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2020 Year in Review **DECEMBER 31, 2020** 

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#### From the Other Side of the Desk

I love headlines.

I love the story they tell, or at least the tease to the story they are supposed to be telling.

(My love affair with headline writing began in high school, when I placed third in the state in, you guessed it, headline writing. Bringing the third place ribbon back to the trophy case at school put me up there with the homecoming king-starting quarterback-valedictorian-most likely to succeed student except that no one knew about it because the advisor wouldn't let me make it the top story the next week.)

My chance at girls fame squandered...anyway...

Sometimes headlines tell part of the story, sometimes they are merely a commentary on what you are about to read, or not.

But with two stories we will probably all remember for a while in the news, the fun was coming up with new headlines for old stories some most of us wished would just go away.

I'm not sure which one will be remembered longer around here, but we all know the COVID-19 pandemic will be talked about for years to come.

A pandemic is described as something "widespread." Well, more than a year later, we still don't have a final word on the salary dispute case that by most estimations, should have taken only a couple of weeks. It certainly has been "widespread" in time, if not area.

But COVID-19 had a huge part in why it took so long. It delayed trial dates as it closed down the courts for a few months this past summer.

So deciding which one was more important in Hardeman County (or at least more fun for the staff to write about and talk about) ended up being the salary dispute case by a margin of 17-13 over the COVID stuff. And as far as top story of the week, it outdistanced it by a 14-11 margin.

So we're going with the salary dispute case for 2020. And it's still not over. But neither is CO-VID. Both will be talked about in 2021, in this newspaper.

Enjoy the look back. But don't dwell on it. This year was rough on many levels. It's time to move on.

Darrell Teubner, Editor

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**Headlines of the Year** 

A bit of history...Following the passing of the 2019-2020 budget, Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen sued for more support in July of 2019. The issue was seemingly settled in October 2019 after then Hardeman County Attorney Chip Cary and Attorney Roy Herron came to an agreement. Cary presented it to the county commission in a special called meeting as the sheriff's department, who originally sought and sued for approximately \$1.4 million dollars, settled for \$102,000.

At the October 8, 2019 meeting, the vote went 13-1 in favor of ending the lawsuit with the settlement. While both sides claimed a lack of adherence to the settlement terms, Attorney Amber Griffin Shaw filed a Motion to Set Aside the Consent Order on behalf of Sain on February 10, citing numerous problems with the consent order. Herron eventually gave up on the settlement, setting up trial dates over the next ten months, with some delays due to

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the COVID-19 pandemic. Where we are now...In early

December 2020, Chancellor Tony Childress ruled, giving approxi-

mately \$140,000 per year to be added to salaries currently earned by sheriff's department personnel.

The Hardeman County Commissioners approved the expenditure at the December 15 meeting. The county awaits the Chancellor's ruling on legal fees, expected within the next two weeks.

Where it might be going now... With a lawsuit filed in response to the 2020-2021 budget, Sheriff John Doolen might not be done.

"The men and women of the sheriff's office will be paid far less than other law enforcement officers in our area. We still will be way understaffed. And we believe Hardeman County's citizens deserve better. The mayor and his lawyer refused to wrap everything up in one lawsuit. So now we will have to go forward with the other case and try to get enough deputies and enough pay for deputies and jailers for the county," he said.

In other words, the 2019 Story of the Year and the 2020 Story of the Year, will be a story in 2021.



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#### Your Weekend Forecast:

**FRIDAY HIGH 62** Low 40 474

**SATURDAY** HIGH 49

**SUNDAY HIGH 51 Low 33** 

Masks and Zoom Meetings became part of everyday life in 2020 as the COVID-19 global pandemic came to Hardeman County.

After the pandemic caused schools to cease in March and cancel the rest of the year in April, Hardeman County watched Tennessee Governor Bill Lee advise schools to cancel as soon as possible. On that date, March 18, no COVID-19 case had been reported in Hardeman County, or any coun-

A week later, Lee cancelled inrestaurant dining, closed gyms and other "non-essential" businesses.

ty bordering Hardeman County.

A week after that, Governor Lee shut down barbershops, salons, and entertainment venues with 15 separate mandates, including shutting schools until April 24.

The next week, Hardeman County reported six cases in Hardeman County, including possible links to cases in the Hardeman County Courthouse, which caused it to shut from March 31-April 8.

In early April, Lee moved the

State Says August...Maybe A Third Choose Virtual Option

date to possibly re-open to April 30. Seven Hardeman County citizens were listed as having the virus

on the state website. On April 20, Lee announced

plans to reopen the economy, in phases, on April 27, but Executive Order 30 failed to spell out everything, keeping salons and barber shops in limbo.

In early May, cases doubled from 11 to 20 in Hardeman County as tests increased tenfold and jumped to 208 out of 3,000 total tests in the following week.

In June, Governor Lee said things might open up again in August. Bolivar baseball began in June and completed their season in July, with no reported COVID-19 outbreaks connected to the league.

In August, Hardeman County Schools report a third of their students chose the virtual option for the 2020 Fall Semester.

In September, Hardeman County continued to lead the state in testing for counties with more than 25,000 people at 49.5% but led bordering counties in cases and deaths as well.

November saw the cancellation of traditional Christmas events in Hardeman County, as cases kept pace with West Tennessee.

In December, vaccines arrive in Hardeman County, with first responders and health care workers receiving the first doses.

Other Headlines from 2020 by Bulletin Times Staff
Plane Crash in Hardeman County

January 2- A single engine fixed prop aircraft crashed as it attempted to land on Highway 18 near Buster Woods Road between Middleburg and Hickory Valley on December 19.

The pilot, Eric Mingledorff, 73, of Cordova, told Hardeman County Sheriff John Doolen

and reporting Deputy Wesley Lovelace that he had engine problems and realized he would not be able to make it to the Hardeman County Airport. He then made the

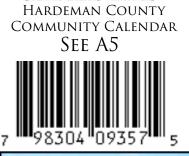
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decision to attempt to land on Highway 18, but caused damage to the nose, the tail, and wings. The crash was reported and dispatch sent out an alert at 4:35 p.m.

Mingledorff was observed with non-life-threatening injuries to his forehead, bridge of the nose, and an injury to his left hand.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were notified and handled the investigation of the incident. Photo: The plane, a 1967 Pitts Abernathy, was removed from the highway by Hardeman County Deputies and Hardeman County First Responders. Photo by Michael Davis.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Silerton Melea Beshires tatteredthread@gmail.com

Happy New Year to everyone! Hoping that everyone had a nice Christmas holiday. Donna Waldrip thanks everyone on behalf of the Silerton Fire Department who helped make the Christmas bake sale a success.

Mary Lynn Lambert brings us news from some Christmas travelers. "Barbara Lambert, Joseph Lambert, and Rachel Thompson traveled to Indianapolis,

Indiana to spend Christmas week with the family. They report they had a good trip and enjoyed seeing the family. The Beshires and I toured the Markowski Christmas lights in Brownsville, Tennessee this year. If you missed them this year, be sure to put it on your list for next year. They were a real treat and they particularly wowed Otto. Condolences are extended to the family of Hughlon Wade who passed away on Christmas day. Hughlon was the husband of Ann (Lambert) Wade."

Mary Lynn Lambert's granddaughter, Merry Ashlyn Gatewood, a sophomore at Union University, made the president's list last semester. Mary Lynn shares that "while on winter break for the month of January, she obtained an internship to work writing and doing research work for the Todd Starnes radio talk show which airs from

As we enter 2021, I know many of us could use some cheer and positivity. Tell us how you celebrated New Year's Eve or what your New Year's resolution is.

Toone Glenn Yarbrough 731-609-0939 gnyarb@bellsouth.net

Hello from Toone, where Christmas Day has come and gone, and Jolly Old St. Nick has returned to the North Pole for his long winter's nap! By now I assume that your presents have been unwrapped, the yummy baked goodies have been eaten, Christmas food left-overs have been thrown out, most of our out-of-town holiday visitors have returned home after a fun time with family and friends, and many of us returned to work. As I'm sure most of you experienced, much like

Thanksgiving, Christmas 2020 was somewhat different than in years past. Most of the big holiday parties were cancelled, the church, school and civic Christmas concerts and programs were drastically scaled-back and even most families were not able to have their traditional gatherings. My Daughter and my two perfect grandchildren did make it to Grand Bubbie's house to spend a few days before Christmas, and we were able to enjoy most of our traditional holiday activities, such as riding 4-wheelers, target-shooting, opening presents, baking cookies and riding around looking at Christmas lights. As for my extended family, this was the first time in my 68 years that the Yarbrough Clan did not gather here at the farm on Christmas Eve. Happily, I managed to spend an hour or so of socially-distanced (masks included) time with one of my sisters and brother-in-law on Christmas Day, but missed being with the rest of my family. Let's all hope and pray that 2021 will be a much more safer and fun year!

Now it's time to turn our attention toward the New Year of 2021. As with Christmas, I'm sure our New Year's celebrations will look very different, as well. I doubt there will be many of the big parties and dances and social gatherings that usually take place to ring in the new year. I believe as we saw with Christmas, there will be much smaller gatherings and more people choosing to stay home to welcome the New Year. I believe it goes without saying that all of us are hoping and praying for 2021 to be a much better and safer year than 2020. Of course in hindsight, it would not take a lot for that to happen! Let's face it, 2020 was a brutal, brutal year for most people. And who knows if our world will ever return to the world we knew before the COVID-19 virus and the ensuing social and economic disasters we have encountered. Now with the vaccine becoming available for most people and the controversial 2020 election behind us, maybe we can all move forward and create an even better country than we had before. Let's all do our best to make that happen!

