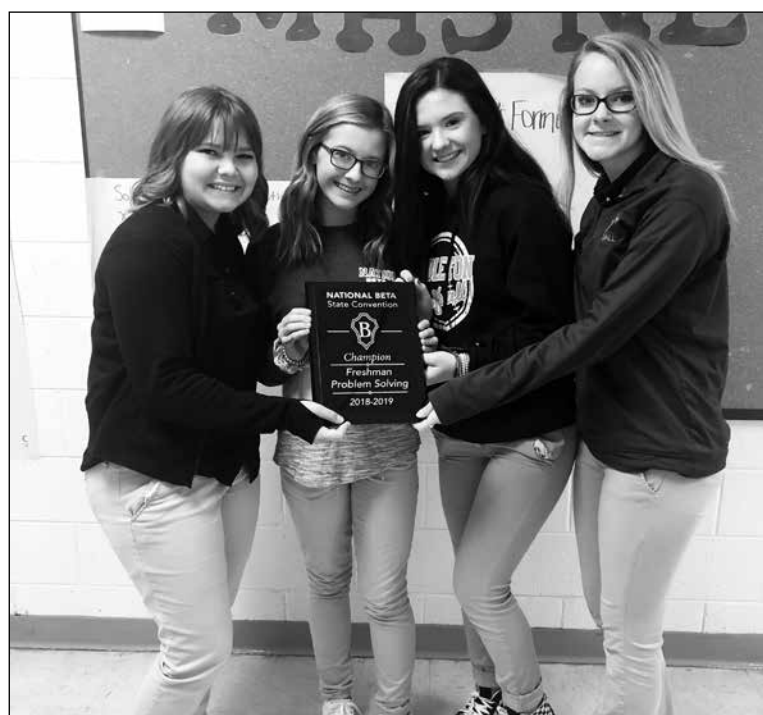
"We don't have the power to calculate hours paid," he added. "We can only send up the hours worked."

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OUR SCHOOLS

MHS Beta Club Students Win at State



Middleton High School Beta Club competed at the state convention November 16. Four students competed in the freshman problem solving competition and placed first in the state. *Photo: Ally Davis, Callee Beth Lanier, Emma Robinson, and Ella Willis.*

MHS Students Make a Difference



When Middleton High School CAD students began working with their new 3-D printer, they didn't know they would make such a difference so quickly.

"We started by making spinners. We measured and worked on it and made spinners," explained Middleton High School CAD Instructor Zeke Craft.

But while the spinners were fun, the use of the printer got more meaningful when the class took on a bigger project.

"My son works at the Co-op. He had a spinner that we had made and was talking to someone who had lost a finger and he said he had read online that prosthetic fingers could be made with a 3-D printer," explained Craft. "We took a design he sent us. We catered it to his finger and made it fit to him."

Craft said after a lot of work, the final product has been a success. "It gives him back that digit motion."

Craft said about fifteen kids are involved in the program that uses the printer, but hopes that all his kids can use it.

"Kids get an idea of how industry works. They create a product and can then improve the prototypes," he said. "In my CAD 2 and CAD 3 classes, the students make their own designs."

"We are excited about the classroom technology improvements at our schools," said Hardeman County Superintendent of Schools Warner Ross. "There's definitely a value-added component of pride when our students use this technology to benefit our community and citizens. Mr. Craft and his team have done just that!"

Ross added that he had received word that Jacob Lumpkin, who was heavily involved in the prosthetic project, has received a full academic scholarship offer from Vanderbilt University.

Photo left to right: Austin Mitchell, Jacob Lumpkin, Jeremy McKay, and Zeke Craft.



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Hardeman County Community Calendar

Bolivar After Work is every Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Biscuitry in Bolivar. Stop by and visit and get ready for the weekend.

Fitness opportunities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through January 16 at the Bolivar Municipal Center from 6:30 to 7:30. This free class is led by Hauta Fuller. Bring your free weights and a towel and water.

Southwest Human Resource Agency will distribute commodities at the Tennessee National Guard Armory in Bolivar from 8 am to noon.

The Hardeman County Boxing Club is accepting applications from people ages 8-80. Call Obie Beard at 402-1078 for more information.

For Meals on Wheels assistance,

please call the Southwest Human Resource Agency at 658-9292

The Bolivar Senior Center has BINGO every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Avalon Hospice is seeking compassionate volunteers to work with patients in your community! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jasmine Lee at 731-658-6812 or jasmine.lee@southern-careinc.com.