It's also time to make our ever so important New Year's resolutions. I realize that much like yours, some of my resolutions are quite difficult to achieve. Perhaps I set the bar a bit too high and also maybe try to take on too much at once. So this year let's do ourselves a favor and make fewer, but more achievable goals for 2021. Smaller goals attained are far more rewarding than difficult goals unachieved! Contact me via the phone number or email address listed above, and tell me about your resolutions so we can share with our readers. We will discuss those in next week's article.

I want to wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! May your health be good and your hearts be happy!

Until next time. . . . talk to your neighbors!

#### Middleton Bonnie Callahan 731-376-8202 bonnieshealthyliving@comcast.net

Continue to remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Those I know of are: Helen Coffman, Linsey Parmley, Johnny Matthews, Betty Matthews, Clara Jones, Ray Jones, Margaret Brumbelow, Isla Rose McAlpin, Liam Cruz McAlpin, Cheryl Russell, Foy Norwood, Zack Wilson, Drew Wilson, Brian Clifton, Lauren Clifton, Rickey Bass, Tina Luttrell McKelvey, Dale Wyman, Bill West, Dorris Medlin, Barbara

Hamilton, Buddy Vickers, Marion Shearon, Shelly Tranum, Kay Curtis, Jimmy Thompson, Keesha Lamberth, Teresa Mynott, Patsy Bell, Anna Hopper, Gail Powers, Patricia Hodoe, Leon Campbell, Emma Haddix, Ruby Spencer, Vernon Spencer, Randy Antwine, Connie McCarter Jackson, Ray Rixie, Linda Rixie, Barb Senzig, Robert Thearp, Jack Russell, Shirley Russell, Charlene Hawkins, Rev Cecil Robinson, Fagin Smith, Marshall Mullins, Michael White, J W McMillin, Jimmy Jordan, Jenny Sederum, Bo Bodiford, Berniece Isom, Paula Pulse, Billy Joe Allison, Imogene Stacy, Carmon Stringfellow, Steve Matthews, Bobby Holland, Dana Doyle, Dasha Mullins, Bobby Keller and Paige Gillon.

Condolences to the Phil Buckner, Janice McKee Mynatt, Hayden Harris and Robert Thearp families.

Let us all be in prayer for our president, governors, mayors, health care professionals, police and firefighters and any others that may be involved in this dilemma. Keep the prayers going for those that are fighting this COVID-19. There will not be wrestling at 108 Henderson St., during the month of January 2021. Hopefully, it will start back in February. Thanks to everyone that brought toys to give to needy children and to Mayor Evan Mott for seeing

these are distributed as needed. Let's keep our children, teachers and all those that work at the schools in our prayers.

Joan Henderson submitted funny for the week: One morning a preacher woke up and saw a dead mule in the road in front of his house. He promptly called a friend in charge of removing dead animals, saying, "There's a dead mule in front of my house. Please come over and remove it." Being quite a cut up, the friend said, "preacher, I thought it was your job to take care of the dead?" Thinking quickly, the preacher replied, "well it is, but I always first notify the next of kin."

Please continue to deposit your Best Choice labels in the container at Food Giant service desk. This helps with the Middleton Woman's Club fundraising for community projects especially since we have had to cancel two bake sales due to COVID-19.

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

Hornsby Amber D. Moore 731-609-1210 votetn35@yahoo.com

Hello to all! Hoping everyone is doing well! The following was our devotion on our church app on December 26, it is taken from O.S. Hawkins. My prayer for everyone in 2021 is if you don't know Jesus that you will come to know him, the Greatest Gift any of us can receive. "Christmas is a time for giving gifts ... and receiving gifts. Think about that Christmas gift you received. What did you do to get it? You did not earn it. You did not necessarily deserve it. All you had to do on

Christmas morning to make it yours was to unwrap it and receive it. After all, it was freely given by someone who loves you. The Bible says the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23). Heaven! It cannot be earned. It cannot be bought. It is undeserved. It is God's gift to you form Someone who loves you very much. All you have to do to make it your own is receive it by faith. The message of Christmas is not confined to December and does not end in the cradle. It continues to the cross, where Christ took your sin in His own body and paid your sin debt in full. He was buried and rose again the third day. But this is not all. After the cradle and the cross comes the crown. He is coming back, no longer as a suffering servant but as King of Kings and Lord of lords." My prayer for everyone in 2021 is if you don't know Jesus that you will come to know him, the Greatest Gift any of us can receive. Would love to hear from people in the community of any news that they would like to

share. Please reach out to me and I will be happy to place it in the paper. If you want me to wish someone a "Happy Birthday" just give me a call and I will be happy to do it. Remember to check the church app for any community news they might share. There are also some wonderful devotions to read each day, some are taken from other devotion books but a lot of the devotions are written by member of the church.

Prayer is a powerful thing and I know there are a lot of wonderful folks who are happy to pray for you or someone you know. If you have a prayer request please let us know. Please continue to lift the following people up in your prayers: Lynn Allen, Mimi Anderson, Hugholene Barnes, Ricky Bass, Sue Day, Norma Emerson, Rich Emerson, Nancy Foote, Robert Gibson, Beckett Gray, Thomas Green, Sue Hall, James Hanna, Marilyn Hanna, Richard Hazelwood, Justin Hodge, Sue Hodge, Willis Hornsby, Jo Edna Howell, Charley Johnson, Aubrey King, Lucy King, Wanda King, Debbie Laster, Bobbie McBride, Betty McMahan, Orville McMahan, Ruth Parchman, Gay Pierce, Gail Pope, Melanie Ross, Stacy Spence, Ronna Spoon, Martyn Venuti, Tommy Warner, Eddie Webb, Joe West, Jennifer Wheeler, Piper Williams, the men and women who serve our country, the families of the ones who are fighting cancer, all the health care workers, those with Covid, the leaders of our country, and especially the ones who are lost.

His Word for the week, Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Praise God!!! Happy New Year to everyone and may 2021 be filled with many blessings.

#### MISSING DOG



Please help us find our puppy dog. His name is Lucky, he is friendly, he was wearing a small blue collar, and he has been missing since Monday, December 21, 2020. We live on Walnut Grove Road in Bolivar, but at this point, I feel he may be anywhere in the county or beyond since I think someone has stolen him. Please share with everyone to spread the word. After many tears, I am desperate and will even offer a cash reward.

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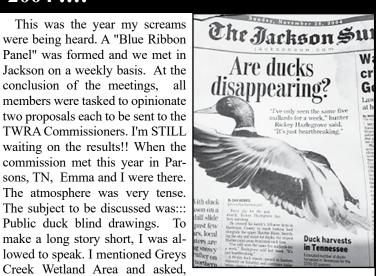
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#### 2004 ::::

This was the year my screams were being heard. A "Blue Ribbon Panel" was formed and we met in Jackson on a weekly basis. At the conclusion of the meetings, all members were tasked to opinionate two proposals each to be sent to the TWRA Commissioners. I'm STILL waiting on the results!! When the commission met this year in Parsons, TN, Emma and I were there. The atmosphere was very tense. The subject to be discussed was::: Public duck blind drawings. To make a long story short, I was allowed to speak. I mentioned Greys



"Could "they" marry with Ducks Unlimited?" to help that area for waterfowl. At the start of the meeting it was notated no answers would tabled at that meeting. All duck hunters in our area are screaming now. Hopefully something will happen to get the "Wings of Dawn" heard again on the upper Hatchie! As Always, SAFETY FIRST, HOOT.

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## Edna's Page



- 1. Which of the Houston Astros' "Killer B's" recorded his 3,000th career hit in June 2007?
- 2. What member of the 2005 North Carolina Tar Heels national championship basketball team was selected fifth overall by the Charlotte Bobcats in the 2005 NBA Draft?
- 3. College football's John Mackey Award is presented annually to the most outstanding player at what position?
- 4. The Isobel Cup is awarded to the season champion of what ice hockey association?
- 5. The five heavy spherical objects that World's Strongest Man competitors lift and place on platforms are called what?
- 6. Who caught the lone touchdown for the New England Patriots in their 46-10 loss to the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XX?
- 7. In 2012, what Texas Rangers slugger missed five games due to ocular keratitis (dry eyes) and balance problems caused by consuming too much caffeine and energy drinks?



- 1. Is the book of Leviticus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. For possible New Year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be ..."? Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
- 3. In Luke 2, what prophetess spoke of Jesus "to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem"? Anna, Jezebel, Damaris, Whore of Babylon
- 4. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd. 5th. 7th. 9th
- 5. From Matthew 2, to what country did Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus flee? Jordan, Syria, Oman, Egypt
- 6. Who told Joseph about the death of Herod? Melchior, Angel (in a dream), Augustus Caesar, Phanuel

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Weekly **SUDOKU** 

by Linda Thistle

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each small 9-box square contains all of the

numbers from one to nine.