Celebrate Recovery a Christian-based recovery from hurts, habits, and hang-ups every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Beginning July 10. Hardeman County Baptist Association, 755 Vildo Rd., Bolivar. Contact: Shirley at 731-609-4182

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry is remind-

ing citizens of the online burn permit system, that is free, fast and simple at BurnSafeTN.org or at Bolivar City Hall. Call 658-2020.

AA Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the HC Baptist Association on Vildo Rd. Contact Denelle at 433-8266.

Bolivar AA Meetings Mondays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 p.m., FUMC in Bolivar. Call 609-9679.

Middleton AA Group meets every Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Main St., in Middleton. Call 609-9697 for details.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and Pastor Algje Jarrett at 255 Burnette Mills Rd., in Bolivar welcomes all to be a part

of Sunday night services on the first Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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.

You can keep up to date with Community Events by checking the Chamber of Commerce website at hardemancountyttn.com

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YEAR IN REVIEW

September 12, 2019 -- The Bolivar City Council and the City of Bolivar honored Jimmy and Doug Maxwell at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 9.

City of Bolivar Mayor Julian McTizic presented the pair with the following:

“On behalf of the citizens of Bolivar and the Bolivar City Council, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Jimmy and Doug Maxwell for their dedication and generous contributions made through their business and volunteerism shown by helping our community.



September 26, 2019 -- The Tennessee Forest Festival highlighted a weekend of events for seven different groups beginning Thursday, September 26.

The Hardeman County Agri-Business Center, which now houses the University of Tennessee Extension Service, opened officially.

There was Music on the Square, the Demolition Derby on Friday, with Rotary Chicken Cooking, Lions Club Flag Football, the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities Heritage Day at The Pillars and the Bolivar Main Street will have Al Green in concert in the Bolivar Downtown Amphitheatre for their monthly Open Air on the Square on Saturday.



Top photo: Purdy Entertainment provided the carnival Thursday through Saturday.

October 3, 2019 -- Hardeman County Commissioners were served with subpoenas to appear in regards to the John Doolen as Sheriff of Hardeman County Tennessee vs. Jimmy Sain as County Mayor.

The subpoenas also included three employees in the mayor’s office and Sain himself, asking them to be deposed September 26 and 27.

October 3, 2019 -- Hardeman County is in need of a new attorney as Charles M. “Chip” Cary announced his resignation from the post in mid-September. The move closely coincided with the announcement that the law firm of Denton and Cary will close their practice in Bolivar after 73 years.

October 3, 2019 -- Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain has been asked to appear in Selmer on October 7 to answer a possible contempt of court charge.

Sain, the complaint says, told his employees not to attend depositions and refused to appear personally, due to the fact that County Attorney Charles M. “Chip” Cary was not available at that time, but failed to notify the opposing attorney prior to their trip from Attorney Roy B. Herron’s hometown of Dresden. The complaint seeks compensatory funds for the trip to Hardeman County.

The complaint asks that Mayor Sain personally be held liable for the costs incurred, instead of either the employees or the county for “willfully, intentionally, and lawlessly demanding that the county employees violate the law and rules of this Honorable Court” and that “it is unfair...to force the taxpayers of Hardeman County to incur thousands of dollars in expense.”

Upon the settlement of the case, the charges were dropped. *See Story of the Year, A1.*

October 17, 2019 -- A comment by Tennessee State Representative Johnny Shaw at a community forum has thrown uncertainty into the realization of the Hardeman County lake project championed by Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain.



“I don’t know why the Governor’s office hasn’t told the mayor he is not getting a lake,” he said during the monthly informal forum called Coffee Talk hosted by the Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce.

Shaw’s comment came as he was the guest speaker for the event, which was a special town hall-style gathering, according to the Hardeman County Chamber website. On a monthly basis, the chamber hosts the meeting, inviting members to gather.

When asked to clarify at a later time, Shaw said, “I don’t understand all the ins and outs, but it takes so many acres of property to satisfy the environmental people and I think it would take all of Hardeman County.”

October 24, 2019 -- The announcement that Deputy Superintendent of Schools Bobby Doyle would take over for Superintendent Warner Ross II during Ross’ military deployment gave the 29-year county commissioner a tough decision regarding his “other” service to the county.



“It was a difficult decision to step down and I appreciate the citizens of District 7 for their continued faith in me in continuing to elect me to the seat,” he said.

“I’ve seen a lot of changes, challenges, and good things,” he said. “I feel like our major challenge is industry. We need to work together with everyone for both the citizens and our students.”