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Canadian province British Columbia?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which university or college has sports teams with the nickname "Golden
- 3. MEASUREMENTS: How many
- cups equal 1 quart? 4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the mansion in the TV series
- "Dark Shadows"?
- 5. ANATOMY: What are the tissues that hold bones together?
- 6. SCIENCE: What is the study of plants called? 7. MOVIES: What are the main food
- groups, according to Buddy in the movie "Elf"? 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What
- is the scientific adjective used to describe fish?
- 9. CURRENCY: What is the basic currency of Haiti? 10. INVENTIONS: Who is credited



- 1. Which group was the first to release "Wildflower"?
- 2. Name the artist who released "Where Were You When I Was Falling in Love."
- 3. What was the first song Bobby Blue Bland ever released?
- 4. Who composed the music for the film "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I've been for a walk (I've been for a walk) on a winter's day (on a winter's day), If I didn't tell her (if I didn't tell her), I could leave today (I

EDNA'S PAGE Answers on A9

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#### **Super** Crossword.

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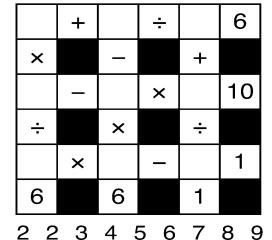
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#### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

#### **DIFFICULTY:** \*\*\* ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!



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# Food Giant Big Star Stay-at-Home Gownnet

#### **Pork Chops with Tomato-Bacon Gravy**

**Ingredients** Ingredient Checklist

4 thick-cut bacon slices

- 4 (1-inch-thick) bone-in center-cut pork chops (about 10 oz. each)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided 1 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 8 ounces fresh green beans, trimmed 1 medium shallot, sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 cup unsalted beef stock
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

#### **Directions**

Preheat oven to 400°F. Cook bacon in a skillet over medium until crisp, turning occasionally, about 8 minutes. Remove bacon to paper towels to drain; set aside. Reserve drippings in skillet off heat. Sprinkle pork chops evenly with 1/2 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper. Place skillet over medium-high; add pork chops, and cook in hot drippings until well browned, 3 minutes per side. Transfer pork chops to one end of an aluminum foil-lined rimmed baking sheet; set aside. (Do not wipe skillet clean.) Toss green beans, sliced shallot, and oil together with 1/4 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper. Set aside.

Place skillet with remaining drippings over medium-high. Add tomatoes and remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until blistered and beginning to burst, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle

with flour, and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Add stock; stir until smooth. Reduce heat to medium, and simmer until thickened, 5 minutes. Add green bean mixture to opposite side of baking sheet from pork chops. Place in preheated oven; cook until a thermometer inserted into thickest portion of pork chops registers 145°F and green beans just begin to brown, about 10 minutes. Chop bacon; stir into tomato gravy, and serve over pork chops with green beans. Sprinkle with parsley.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### CHARLES HENRY HALL, III SEPTEMBER 25, 1926 - DECEMBER 27, 2020

Charles Henry Hall, III, AKA Buddy, Daddy, Charlie, Papa, Grandaddy, and Bubba passed from this life on Sunday, December 27, 2020, at his home in Saulsbury. Mr. Hall was 94 years old.

He was born on September 25, 1926, in the Brick House on the family farm outside of Saulsbury to Emma Louise McClellan Hall and Charles Henry Hall, II. He lived most of his life in the Brick House.



He moved to "town" in 2015. Mr. Hall served in the United

States Navy. He enlisted on September 18, 1944, just shy of his 18th birthday. He was a seaman, first-class and was awarded the Victory Medal at the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged on August 20,

On September 1, 1951, he married Nancy Boyd Franklin Hall. They were married 54 years until her death in 2005. He was a member of the Immanuel Episcopal Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Hall is survived by two daughters, Susan Lucas Hall of Starkville, Mississippi, and Iva Rebecca Heckmair (Josef) of Weihenstephan, Germany; two sons, Bernard F. "Ben" Hall (Brenda) of Middleton, and Jesse K. Hall (Leslie) of Saulsbury; ten grandchildren, Bernie Hall, Laura Sparks (Daniel), Nathan Hall, Lucas Hall (Sabrina), Vinzenz Heckmair, Anna Heckmair, Julia Heckmair, Clare Walter (Jonathan Christian), Jenna Fesmire (Jeremy), and Jake Hall (Carly Weems); and seven greatgrandchildren, Anthony Sparks, Jade Sparks, Michael Antonucci, Eli Fesmire, Laycie Currier, Demos Hall, and Alena Hall.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Nancy, a sister, Louise Hoyt, a brother Frank Hall, a son, Charles Henry "Hank" Hall, V, and an infant son, John Hall in 1955.

Mr. Hall was a graduate of Grand Junction High School. He was a cattle farmer and retired from the State of Tennessee as a regional supervisor of the re-appraisal program for West Tennessee.

Mr. Hall was known for hosting a good happy hour, spending time at the Turnaround, working on his family farm, dispensing unsolicited advice, and telling a good story, both true and untrue. In his words, "I am subject to lie a little." He was tenacious, fiercely independent, and unconventional and his family is grateful for his life.

A visitation for Mr. Hall was held at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Bolivar on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Private services will be held at a later date.

#### JOY MAYNARD

#### FEBRUARY 18, 1966 - DECEMBER 11, 2020

Joy Maynard, 54, of Jackson, departed this life Friday, December 11 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

The wife of Kirby Maynard, who survives, she worked as a cashier/ manager at Fast Lane in Jackson prior to becoming disabled. She was born Friday, February 18, 1966, in Bolivar, the daughter of Frances Stanfield Dorris of Jackson and the late Carlis Gene Dorris and lived in Hardeman County prior to moving to Madison County. She enjoyed



singing gospel songs, playing the piano and Nintendo games, but especially loved being around her family and her 'fur baby', Peanut. Mrs. Maynard was a member of Calvary United Pentecostal Church.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday, December, 24 at The Calvary Church in Jackson with Rev. Cliff Walker officiating. Burial was in Ridgecrest Cemetery in Jackson. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Bolivar were in charge of professional arrangements.

In addition to her husband, whom she married on January 11, 2002, and her mother, she is survived by a sister, Brittany Wood (Jeff) of Jackson; a brother, Tony Dorris of Byhalia, MS; two sisters-in-law, Peggy Bates (Larry) of Jackson and Chris Beasley Maynard; several nieces & nephews; and two aunts, Brenda Johnson and Joan Meeks (David). In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Lee Dorris; her paternal grandparents, Rev. Lacy Dorris & Annie Lee Carmichael Dorris; her maternal grandparents, Jack Stanfield and Ruby Floyd Stanfield and her mother in law, Linda Widener. Memorial contributions in her name may be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (www.cff.org/donate).

#### JANICE SUE MYNATT

#### MARCH 21, 1953 - DECEMBER 28, 2020

Janice Sue Mynatt, 67, of Bolivar passed away early Monday morning, December 28, 2020, at Bolivar General Hospital.

The wife of Lewis Mynatt, who survives, she was retired from Western Mental Health Institute in 2004 as a Dietician with 31 years of service. She was born March 21, 1953, in Hardeman County, daughter of the late Burton and Etta Sue Ray McKee and lived all her life here. She married Lewis Mynatt on



December 13, 1975, and was a member of Hebron Baptist Church. She enjoyed flowers, collecting rabbits and angels, but her greatest fulfillment came from being around her grandchildren, whom she dearly loved.

Services were 11 a.m. Thursday, December 31 at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Bolivar with Charles Jeter and Louie Gibson officiating. Burial is in Hebron Cemetery.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two sons, Randy W. Mynatt (Katy) of Bolivar and David Mynatt, Jr. of Kansas; two brothers, Burton Wayne McKee (Carolyn) and Milton McKee (Ann), both of Middleton; four sisters, Pat Griffin (Roger) of Selmer, Betty Jean Wing (Michael), Ruth Mynatt (Larry) and Linda Joyce Lance (Steve), all of Bolivar; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions in her name may be sent to Hebron Baptist Church.

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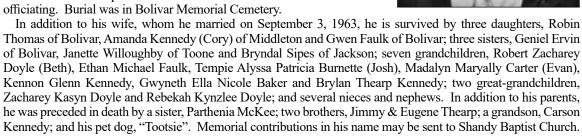
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#### ROBERT G. THEARP AUGUST 4, 1943 - DECEMBER 26, 2020

Robert G. Thearp, 77, of Bolivar, departed this life Saturday evening, December 26 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

The husband of Patricia Sue Young Thearp, who survives, he was retired from Harmon Automotive where he had worked for 35 years. He also was an entrepreneur and excellent cabinet maker, owning his own shop for years. He was born August 4, 1943 in Hardeman County, son of the late Floyd and Allie King Thearp, and was a lifelong resident of the county. He was an expert wood crafter, making instruments and pedal bicycles and was also known for his musical abilities, performing in one of the first local Hee Haw shows in Hardeman County. Mr. Thearp was a member of Shandy Baptist Church.