Doyle says he will miss serving the county on the commission. “I have a great deal of respect for my fellow commissioners and wish them the best in the challenges they face. I look forward to working with them in my new role.”

In November, the Hardeman County Commission elected Russell DeBerry to replace Doyle.

October 31, 2019 -- Bolivar Mayor Julian McTizic announced a new method of waste disposal will come to the city.

“I’m so excited to finally see this awesome change for our city’s sanitation department,” said McTizic. “This is definitely a step into the future, no longer will our employees have to ride on the side of a truck in unsafe and hazardous weather conditions to collect residential trash instead they will be providing more manpower to mow right of ways, pick up litter, and our street sweeper will run daily. Most importantly the citizens will not see any increase in pickup fees. We are now in the early planning stages of offering these services to our small commercial users and county residents.”

McTizic said no current full-time employees will lose jobs in the change, instead, temporary employees that did not have status as city employees would no longer be used. The savings come from a reduction in labor costs from \$137,800 per year to \$32,000 per annum for a single driver versus a driver and four employees.

The change was unanimously approved by the Bolivar City Council this past summer, according to McTizic.

November 14, 2019 -- Faced with a diagnosis stemming from a 2011 injury in the line of duty, Whiteville Police Chief Steven Stanley announced that he would resign from the department he served almost fifteen years.



“I would like to take a minute to express my gratitude to the Town of Whiteville for allowing me to be their chief of police for nine years and captain for five years prior to that,” he said. “I would like to tell my guys that I have worked, fought, bled, laughed and cried with that I love you guys and I will always have your back.”

Whiteville Mayor Aubrey Phillips said Stanley will be missed.

“He’s done a good job. I hate that he has the medical issues,” said Phillips. “I wish him the best.”

November 21, 2019 -- Hardeman County Mayor Sain has asked for each of the municipalities in Hardeman County to join and help pay for dispatch in Hardeman County, understanding that if any opt out, they will have to provide their own, according to Sain, stating they would have to hire a dispatcher to take the calls.

“The contract is for 911 to take it over and run it. In the meantime, the City of Bolivar and Hardeman County are paying about \$500,000. The remainder came out to about 7% for the remaining municipalities with police forces,” he said at the November 19 meeting of the Hardeman County Commission, saying Middleton, Grand Junction, Hornsby, Toone, Whiteville, and Hickory Valley will be asked to contribute. “It is up to them to decide how much each of them have to pay.”

The Whiteville Board of Aldermen declined to vote on the question until a cost estimate can be made.

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Pine Meadows Gets Hornsby Beta Club Love



The Hornsby Beta Club brought ornaments and sang carols for the residents at Pine Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Bolivar. Photo courtesy of Julie Wall.

Bolivar Ford Gives to Bolivar Central



Bolivar Ford presented a check to Bolivar Central High School for \$3,640 as part of their "Drive for Your School" promotion held at BCHS in September. For every test drive taken on the day, Bolivar Ford and the Ford Motor Company made a donation to the school. Photo left to right: Chris Christensen of Bolivar Ford, Bolivar Central Assistant Principals Lashanna Bell, Leanne Shelton, and Willie Mary Am...
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Middleton High School Gets Gift from Bolivar Ford



Damon Nisler of Bolivar Ford presented Keith and Marlene Calhoun of Middleton High School with a check for the Bolivar Ford and Ford Motor Company Drive 4 Your School promotion. For every valid test drive taken as a Ford vehicle at the registered on-site event at Middleton High School with Ford Motor Company amount \$26, with a maximum of \$6,000 for the event. The goal is to raise the maximum amount of \$6,000 at every Drive 4 Your School or Drive 4 UR Center. Bolivar Ford Motor Company placed no restriction on the use, with schools or community organizations being able to use the money for virtually anything, ranging from athletic equipment for school teams to general funds. Since the beginning of the promotion, Ford Motor Company has donated...

Doyle Takes Top School Job



The announcement that Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Barry Doyle would take over the position of Superintendent of Schools was a surprise to many in the Bolivar County School District. Doyle has served in the district for 20 years and has a wealth of experience in the field. He was named to the position in 2019. Doyle has a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Memphis and a master's degree in Education from the University of Tennessee. He has served in various capacities throughout his career, including as a principal and as a superintendent. Doyle is a dedicated leader and is committed to providing the best possible education for all students in the district.