Services were 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at Shackelford Funeral Directors chapel in Bolivar with Charles Jeter and Dennis McMahan



#### TERRY DAVID WILLIAMSON NOVEMBER 26, 1947 - DECEMBER 20, 2020

Terry David Williamson, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2020, from recent complications of renal disease and diabetes. He was 73 years old. Terry was born November 26, 1947, to the late W.D. and Ruby Bernice Boyette Williamson of Bolivar, TN. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Gary Wayne Williamson. Terry was well known in Memphis as an astute instructor and practitioner in blood banking. He attended Lambeth College, Union University, and Jackson-Madison County Hospital and became an accredited and licensed medical laboratory scientist with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He also acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Mr. William acquired a specialty degree in blood banking from the American Association of Blood Banks in the '80s and taught blood banking as an associate professor at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences for many years. He had been employed at Methodist Hospital and



Baptist Memorial Hospital-Collierville as a career blood banker. He was retired at the time of his death. Terry was an avid supporter and performer at Opera Memphis. His singing career began at UTM and he appeared in many theater productions and operas in Memphis. Terry once auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera

and often attended the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. After retirement, Terry was active in the inspection of hospital blood banks all over the United States and Canada. Terry particularly enjoyed wine tasting and cooking, as well as his appreciation of classical music, opera, and the arts. Terry was a collector of numerous friends in Memphis and all across the United States.

Terry was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis and sang in the choir for many years. To know Terry was to know joy, as his temperament and wit was exceedingly entertaining at dinner parties and all

Terry is survived by cousins around Bolivar, including; Kay Zawacki, Martha Ann Shelby, Michael "Mike" Wayne Bryant, Harold David Bryant, and Sandra Faye Stamey.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2021, at Bolivar Memorial Cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Bolivar are in charge of the services.

## FAITH

#### **Sunday after Christmas 2020**

by Jeff Capshaw

This month's columns centered upon the scriptural readings from the Revised Common Lectionary's Christmas readings. This week's article concludes those lessons, and it is based upon the epistle reading for the Sunday after Christmas (Galatians 4:4-7).

Paul writes, "but when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God (ESV)."

Three themes emerge from this passage, and the first one is Redemption. Christian Redemption is Christ's delivering sinners by paying the penalty for their sins. According to 1 John 2:2, "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

Not only does Christ's death atone for sinners' sins, but it frees them from the requirements of the

Law and redeems them. Christ's death provides redemption for all of creation. He is the great curse reverser. Christ is God's means for putting all creation back to the rights when the final redemption of creation is achieved. As John wrote in Revelation, " And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (21:2).

A second theme in the passage is Adoption. According to Millard Erickson, Christian Adoption is "that part of salvation in which God receives the estranged sinner back into the relationship and benefits of being his child. The term connotes positive favor, as contrasted with mere forgiveness and remission of sins." That is why redeemed sinners can call God "Abba." That is the Aramaic term which Jesus used to address his Father, and it is like calling God "daddy" in English. It connotes affection and intimacy.

The final theme in the passage is Inheritance. In God's economy, it isn't about pedigree, race, genetics or religious affiliation. It's

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about a redemptive relationship. Redemption entitles his children to all the spiritual possessions of God's Kingdom. In Ephesians 1:3, Paul writes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. . ."). Furthermore, "and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

Looking back on the Christmas story, that baby in a manger was born to die. He was born to redeem sinners, to provide the atoning work of reconciliation so that God could legally adopt sinners as his children. As a result, sinners also become joint heirs of all the spiritual blessings in the Gospel. They are yours freely given if you will lay hold of them in Christ.



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## **Expand Our Heart** by David Coy

Our prayers certainly go out to all who were injured in the RV explosion in downtown Nashville. As it is true that it was an intentional explosion and preliminary information indicates that it was then it was a despicable and inhumane premeditated act of domestic terror and violence. We have experienced a great deal of sorrow as a country this year through violence, from a Wuhan virus, to domestic terror groups destroying businesses and killing innocent lives, and to mandated lockdowns of businesses by power-hungry politicians. Many good people have lost their lives for a variety of reasons making this year a particularly and deeply sad time in our history and I fear it is not over yet.

This is truly a unique time we are living through and will require a unique approach to cope and thrive through this elongated duration of sorrows. COVID-19 does not appear to be lessening it's spread through our population any time soon and violence also seems to be unabated as evidence in the unwarranted attack on Nashville. Forgiveness is a powerful choice we do not exercise nearly enough. It does not demand ignoring evil nor the consequences of evil acts. It will allow us to sleep more peacefully and walk more humbly. Someone well said that when our heart is broken through grief we have the opportunity to allow our heart to expand. It requires us to go through the pain we are experiencing now, we have to go through it to come out to a better place. For some people that will require forgiving whomever or whatever they believe is responsible or they are blaming for their sorrow. Others, it will demand allowing their heart to feel love again, loving others and allowing others to give love to them in return. Expand your heart today. This is Sunrise Aftercare, sunrise@sfdcares.com



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Be More Hardeman VLOG. Need motivation for healthier eating and physical activity in 2021? Check out Be More Hardeman's video log hosted by Dr. Amy Elizer that premieres the first of each month. January's interviewee is Debra Scott of Grand Junction.Find them on Facebook @ BeMoreHardeman or on YouTube https://tinv. utk.edu/bemoreyoutube.

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Loaves and Fishes Food Bank needs all non-perishable food items. Call 609-2397 to drop off your donations. Canned fruit and protein items are most needed.

The Hardeman County Republican Party will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 100 South Main Street in Bolivar.

The HCAC is seeking volunteers for Tech Crew. Tech Crew is responsible for sound, special effects, lighting, and other technical areas of productions. Experience

Hardeman County Citizens Cleanup is not required, the HCAC will provide the (731)518-6404.

The Warrior Center in Bolivar on North Water Street needs donations of men's hygiene products like bar soap, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes; Men's clothing like shirts, pants, shoes, socks, and underwear; cleaning supplies like dish soap, multipurpose cleaners, bleach, laundry soap, fabric softener, window cleaner, air fresheners, Lysol disinfectant, Comet, Ajax, paper towels, and Pine sol; Vehicles in good running condition, preferably multipurpose vans (a receipt will be provided with tax id for donation purposes) Notebook paper, spiral notebooks, ink pens,

Bibles, computers, tools, and other household items. For more information, call 731-212-0259.

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The Tennessee Department of Agriculture **Division of Forestry** is reminding citizens of the online burn permit system, which 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 755 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.

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

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.

Have something to tell everyone? Email editor@hardemancountyjournal.com

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade that was scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2021 has been canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The Hardeman County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Committee made the decision to cancel the parade with concerns for participating officials, schools and community. Hopefully this event can be celebrated again in 2022. If anyone wants to be involved, they can get in touch with the committee, for that special year.

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# HEADLINES FROM 2020

#### New Middleton High School Gym Officially Opens Helping Warm Up Wintertime



January 9 - Middleton High School officially opened their new gymnasium on December 17 as a contributor to the effort came to Middleton for the occasion.

Appearing and speaking to the near 400 people who attended was Hardeman County native and 1958 graduate of Middleton High School Randy Ray, who donated \$250,000 to the project.

In April, Ray visited Middleton High School and shared his life experience with students.

When he noted in his speech at Middleton High School on April 18 that he hadn't been back to Middleton High School since he graduated, he also remembered he was told this was as far as he'd ever get.

"They said, 'You can't go to college, you're going to be a farmer.' But I did go," he said. "I found out if I joined the army, they would pay for it. My Dad had to come down to sign for me to go. He signed with an

After being educated on the GI Bill, which included time at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ray's journey went from Honeywell International, writing software, to his own company where he managed to get the contract of a lifetime in 1977: contract work on the Space Shuttle project for NASA.

He at a young age learned what it is like to do without and from that came a passion for helping kids.

"We lived about 15 places in Hardeman County. None of them had electricity. We know what it is like to be hungry and have no place to sleep," he said.

His brother Winfred, a Hardeman County resident and successful businessman as well, said he was inspired by the hardships of childhood too.

He never forgot those experiences, and has used them to give back to the worldwide community.

The next 40 plus years have seen him build schools and hospitals in all over the world and his company Jeunesse Global, headquartered in Orlando, FL, has offices in 141 countries and has more than 600,000 salespeople.

### **Toone Officer Injured in Crash**

May 14 - Two motor vehicle accidents and a car chase in between their locations on May 8 ended with Toone Police Officer and Bolivar City Councilman Larry McKinnie severely injured while on duty.

McKinnie, who formerly was a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and currently serves as a Toone Police Officer, was asked to make the scene of a onecar accident near the intersection of Highway 138 and Naylor Road, as no other deputies were available, according to the report obtained from the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department.

McKinnie, who is a Bolivar City Councilman, made a full recovery and was elected Vice-Mayor of the city in December of 2020.



# **Life Sentence Handed Down**

May 28 - A 2018 murder of a high school senior concluded with a life sentence for one and a more than 25-year sentence for another as a jury finished their work on May 20.

Lavanta Lamar Douglas will serve a life sentence after his conviction on the first-degree murder "felony murder" charge. He was also convicted of attempted aggravated robbery which resulted in three additional years.

Taylor Lucas Robinson, 20, of Bolivar, will serve six years for attempted aggravated robbery and 22 years for facilitation of first-degree murder.

Both Robinson and Douglas were convicted in January of 2020.

Ruiz, 19, of Bolivar perished March 20, 2018, when he was shot while washing dishes at El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant in Bolivar. Ruiz was a senior at Bolivar Central High School and on a path to graduate in 2018.

The shooting occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m. that evening when two gunmen entered the back door of El Ranchito demanding money. But while video surveillance

shows Ruiz appearing to be complying with the demands of the men, he was shot and later pronounced dead at Bolivar General Hospital.

Two that pled guilty to lesser crimes were John Curtis Gray, 21, of Bolivar and Javon M. Blakemore, 19, of Bolivar.