Centennial Bank Gives to BMS



Centennial Bank made a donation to the Bolivar Middle School Library. Pictured are (left to right): Bolivar Middle School Assistant Principal Kristy Sims and Bolivar Middle School Library/Media Specialist Deana Sain along with Debbie Moore and Kenny Adkins of Centennial Bank.

County Students Earn Scholarships from UT Martin



Several Hardeman County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2019-2020 academic year. The scholarships were awarded to students who demonstrated academic excellence and leadership. The recipients are: Mikayla Vincent, a senior at Lone Oaks Farm; Samantha Hagan, a senior at Lone Oaks Farm; and Jamie Howell, a senior at Lone Oaks Farm. The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each and will cover tuition, fees, and books for one year.

Clark Earns Scholarship



The West Tennessee-Hardeman County District Association awarded a scholarship during their annual dinner in 2019. The scholarship recipient is Ms. Kira Clark, a 2019 graduate of Bolivar Central High School. She is a member of The Greater Springfield M.B. Church in Bolivar and plans to attend The University of Memphis and major in education. Kira is the daughter of Mr. Charles Clark, Bolivar.

Vincent Wins Vol State Award



Mikayla Vincent of Lone Oaks Farm was recognized as Tennessee 4-H Roundup in Knoxville with the Vol State award, the highest level of recognition a Tennessee 4-H member may achieve. Vol State is presented in all phases of 4-H work, as well as service and leadership rendered in their communities. Photo courtesy of Hardeman County UT Extension.

Simmons Bank Give to Imagination Library



Simmons Bank President Lora Moore presented a check to the Hardeman County Imagination Library Steering Committee. The goal of the Imagination Library is to make every effort to foster a love of reading, progress early childhood literacy and make available free books to children from birth to age five. Hardeman County currently has 914 registered children receiving books each month. Over 2,184 have graduated from the program and over 100,000 books have been mailed since the beginning of the program. This year alone we have mailed out 7,140 books. The Imagination Library is a unique opportunity to do something simple and beneficial for early childhood development. To learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library visit www.imaginationlibrary.com. Pictured left to right: Simmons Bank, Crystal Grantham, Lora Moore, Hardeman County Steering Committee Monroe Woods, Maggie Barronclough and Becky White.

Here's Why . . .

It's our people and our resources. It's the hundreds of teachers and support personnel that keep our kids educated and safe. This page is full of stories about the community supporting our kids and about the achievements of our students and teachers. Clearly, we've got good people. But to keep good people, we need support. We've got good people. We've gotten support from our local government. But we need it to continue. In short, we need everyone working together. How can you help?

OUR SCHOOLS



BES Attempts World Record Dance Move. Bolivar Elementary School attempted to break the World Record for the number of people doing the Flamingo dance simultaneously at the school on May 7. With great staff participation, the school and they had set a record for the number of people doing the Flamingo dance. The World Record was available at press time. Photo by James Hagan.

CHS Sends Students to Nashville



Approximately 40 students from Bolivar Central High School's History Club went on a two-day field trip to Nashville and a photo with Governor Bill Lee. The group visited the state capital on May 7 and went to the Nashville Zoo. Photo by James Hagan.

Lone Oaks and the Hardeman County Schools

For two years, the University of Tennessee has partnered with Hardeman County Schools to develop and offer STEM education opportunities at Lone Oaks Farm. These programs are offered as field trips to Hardeman County students during the school year (at no cost), and allow kids to have hands-on, real-world experiences to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math. Long-term, the vision of a special school at Lone Oaks Farm, focused on STEM and outdoor experiences is being planned. One such school, DB Excel, a school program in Kingsport, offers a special learning environment for a subset of their high school students. While any student can apply to attend and they pride themselves on diversity, the real focus was on 1) students that are academically average and would benefit from a hands-on, less structured approach to learning, and 2) students who socially struggle in a large high school setting. DB Excel isn't a stand-alone school. No hand rooms, gymnasiums, football fields, or administrative offices leads to a much smaller footprint. The Lone Oaks Farm Master plan calls for a comprehensive STEM education facility to serve the 4-H summer camping program and also the STEM education program (field trips) during the school year. The plan features a 17,000 square foot building with classrooms, laboratory space, cafeteria, etc. In addition, there will be many outdoor classrooms, boat docks, and recreation areas. Also, there will be cabins for overnight lodging of 20 students. The success of other programs gives Lone Oaks Farm a reason to hope plans could be realized quickly and with Lone Oaks being within 10 miles of both Bolivar Central High School and Middleton High School, it could serve both of the high schools in the county. A proposal was made to the Hardeman County School Board creating a partnership and developing a special STEM high school annex program at Lone Oaks Farm, who will continue.



Photo: Over 1,000 Hardeman County students have attended STEM programs at Lone Oaks Farm in the last two years, both of the high schools in the county. A proposal was made to the Hardeman County School Board creating a partnership and developing a special STEM high school annex program at Lone Oaks Farm, who will continue.

College Signing Day



Students celebrating college signing day with letters from various universities including UT Martin, Union University, JSCC, Mississippi State, and West Virginia University.

Mott Addresses the Commission



Caitley Mott, the daughter of Evan and Daniel Mott of Middleton, was honored by the county commission for her victory in the 4H regional speech contest. Mott, a seventh grader at Middleton Middle School, gave her speech on the challenges and the joy of being a farmer to the commission and the audience. Photo: Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain gives Mott a token of appreciation.

A Father's Day Gift



In keeping with Bolivar Central High School's goal "to promote a safe and positive school environment that supports staff while enhancing student learning through teaching and recognizing positive behavior," the school rewarded a group of students with a movie and concessions as a reward for having no unexcused absences, no tardies, and no office referrals. "The administration, faculty staff and students at Bolivar Central High School would like to thank Brad Grantham and the rest of the staff at the Luez Theater for hosting our students for the 2nd Year Works School-wide Celebration. The facility is beautiful, the staff was amazing, and the popcorn hot and fresh. Thank you again for a wonderful experience and we look forward to the next time," said Amanda Clatter, representing BCHS.

Reading Across Bolivar Elementary



Community leaders and officeholders from all over the county came together at Bolivar Elementary School on March 21 to celebrate Read Across America Day. Each guest reader either brought or chose a book to read to their assigned class. The National Education Association's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or near March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Photo by Ginger Tester, who read to Ms. Falesha Vickers' fifth grade class at BES.

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Bolivar Ends One Game Short of Murfreesboro

Boys Team of the Year

Bolivar Middle School came up one game short of a trip to Murfreesboro, bowing out in their section championship game.

The first year of the TMSA hosting a state championship saw the Tigers make a run after qualifying through their local tournaments, Bolivar Middle School in Class AA.

The rest of the Hardeman County teams competed in Class A.

Bolivar's defeat came on January 31 against Crestview Middle School at Northview Middle School in Newbern as the Tigers lost their only game of the season, ending the season at 20-1.

It was the fifth straight year Bolivar Middle School won their district. They are coached by Demetrice Beuaregard.

Photo: Bolivar Middle School (in no particular order): Jamarion Anderson, Jakobe Cross, A'Ryan Spencer, Tamarcus Smith, and Adaylan Cross, Kevin Pugh, Jr., Christian McCarley, Jakarian Blakemore, Kylan McNeal, Josiah Clark, Quinterous Turner, Dre'Tavous Turner, Jaylan Beard, Quaderious Gaines, Jabari McClellan



Other Top Boys Teams We Saw in 2019



Middleton Middle School Basketball (22-3) reached the finals of their sectional tournament, losing to Lester Prep.

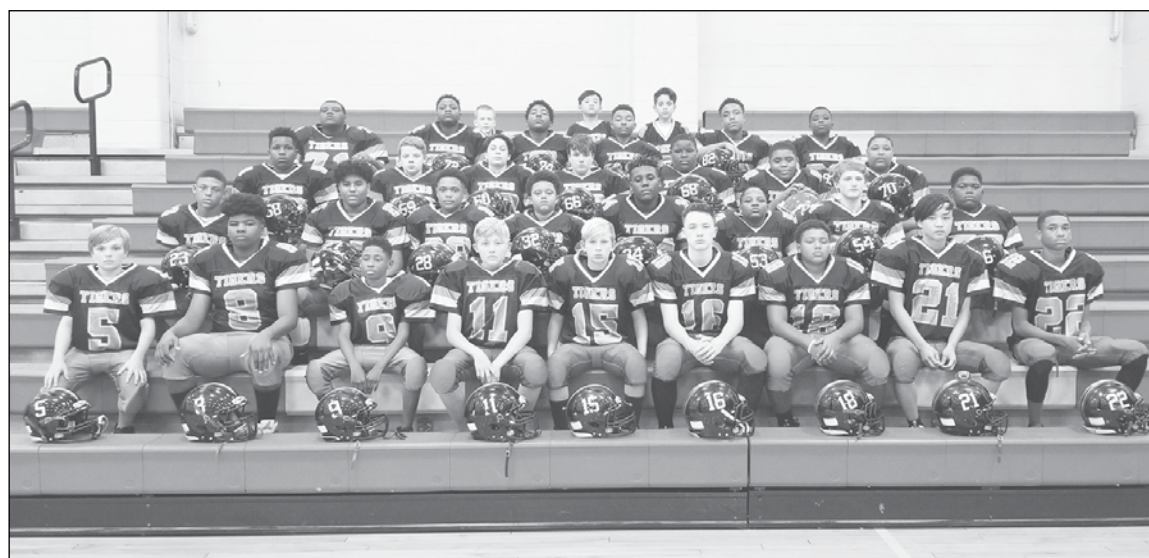
Photo: Middleton listed by number: Brydarien Buggs 21, Christopher Hardaway 0, Veldasa Davis 30, Landen Grantham 4, Taquinis Mitchell 5, Early Lewis 44, Brandon McNeal 33, Bryan Thomas 31, Rodgerick Robinson 23, Perri Rogers 24, Jordan Stewart 22, James Valentine 44, Cory Warren 3, Chartavious Tate 2