Gray pled guilty to second-degree murder on September 19, 2019, and received a sentence of 17 years, while Blakemore, who pled guilty to second-degree murder as well, received a 13.5-year sentence. Blakemore pled guilty on April 18, 2019.

Photo of Michael Ruiz provided by Maria Howell.



Stories We Liked in 2020



The Vaughan Oil Company, with help from the Hardeman County Mayor's Office, gave away buckets of kerosene to needy families in January, the fourth year the program has been in existence.

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

#### **Alashmali Wins Spelling Bee**



Abdul Alashmali of Bolivar Middle School spelled "insignia" correctly to win the 2020 Hardeman County Spelling Bee over Hunter Tranum of Middleton Elementary School. Complete results are on A12.

Photo: Leah Smith of Hornsby, Ava Rhymer of Hornsby, Hardeman County Director of School Bobby Doyle, Hunter Tranum and Abdul Alashmali. Photo by Heather Pulse.

#### **Coming to a Stream Near You**



Sometimes, it takes a little longer than you expect.

Plans for a YouTube media channel for Bolivar Middle School were in place last spring, but COVID-19 slowed things down a bit, but not

Deana Sain, library media specialist at BMS, had funding ready from the Hardeman County Schools, but the pandemic that closed schools in March put everything put on hold.

However, luckily, in July, the county received funding from the State of Tennessee for middle school students interested in technology. With more money available, Sain was able to expand her original idea of the BMS channel and offer it to all the schools in the county with 7th and

"We are grateful for the effort put forth by Mayor Sain and Carly Weems to secure funding for our project."

"We are thrilled to be able to include the entire county in the project. Working through the librarians, each school will have its own producers, editors, copywriters, and videographers. They will come together to produce videos showing what is happening in their middle school. We look forward to creating something specifically for middle school students," Sain explained.

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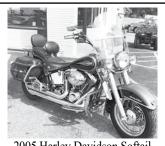
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If you've been contributing for many years to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan, it may be your largest pool of money. So, if you are facing a financial need, you may think about tapping into your account. After all, it's your money – why not use it?

But touching your 401(k) before you retire may not be a good idea, as it can lead to some unwanted consequences.

First, taking funds out of your 401(k) now could increase the risk of running out of money during retirement, which could last for de-

Also, withdrawals taken from your 401(k) before age 59½ may be taxed as ordinary income and are generally subject to a 10% penalty for early withdrawal, although there are some exceptions. And a sizable taxable withdrawal from your 401(k) could bump you into a higher tax bracket.

Therefore, if you are facing a financial crunch, you may want to explore some options before tapping into your 401(k). For starters, see if you can cut your expenses where possible and explore financial assistance programs that service providers, such as utility companies,

Also, if you have an emergency fund, now may be the time to use it. For most folks, it's a good idea to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in such a fund, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. But even smaller amounts can help in a financial

You might also find another source of cash in your taxable investment accounts. Any uninvested cash in these accounts is an easy place to start. You might also look at selling investments to free up some cash. However, before making this decision, you may want to consult with a financial professional to discuss the pros and cons.

Another cash-generating option is a 401(k) loan, assuming your plan permits such loans. Unlike a direct withdrawal, a 401(k) loan is not taxable if it's repaid on time. (If it isn't, you could also incur penalties.) And, although the loan may have some fees, the interest on it will be paid to your account, rather than to a bank. However, you won't earn investment returns on the loan balance, because you can't use this money to invest. And if you leave your job before you've fully repaid the loan, you'll likely have to come up with the remaining balance quickly.

You could also consider using your credit cards to generate cash, but these types of loans or advances can be quite costly. Instead, you may want to look at other possibilities, such as a home equity loan, the cash value of a life insurance policy, the "margin" on your investment accounts or a personal loan. Again, you should talk to a financial professional to discuss the tradeoffs of taking out these loans and to develop a payoff strategy, if you decide to use any of them.

Your 401(k) is a long-term investment designed to meet a longterm goal: your retirement. So, if you think you might require these funds before retirement, explore all alternatives first to find the right decision for your needs.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor

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Map 70, Parcel 1.29 (1.83 Acres), Map 70, Parcel 1.30 (2 Acres), and Map 70, Parcel 1.31 (2 Acres) of Land Zoned H-1, located on Tate Road and Pecan Drive in Bolivar. Selling individually or all together for a total of 5.83 Acres! Call Bobby Sain, Broker @ 731-658-3011.

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#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S **SALE**

Sale at public auction will be on January 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM local time, at the west door, Hardeman County Courthouse, 100 N. Main Street, Bolivar, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by George T. Berry and Linda K. Berry, to FNC Title Services, LLC, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for American Advisors Group on April 4, 2014 at Deed of Trust 718, Page 492; conducted by Shapiro & Ingle, LLP, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Hardeman County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms. and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: American Advisors Group, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Hardeman County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

> Street Address: 1225 Hwy 18 South, Grand Junction, Tennessee 38039 Parcel Number: 145M A 001.32

Current Owner(s) of Property: Linda K. Berry

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the abovereferenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, through, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Aqua Finance, Inc..

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of George T. Berry and Linda K. Berry, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute

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. If you purchase a 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/bank check made payable to or endorsed to Shapiro & Ingle, LLP. 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 only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that pur-

> Shapiro & Ingle, LLP Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 Phone (704) 333-8107 Fax (704) 333-8156 File No. 20-120951 #177469

#### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 21, 2002, executed by DONNA S. WILKES, conveying certain real property therein described to WILLIAM C. FORD, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee recorded March 26, 2002, in Deed Book 570, Page 516; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/

Pass-Through Subordinate Certificate Trust 2002-2 who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on January 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Hardeman County Courthouse, 100 North Main Street, Bolivar, TN, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hardeman County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING LOT 3 OF SUGAR HILL ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, A PLAT OF WHICH APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 30, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REFERENCE TO WHICH PLAT IS HEREBY

**MADE** FOR Α **MORE** PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION SAID LOT SHOWING ITS LOCATION AND THE LENGTH AND DIRECTION **BOUNDARY** OF ITS LINES. ATTACHED HERETO AND CONVEYED HEREWITH IS A 2001 MEADOWBROOK MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER: TNFL127AB24206MB12.

Parcel ID: 089-011.45

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 840 SUGAR HILL LOOP, BOLIVAR, TN 38008. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): DONNA S. WILKES

**INTERESTED OTHER** PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid 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; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises

might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. 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. 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 Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 rlselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401 #177477

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

**Establishing Local Preferences for** Selection of a Project for a **CDBG Project** 

DATE: Monday, January 4, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: **Grand Junction City Hall** 

29 East Main Street **Grand Junction, Tennessee 38329** 

A public meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting citizen's comments concerning local preferences for the selection of an application for a FY 2021 Small Cities Block Grant (CDBG) project. The City of Grand Junction will be considering the submission of an application to the State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development for a FY 2021 CDBG project. This public hearing will discuss the program guidelines, the amounts of available funds, the types of eligible projects, and the community's responsibility in the application process. Grand Junction's governing body is seeking comments from the public in order to determine priorities for the use of funds to be requested.

All area citizens are encouraged to attend.

The City of Grand Junction does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap or national origin.

City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons with special needs who wish to attend should contact City Hall by calling (731) 764-2871 to make any necessary arrangements which may be needed prior to the time and date of the meeting indicated above.

Mayor Curtis Lane

Published December 17, 2020 Published December 31, 2020

### Government

#### **HARDEMAN COUNTY ARREST** REPORT

Christopher Jerome Buntyn, 30, Bolivar, TN, Child support, bond \$600, court date 1/14 (released)

Shmeika Shavone Cheairs, 39, Bolivar, TN, 3 counts Poss sch II w/intent cocaine, bond \$75,000. court date 1/7 (held)

David Lee Cole, 21, Jackson, TN, Driv on susp 1st, Speeding, bond \$2,500, court date 1/15 (released)

Kahlio Keonta Dowdy, 20, Grand Junction, TN, Agg robbery, 2 counts Attempted second degree murder, 2 counts Agg assault, Theft less than \$1,000, bond \$250,000, court date 2/12 (held)

Christina Leigh German, 38, Medon, Allowing animals to run at large, no bond, court date 1/5 (released)

Daniel Nell Harvey, 42, Somerville, TN, Domestic agg assault, Driv on rev, Theft less than \$1,000, no bond, court date 2/9 (held)

Trevorius Keshun Henderson, 18, Whiteville, TN, Theft of property, no bond, court date 1/12 (released)

Paul Anthony Herron, 51, Bolivar, TN, Contempt of court, bond \$750, court date 1/14 (released)

Ricky Edward Jones, 46, Grand Junction, TN, Contempt of court, bond \$649.16, court date 1/14 (held)

David Andrew Justice, 23, Middleton, TN, Violation of probation (C), bond \$25,000, court date 1/7 (held)

Demedrick Cardell McBride, 39, Bolivar, TN, 2 counts Evading arrest, 2 counts Resisting stop/ frisk/halt/arrest/search, Reckless driving, Open container law, Driv on revoked 1st offense, Brass knuckles, DUI 5th offense, bond \$60,000, court date 2/12 (held)

Brent Adam McDaniel, 31, Bolivar, TN, Public intoxication, no bond, court date 2/9 (released)

Chad Cordell Niles, 34, Somerville, TN, Driv under influence, Violation of implied consent law, Public intoxication,

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PROPERTY CONVEYED TO

CHRISTOPHER L. WATKINS

AND WIFE, NATALIE H.