With victories over Hornsby and Middleton Middle School, Bolivar Middle School defended their Hardeman County Middle School Baseball Championship on April 6, beating Hornsby 6-1 in the final game at Middleton.

"It was a tough win, a good win," said Head Coach Jerry Rhodes. "They're a very good team and we were lucky. I'm very proud of my guys to get the win."

The victory gives Bolivar seven wins in the 10 years the tournament has been contested. Middleton has won the tournament twice in 2017 and 2015, while Hornsby's lone victory came in 2016.



The Bolivar Middle School Tiger Football team finished their season 5-2, dropping their first and last games of the season.

"I'm proud of our young men tonight. It didn't end the way we hoped for, but our guys have nothing to be ashamed of. They had a great season and the future is bright for BCHS."

O'Neil's squad had 14 eighth-graders.

Photo courtesy of Tina Cranford.

Bolivar Energy Authority

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To operate your space heater and fireplace efficiently and help keep down your heating bill, here's some advice:

Turn down the thermostat and use space heaters to warm only the rooms being used. If it is below 40 degrees outside, don't use your fireplace. When a fire is burning, lower the thermostat a few degrees. And always keep the damper closed when the fireplace isn't being used.

For more information on energy saving steps you can take, call Bolivar Energy Authority at 731-658-5257.

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Rudesill Gets 800th Coaching Win

Sports Story of the Year As the Bolivar Central Lady Tigers cruised to a 64-36 win over Ripley on January 29, it had another significance: Bolivar Central Head Coach Rick Rudesill's 800th coaching win.



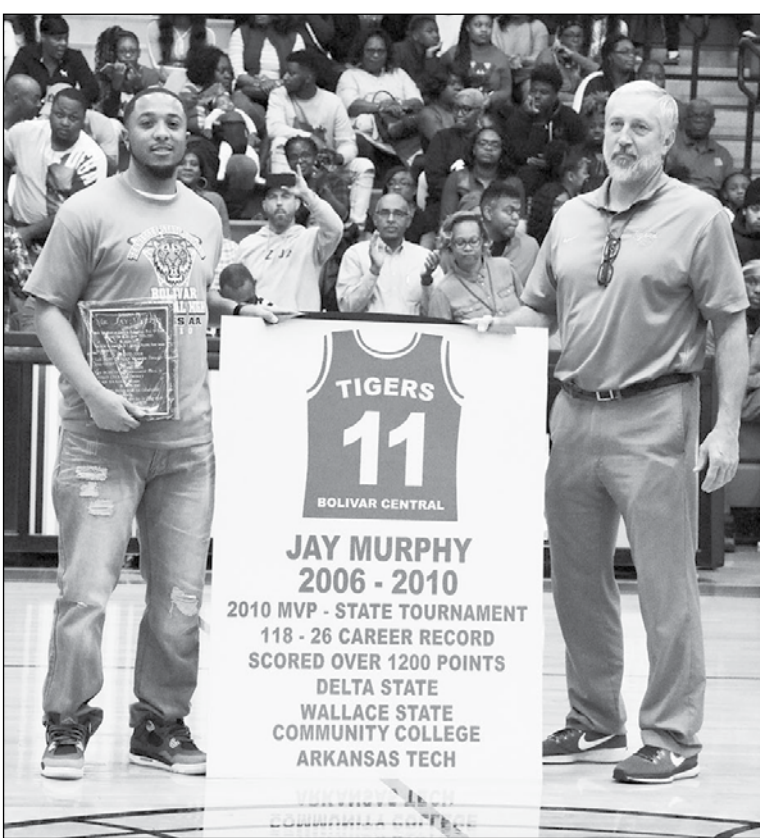
"It's so many more people than just the kids tonight," said Rudesill. "And everybody enjoyed it knowing they were a part of it. It was kind of a surprise to our players, but I did let them know today at school what was going to happen tonight. But even the kids from the 700th win are in that picture and they can always see they were there that night."

Rudesill's 700th win came in 2015 against McNairy Central, with the boys victory over the Bobcats. The 52-year old Rudesill came to Bolivar Central in 1996-1997 after five years at the University School of Jackson. After six years with the boys, he also took over the Bolivar Central girls program in 2002-2003. His team at USJ, beginning in 1991-1992, was 65-75, and his overall record at Bolivar Central is 736-451. With an overall coaching record of 801-526, Rudesill's teams have won 60% of their games, and has a 62% winning record at Bolivar Central. His boys teams have won three state championships, in 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2009-2010. His girls teams have made the Murfreesboro final eight twice.

Other Notable Sports Stories of 2019

Murphy Inducted into BCHS Basketball Hall of Fame

Bolivar Central High School inducted 2010 Bolivar Central graduate Jay Murphy into their Basketball Hall of Fame on January 8 during the Tigers' games against Fayette Ware.



A four-year starter at point guard, Murphy was the MVP of the 2010 TSSAA State tournament during the Tigers state championship season, was all-region three years, all district four years, and made three state tournament appearances and a sub-state appearance.

"He was a leader on and off the court," said Rick Rudesill. "Even in the weight room. And he was surrounded by a good group of ballplayers that did great things here."

Murphy scored more than 1,200 points in his career. Photo: Murphy with Bolivar Head Coach Rick Rudesill. Photo by Ginger Tester.

Two Thousand Points!!

With a free throw in the second quarter of Bolivar Central's loss in the district championship game to Covington, senior Hailey Hardaway accomplished something only two players had done before: two thousand points.



"If we would have played more games or a tougher schedule, she would have gotten it earlier," said Bolivar Central Head Coach Rick Rudesill.

Bolivar (14-11) has won nine games by more than 20 points over the course of the season.

Hardaway finished her career with 2,079 points. Hardaway led Bolivar in scoring each year of her four year career and led the team in scoring 73 of the 107 games she played in, including every game of the 2018-2019 season.

Only Kendra Williams (2,268 points) and Linda McKinnie (over 2,100 points) had ever reached 2,000 points in their career.

Williams Inducted into Central Hall of Fame

LaKendria Williams of Bolivar Central was honored on January 11 with placement into the school's Basketball Hall of Fame.



Williams is thought to have scored more points than any other Bolivar Central player and is one of two players known to have scored more than 2,000 points in her career, with 2,263.

Williams was the MVP of the district twice and region MVP in 2008-2009 when she led her team to the state final eight.

Photo left to right: Assistant Coach Christie Parker, Williams, and Head Coach Rick Rudesill.

Dizzy Dean Perfection for the First Time

With a win on May 31 against Golden Circle Tire, Nelms Body Shop will finish the 6U Dizzy Dean Baseball season like no team has in at least ten years: undefeated.



Nelms Body Shop, who won 14-6 over Maxwell's Big Star and 19-4 over Farmers Insurance on May 28, are 13-0, clinched first place in the league a week ago. Nelms Body Shop is coached by Bobby Hensley.

No team in the Bolivar Dizzy Dean or Dixie Youth Baseball League has finished undefeated since at least 2010, when The County Journal began keeping records of wins and losses.

Photo by Ginger Tester

No Ducks:::

Every morning at some point, Diesel sets on the couch and we talk about the Ducks (or lack of). He's getting tired of hearing about Refugees, he just wants me to take him to the duckblind. Word has it there's Mega Ducks North of us. Hopefully, something will get them in my airspace.



Finally got the CWD results back on my deer, no CWD found. Took about a month for results. I'm sure the "Lab" is backed up, although it's mind boggling, try your best to be patient. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. New Year's is just a few days away. With a bunch of luck, hope to see Ducks next year (2020).

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The Best Season Ever

Team of the Year The Bolivar Central Lady Tigers saw their most successful season ever come to a close on May 18 with a 5-1 loss to Lexington in the sub-state game, the latest the Tigers have ever lasted in the playoffs.