WATKINS BY DEED OF

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7, PAGE 155, REGISTER'S

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AND PLANTERS BANK,

NATALIE H. WATKINS,

GRANTEE(S),

VIRTUE OF DEED DATED

MARCH 17, 2004 AND

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2004 AS BOOK 7, PAGE 155, AND INSTRUMENT

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THE AFORESAID LAND

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RECORDED MARCH 18,

Tax Parcel No: 041 00801

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2004 BOOK 604 PAGE 478

**INSTRUMENT NO 46535** 

**DOCUMENTS** 

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TENNESSEE.

**MERCHANTS** 

GRANTOR(S),

AND WIFE,

BEGINNING.

COUNTY,

**PROPERTY** 

WATKINS

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bond \$10,000, court date 2/19 (released)

Wayne Pirtle, 31, Bolivar, TN, Driv on revoked, Speeding, bond \$5,000, court date 2/12 (released)

Kimberly Lasha Roberts, 38, Memphis, TN, 7 counts Identity theft, Theft from \$10,000 less than \$60,000, bond \$90,000, court date 1/12 (released)

Courtney Jerrell Stovall, 31, Jackson, TN, Evading arrest by motor vehicle, Driv on susp, No insurance, Reckless driv, Open container law, Poss sch VI w/intent, Unlawful drug paraphernalia, Unlawful carry or poss of a weapon, Poss of handgun while under influence, Resisting stop/frisk/halt/arrest/ search, Following too closely, bond \$35,000, court date 2/19

Antonio Torres, 50, Henderson, TN, Driv on rev 5th, DUI 4th, Criminal simulation, Speeding, No insurance, no bond, court date 1/22 (held)

Christopher Wyatt Yearwood, 32, Middleton, TN, Vandalism, Reckless endangerment, Resisting stop/frisk/halt/arrest/search, Evading arrest, bond \$50,000, court date 2/9 (held)

#### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 17, 2004, executed by Christopher L Watkins and Natalie H Watkins, husband and wife, to Kathy Winstead, Trustee, for Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on March 18, 2004, in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee, at Deed of Trust 604, Page 478, and Instrument Number 46535, as modified by the Loan Modification Agreement dated February 23, 2018, recorded on June 19, 2018, at Deed of Trust 755, Page 582, and Instrument Number 179311, said register's office, to which reference is hereby made.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on January 19, 2021, at 10:00 AM, local time, at the West Door of the Hardeman County Courthouse, located in Bolivar, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Hardeman County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Hardeman, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HARDEMAN, CITY OF TOONE AND STATE OF TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE 37.2 FEET NORTH OF THE CENTER OF PROPOSED NEW ROAD, RUNS THENCE NORTH 46-1/2 DEGREES WEST 9 POLES OR 148.5 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 88-1/2 DEGREES WEST 72-1/2 FEET, IT BEING

#### Christopher L Watkins and Natalie **H Watkins**

Other Interested Parties: Midland **Funding LLC** 

occupant(s) rights in possession.

shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Christopher L Watkins; Natalie H Watkins; and Midland **Funding LLC.** 

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-

statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC Substitute Trustee 651 East 4th Street Suite 200 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403 Phone: (877) 319-8840 File No: 2191-2060A #177512

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/

This sale is subject to all matters governmental agency,

All right and equity of redemption,

forth above. This property is being sold with

#### **Hardeman County**

Current Owner(s) of Property:

#### **Commission for Black History**

The Hardeman County Commission for Black History wants to wish The Hardeman County Community a Happy and Healthy New Year. We're sending sincerest prayers for our county, surrounding areas, the nation & throughout the world during these uncertain times.

After Black History month festivities in February, we entered into a new realm that caused the nation to halt many events throughout 2020. We didn't have a Juneteenth Celebration on the square because of COVID-19 and we are now entering a new year with hopes that better days are coming. The usual events that's celebrated during February (Black History Month) will not go on as usual in 2021. There will be a virtual event for all to see and enjoy and will be posted on Facebook, (www.facebook.com/Hardeman-County-Commissionfor-B/ ack-History) just as the virtual video that was created for 2020 Juneteenth Celebration (www.facebook.com/ HCCBHJC). We'll take one day at a time as we enter the new year to know if we will celebrate Juneteenth Celebration during the month of June.

We want to thank the community for your donations that continued during/after February and throughout the year. Donations goes toward scholarships for students in Hardeman County. We are looking forward to your continued support.

Hardeman County Commission for Black History

President, Bettie Boyd Vice President, Ramona Spencer

#### **Moments with the Mayor: Coronavirus Didn't Stop Christmas**

It seems we have inadvertently adopted a Grinch theme for Christmas this year - a fitting theme for 2020 nonetheless. It would surprise me if you had never heard of the Grinch who stole Christmas from the town of Whoville. Of course, in the end, the Grinch finds out that his actions did not stop Christmas and that Christmas is about more than presents and feasting. The Coronavirus may have changed the way we all celebrate Christmas this year, but it cannot stop the spirit of Christmas!



Christmas is a sacred religious

holiday and a worldwide commercial and cultural phenomenon. The traditions and practices of Christmas are both religious and secular, and the history of the Christmas holiday is as storied and it is long.

Christmas celebrations and traditions vary widely from family-tofamily and generation-to-generation. Regardless of what, why, and how you celebrate Christmas, one thing remains constant, IT IS about more than presents and feasting.

The wonderment of Christmas allows for a time of celebration, reflection, renewal, and thankfulness. I know that 2020 has been a frustrating year for us all. Yet, we have much to be thankful for, and we have been blessed. This Christmas, let us be thankful, focus on our blessings, and move forward into 2021 with a renewed heart and mind.

As you observe the Christmas holiday, I ask that you be in prayer for those families whose lives have been impacted by this virus. As of the date of this writing, 2,367 Hardeman Countians have been diagnosed with Coronavirus. Of that total, we have lost 39 residents to this virus. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones throughout 2020.

In closing, this is my prayer for everyone in our great city and beyond. May peace be your gift this Christmas, and your blessing the whole year through.



#### **EDNA'S PAGE ANSWERS FROM A3**

- 1. Craig Biggio.
- 2. Raymond Felton.
- 3. Tight end.
- 4. The National Women's Hockey League.
- 5. Atlas Stones.
- 6. Irving Fryar. 7. Josh Hamilton.

#### TRIVIA TEST

- 1. Victoria
- 2. University of Minnesota
- 3. Four 4. Collinwood
- 5. Ligaments
- 6. Botany
- 7. Candy, candy canes, candy corns
- and syrup 8. Piscine
- 9. Gourde 10. Edward Jenner

#### Weekly SUDOKU -

#### Answer

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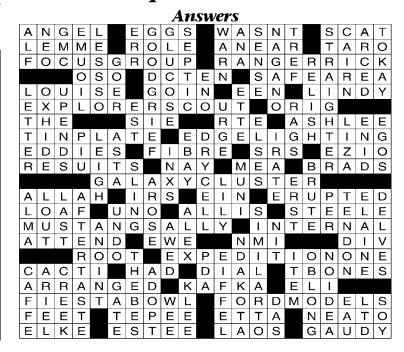
- 1. Skylark, in 1972. While not a onehit wonder, Skylark didn't release many songs and "Wildflower" was the only one to top the charts.
- 2. Lobo, born Roland Kent LaVoie, in 1979. This was the last of his four No. 1 hits.
- 3. "Crying All Night Long" with a b-side "Dry Up Baby" in 1951. His first No. 1 came in 1957 with "Farther Up the Road."
- 4. Bob Dylan in 1973. Best known is "Knockin' on Heaven's Door." Dylan also appeared in the film.
- 5. "California Dreamin'," by the Mamas & the Papas in 1965. It was written by bandmembers John and Michelle Phillips.

#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

ANSWERS: 1) Old: 2) Established: 3) Anna; 4) 7th; 5) Egypt; 6) Angel (in a dream)

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## **Tenth Annual County Journal SEC Football Pick'em Contest**