Head Coach Dylan Hill said it was bittersweet. "While this is not where we wanted it to end, we can't help but be proud of all that we accomplished. This team has been special. I'm so humbled by the fact that I got to be their coach. Each girl on this roster played an integral role in our success, but I can't say enough about our senior leadership. Those three girls held this team together through everything. Our fans didn't see the behind the scenes work of these girls. They were true leaders and the program will miss them," he said.

The Lady Tigers finished 17-7, with an 8-2 record in the district. Five of their seven losses were to Covington. They outscored their opponents 176-71 and won more games in district than any team in history.

Coach Dylan Hill was assisted by Jordan Stack.



Other Top Girls Teams We Saw in 2019



The Lady Bulldogs of Hornsby outscored their two opponents 29-0 to take the Hardeman County Middle School Softball title for the first time since 2014.

Hornsby beat Toone in the final game, 9-0.

The last nine years have seen Toone win the championship in 2018, 2016, and 2015, Bolivar in 2017, and Hornsby won the championship each year from 2011 to 2014 before finding their way back to the title this year.



The Middleton Lady Tiger Volleyball team saw their season come to a close on Monday, October 14 as they fell to District 11A champion Loretto at Loretto in the first round of the regional tournament.

Middleton, who fell to Madison in the District 12A final, lost 25-19, 25-10, and 25-11.

Middleton Volleyball is coached by Zeke Craft.



Hornsby Elementary School won the Single A Girls portion of the Hardeman County Middle School Basketball championship on January 16, beating Whiteville 30-15, in the final at Whitville Elementary School.

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Open Records Council



The Office of Open Records Counsel serves citizens, media, and local governmental entities as a resource for issues related to Tennessee's public records and open meetings laws.

In enacting the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, the General Assembly declared it to be "the public policy of the state that the formation of public policy and decisions is public business and shall not be conducted in secret." T.C.A. § 8-44-101. The Tennessee Public Records Act was enacted to give citizens of Tennessee "... the fullest possible public access to public records". T.C.A. § 10-7-505 (d). As a service to our community the Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel has agreed to provide a free training session in Hardeman County. This informative training will help citizens, public servants and private businesses understand the obligations of public meetings and the access process to public records. This event will answer the following questions and many more:

- What constitutes a Public Meeting?
- What are the obligations of conducting a Public Meeting?
 - Notice to the public
 - Meeting minutes
 - Public accommodation
- What Public Records are to be created and kept?
- What is a Public Record?
- Who can request a Public Record?
- How the Public Records Request process works?
- What is required when a Public Records Request is received?
- What is the recourse if a Public Records Request is denied?

Who Should Attend

- Citizens
- County and Municipal officials and representatives
- Public Records Coordinators
- Staff of Public Offices
- Students and Educators
- Law Enforcement
- News Media
- Community leaders and advocates
- Legal professionals and staff

The Tennessee Public Records Act is compiled in Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 of the Tennessee Code. The Tennessee Open Meetings Act, is compiled in Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1 of the Tennessee Code.

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Hardaway Takes Top Honor for Girls

Hailey Hardaway's 35 second half points amid a furious comeback by Bolivar ended in heartbreak as the Lady Tigers fell 76-74 to Memphis Mitchell in the semifinals of the Region 8AA basketball tournament in Ripley. The saddest part was that is was Hardaway's last game as a Lady Tiger.



"She's been with me almost as long as D.J. Smith," said Bolivar Coach Rick Rudesill about Hardaway, who finished her career with 2,079 points, the third most all time in Bolivar history and was named to the all-district tournament, and all-region teams in 2018-2019. "The first time I saw her play, I went to see D.J. at the city gym and I was like, "Who is that little girl out there just wearing everybody out?" She's something special and I'm going to miss her."

Photo of Hailey Hardaway by Ginger Tester.

Mays Named Male Athlete of the Year



The first start since 1993 for a NCAA Power Five School for a football player from Hardeman County happened on Saturday, September 14 as redshirt freshman Briason Mays started at center of West Virginia University in their 44-27 home victory, a day that put Mays on the map for WVU fans.

The last football player from Hardeman County to start in a game at a Power Five school was Briason's father, Brian who played for Ole Miss in the 1990's. West Virginia had their best day of the season rushing, with 173 yards on the ground.

Mays is Majoring in Criminology, and is the son of Brian and Katina Mays of Bolivar.

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