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Jerry Rhodes Jr	Bolivar	77.40%	Don Clifft	Bolivar	71.19%	James Poore	Saulsbury	77.38%
Keith Foote	Toone	76.67%	Karen Cox	Hornsby	68.80%	Trey Riley	Selmer	77.32%
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Gary Rodgers	Middleton	73.78%	John Fortune	Bolivar	77.86%	C. Joe Morris	Hickory Valley	76.71%
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Rick Cody	Bolivar	77.34%	Trevor Shackelford	lBolivar	75.88%	Connor Jones	Bolivar	76.11%
Stephen Brooks	Bolivar	77.13%	Mike Madden	Bolivar	75.68%	Keaton Henson	Bolivar	76.03% (2018)
Mike Nuckolls	Bolivar	76.51%	Heather M. Brooks	Bolivar	75.64%	Allison Howholde		75.98%
Eva Reynolds	Bolivar	76.40%	Darby Weems	Bolivar	75.63%		Savannah	75.82%
Ricky Reynolds	Bolivar	76.30% (2019 Winner)	Will Irvin	Bolivar	75.63%	Kenneth Gray		
Jim Edwards	Bolivar	75.68%	Robert Rosson	Bolivar	75.22%	Adam Bennett	Bolivar	75.45%
Mickey Irvin	Bolivar	75.57%	Andrea Henson	Bolivar	74.76%	Robert Pardue	Bolivar	74.85%
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Tony Kirk	Bolivar	77.62%	Laura Weems	Bolivar	73.93%	Melanie King	Selmer	73.80%
Ken Moore	Bolivar	77.50%	Mallory Bell	Bolivar	73.54%	Trey Nelms	Bolivar	73.27%
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Jeff Anderson	Bolivar	75.50%	Evelyn Robertson		71.07%	Josh Sinclair	Bolivar	70.66%
Harold Reynolds	Bolivar	75.38%	Ben Morris	Grand Junction	70.57%	Butch Ross	Bolivar	70.57%
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Jordan Stack	Bolivar	74.56%	Eddie Henson		67.96%	Noah Cody	Bolivar	68.77%
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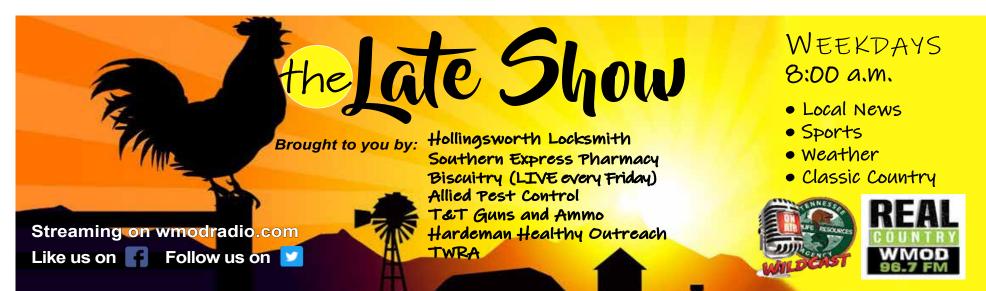
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# ittle Tigers Goto Murfreesboro

M c N e a l the Year led Bolivar

with 20 points as the Bolivar Middle School Tigers beat Fayette West in the final game of the Sectional finals and earned a trip to Murfreesboro for the State Championship in Class AA.

At the state championships, the Tigers fell to Fairview 37-32 in the semis but rebounded to win the third-place game, beating Robersville 64-41.

McNeal led Bolivar in scoring with 10 in the semis and 26 in the thirdplace game.



## Other Top Teams We Saw in 2020

# **Nins Middle School Softball**

The Bolivar Middle School Softball rode a hot pitcher and won the Hardeman County Middle School tournament in Bolivar on October 3.

Bolivar trailed Middleton 5-1 in the second inning of the final game and faced a bases loaded situation when Coach Natalie Porterfield brought in Isabella Lax, who got a inningending groundout.

Bolivar then scored eight runs in the bottom half of the second to lead 9-5, while Lax struck out three over the next two innings. Bolivar added three more in the fourth inning before Audrey Wells came on to pitch a scoreless final inning to preserve the win. Wells had three hits and three RBI's in the game as well.

Bolivar reached the final with an opening game 9-2 win over Toone. Lax pitched all four innings, striking out nine and walking five in the win. Allyson Watkins led the offense for Bolivar, going 2 for 2 with three RBI's and a walk.

Middleton's path to the final was an 18-3 win over Hornsby. Brittan Dawkins pitched a complete game for the win.

Bolivar and Middleton had split their regu-



# **Whiteville and Middleton Wi**

#### **Lions Win Boys Championship**

The Whiteville Boys team used a full-court press in the second half to win the 2020 Hardeman County Middle School Championship over Toone by a 58-37 score on December 10.

Whiteville led 41-33 with a quarter to play, but the pressure became too much for Toone and the Lions won going away.

Leading the way for Whiteville was regular season and tournament MVP Awarrion Barnett, who had 25 points. Darrell Jarmon had 20 for the Lions, while Toone was led by Kaden Ubelhor with 12.

#### **Lady Tigers Win Girls Championship**

The Hardeman County Girls Championship went to Middleton, who jumped out to a 9-2 first-quarter lead en-route to a 37-18 victory. Harmony Bell from Middleton scored 12 points to lead the Lady Tigers and was named the tournament MVP. Regular season MVP Kemora Buggs added 10 for Middleton, while Miley Jones and Lela Harvey each had 7 for the Lady Lions.





#### SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

# erry Named TSWA Player of the Year

**Athlete of the Year** Former Middleton Lady Tigers and University of Tennessee at Martin women's basketball standout Chelsey Perry garnered yet another postseason recognition by being named the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Women's Basketball Player of the Year, as announced this week by the organization.

Perry adds this prestigious honor to her already loaded trophy case which includes WBCA Coaches' All-American honors along with claiming the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year Award and UT Martin Bettye Giles Female Athlete of the Year Award. The All-OVC first-team selection also served as a finalist for the Beck Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year Award while claiming a league-record eight OVC Player of the Week honors.

Perry burst onto the national stage with a record-setting junior campaign. Perry scored 740 points on the season to rank second in the NCAA (all Divisions) and first amongst all collegiate scorers in the State of Tennessee. She ranked first nationally in field goals made (286), second in total points (740) and third in both points per game (23.1) and field goal attempts (386). She also finished 11th nationally in blocks (86) and 17th in blocks per game (2.69).

Perry scored in double figures in the final 30 games of the season while posting 20 games with at least 20 points and nine games of 30 points or more. Her best game came against in-state foe Lipscomb where she scored a career-high 42 points which tied for the sixth-most points in the NCAA this season and marked an OVC season single-game high.

Other highlights from the year include joining the 1,000-point club against Austin Peay while tying the program record with eight blocks against IUPUI. She also posted six double-doubles while scoring 479 points in OVC to mark the most points scored in league play over the last 20 seasons en route to a league championship.



## Norment Scores 1,000th Point Bolivar Central Senior guard Jeff Norment scored a

layup in the fourth quarter of Bolivar Central's 118-78 victory over Chester County on January 18, to end the night with 26 points and 1,001 for his career.

"It's hard to get to that total," said Bolivar Central Coach Rick Rudesill. "Not many players reach it. I'm happy for Jeff."

Norment's 1,000th career point on January 18 in a win over Chester County made him the first player since Trey Polk and D'Andre McKinnie in 2012 to get to the milestone. He ended his career with 1,172 points, earning all-district honors in his junior and senior seasons.

The Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee named Norment to play in their annual all-star game, but COVID-19 prevented the three-year starter at Bolivar from participating as the game was cancelled.

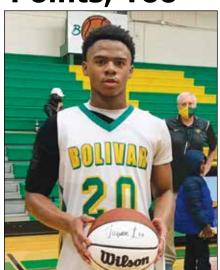


#### Lax Gets to 1,000 Points, Too

With two free throws in the closing moments of Bolivar's 70-58 win on December 1 against McNairy Central, Bolivar Central Senior Guard Jaquan Lax joined the 1,000 point club at Bolivar Central.

"I'm proud of him," said Bolivar Central Head Coach Rick Rudesill. "He has started since he was a freshman and we knew this day would come."

Lax, who had 25 points to lead Bolivar on the night, had 196 points his freshman season, 290 in his sophomore year, and 435 last season and scored the 99 he needed in his first six games of 2020-2021. In addition, Lax has been a team player, leading the team in assists each year and has not yet led his team in scoring for



#### **Best Sports Headline of the Year**

# We're Gonna Play Ball



May With the opening of the economy and relaxation of the Stay at Home order by the State of Tennessee, the Bolivar Lions Club plans to get going with baseball and softball, hoping to begin seasons in May.

"We will open up the sign-ups again," said Baseball Commissioner Bobby Hensley. "The earliest we could begin play would be the third week in May, but it may have to start the fourth week."

Bolivar ended up playing a June/July schedule, with no reported outbreaks of COVID-19 connected to the



#### **Hardeman County Sports Scoreboard**

**December 28** 

Bolivar Central Boys Basketball 73 Union City 43

December 29

Briarcrest Christian 60 Bolivar Central Boys Basketball 59







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July 9 - The calm of a Sunday morning in Bolivar was rocked on July 5, when a Mississippi man drove his car into the back of the Bolivar Police Department.

According to the report from the Bolivar Police Department, the incident began as the Bolivar Police Department was asked to investigate a suspicious person report in the rear parking lot of the Bolivar PD, which shares the space with the Bolivar First United Methodist Church.

As the officer approached the vehicle, the driver exited the parking lot, only to re-enter it and crash into the back of the building.

As the driver continued to avoid any attempts at direct contact with the officers by driving in circles if anyone approached, a stand-off that went on for at least 15 minutes ensued. Guns were drawn by the officers, but no shots were fired. Eventually, the driver, with a flattened front left tire from spike strips thrown down by the officers, left the parking lot and drove west on Market Street. A slow-speed chase ensued that ended when the driver attempted to cross a grassy area to reach Mecklinburg Drive, but was prevented from reaching the road due to the high bank of the ditch.

The officers subdued the subject with physical force and with the use of a taser. A pellet gun was found in the



# ull-Time Mayor for Bolivar Ap

October 15 - With only six council members present, only four votes were required to create a full-time mayor's position for the City of Bolivar.

And that's what they got on October 12, opting to create a mayor's salary and position to replace Shelia Dellinger, who will retire in 2021.

Voting for the measure were council people Jonathan Joy, Page Walley, Suzanne Rhea, and Carol Spinks, while Larry McKinnie passed the vote and Todd Lowe voted no.

"I think the mayor is doing a great job," said city councilman Todd Lowe. "But I promised when I ran that I would not

vote for a full-time mayor. I kept my word." "I asked about this in other cities that had full-time mayors," said councilman Walley, who voted against it on the first reading but for it on the final reading. "It affected me." Not present at the meeting were Larry Crawford and Melvin Golden, but both passed it at the committee level.

The salary and position will not be put in place until after the 2021 Bolivar City Election.

During the public hearing that preceded the vote, four Bolivar business leaders, including former Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce Director Laura Hall Sparks, spoke in favor of the move.

"Bolivar is on an upward trend," she said. "And we need the commitment of a full-time position."

December 17 - After a couple more months of debate, the Bolivar City Council set their council people's salary at

\$350 a month, up from \$275, but not as much as the \$500 that was presented to the council.

December 17 - Joyce McKinnie Woods, an instructional facilitator for the Hardeman County Schools, was elected to the Bolivar City Council, restoring the council to eight members for the first time since October.

Candidate Dylan Hill and Woods spoke to the council and the vote followed.

Representatives from West Bolivar (Larry Crawford, Todd Lowe, and Suzanne Rhea) voted for Hill while East Bolivar (Melvin Golden, Jonathan Joy, Larry McKinnie, and Carol Spinks) threw their support behind Woods, giving Woods the 4-3 victory.

## Headlines from 2020

# **Bolivar Teen Loses His Life**

October 22 - A joint investigation by Special Agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and officers with the Bolivar Police Department resulted in the arrest of a teenager, in connection with the shooting death of another teen, Fredorikus Tysean Perry, 17, early on October 17.

Perry, from Whiteville, was a member of both the basketball and football teams at Bolivar Central. (see photo right)

"Tysean was a beloved player and student at Bolivar Central," said Bolivar Central Basketball Coach Rick Rudesill. "Everyone involved in his life is hurting right now."

"Tysean was a quiet kid, kept to himself, was well-mannered, was a sponge for information. He wanted to learn and get better," said football coach Montrell Craft. "We're doing the best we can right now to cope with it."



## Councilman Joy Sues Council

October 22 - City of Bolivar Councilman Jonathan Joy filed a lawsuit on October 13, claiming deformation (sic) of character, slander, violation of the open meetings act, and discrimination.

Named in the suit were the City of Bolivar and Council, Bolivar City Attorney Steve Maroney in his "individual capacity," Marvin Bond, and Charles Groves.

Bond and Groves are believed to be auditors who work for the State of Tennessee in the Jackson office as their addresses are listed as the same as the Tennessee State Comptroller's Local Government Audit office in Jackson.

Joy hinted at the suit at the meeting of the Bolivar City Council on October 12, charging Attorney Maroney and city manager Shelia Dellinger with trying to "get me off my seat" and with investigating him without using proper procedure.

Joy offered to show Attorney Maroney information to back up his claim, but then said that "I'd rather show you in court."

Joy's paperwork does not ask for specific monetary damages and is without a narrative on any specific complaint that explains his accusations of wrongdoing against him.

Joy, who paid the standard \$324.50 fee, filed the suit at the Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center and listed no attorney as representing him in the case.

Joy has represented the City of Bolivar as a councilman since 2017, and his seat is up for election in 2021.

# **Bolivar Man Dies by Gunshot**

October 29 - Officials from the Bolivar Police Department made an arrest the same day in the shooting death of Jacquez Perry of Bolivar. Perry died at 937 West Jefferson Street at approximately 12:35 a.m. on October 23.

During the investigation, information was obtained that identified Bryquez Buggs, age 21, of Ashland, Mississippi, as responsible for the shooting. Buggs was arrested on October 23, through a coordinated effort between the Bolivar Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Highway Patrol, U.S. Marshal's Service, and the Hardeman County Sheriff's Office. Buggs was taken into custody without incident. Buggs faces charges of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Second Degree Murder in the death of Mr. Perry.



#### **Assessor of Property Pulse Sworn-In**



Judge Boyette Denton swore-in Hardeman County Assessor of Property Josh Pulse in August as Pulse begins his third term in office.

Pulse, along with Hardeman County Commissioner Russell DeBerry, were the lone county officials elected this year. Pulse ran unopposed for the first time, after having to face opponents in both 2012 and 2016.

DeBerry, who was appointed to replace Bobby Doyle in early 2019, ran without an opponent as well.

A full election slate for the county, minus Pulse, will be on the ballot in 2022.

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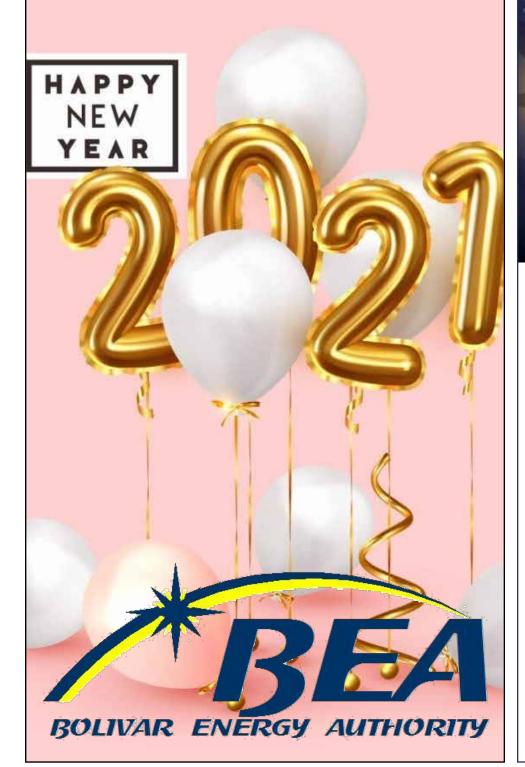
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# YEAR IN REVIEW

# County Votes Mostly Red

November 5 - The largest margin in Hardeman County recorded history by a Republican Presidential candidate was part of the story on election night.

Incumbent President Donald Trump outdistanced challenger Joe Biden 5,760 to 4,180, breaking the record set in 2016 as Trump beat Hillary Clinton 4,912-4,174. There is no instance in recorded election history in Hardeman County where a Republican won Hardeman County and did not win the presidency. Trump's margin in Hardeman County (57%-41%), while a record, is smaller than his overall margin in Tennessee, which was 60% to 37% statewide.

State Representatives Johnny Shaw (D-80) and Ron Gant (R-94), who represent Hardeman County, both ran unopposed. Shaw received 6,194 votes in Hardeman County, while Gant received 1,042. Shaw was the lone Democrat that outdistanced a Republican



opponent in Hardeman County.

The State Senate District 26 race went to Page Walley of Bolivar, marking the first time since 1960 a Hardeman County resident will be a State Senator, when A.O. Sipes served from 1956-1960.

Walley outdistanced Civil Miller-Watkins 5,881 to 3,557 (62% to 37%) in Hardeman County and 62,653 to 19,883 (76% to 24%) in the eight counties that make up the 26th district.

Four new mayors were elected in 2020, as Gene Bowden defeated Aubry Phillips in Whiteville, Robert "Evan" Mott beat Jackie Cox in Middleton, Megan Hedwall beat Mack Carter, Jr. in Hornsby and Jackie Kelley defeated David Wayne Williamson in Toone by a 51-50 margin.

Phillips, Cox, and Carter were all incumbents, while Kelley replaces Joe Jones of Toone, who retired from office.

> It's time to welcome a brand new year, and we hope it's filled with countless good times and a wealth of good fortune!

Many thanks for your support

in 2020.

#### Stories We Liked in 2020

#### **Mayor's Ball Disperses Funds**



Over \$5,000 in funds were given in January to organizations in Hardeman County as a part of the Bolivar Mayor's Ball Charity. The ball was held November 9, 2019, in Bolivar.

Toys for Tots, Nehemiah Project, Carl Perkins Center, More than a Few Good Men, Hardeman County Boxing Club, and the Hardeman County Wall Builders were given funds to continue their work in the community.

Other funds were used to help with Christmas for needy families. Photo courtesy of the City of Bolivar.

#### **Hardeman County Community Health Center Providing Transport**



The Hardeman County Community Health Center added to its services this past week by offering transportation to and from the clinic on Nuckolls Road in Bolivar.

They will be used for all three locations, including Bolivar, Stanton, and Henderson.

"We are still working on logistics, but we are very excited about it," said Director of Programs and Facilities Robert Davis, Jr. "We will use these in addition to what we already have."

The Hardeman Community Health Center has used Southwest Human Resources Agency, and plan to continue to do so.

Photo: Executive Director Marlita White cuts the ribbon at the announcement.

# **County Honors Shaw**

November 19 - Johnny Shaw's 11th term in office began with something new as the State of Tennessee agreed with the Hardeman County Commission to name a portion of Highway 64 between Bolivar and Whiteville in his honor.

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"I've spent a lot of time on that road," said Shaw. "Governor Wilder got that portion of the road four-laned and it's always been a part of my life even before I went to the legislature. I was real pleased to get my name on there."

Shaw said he was happy his name went on the road in less than the usual way and is both an honor for his ancestors and his descendants.

"Normally, it's kind of a memorial. But for me to get it on here in real-time, road named in your honor. It will becom a memorial and honor the friends and family that you knew along the way. I'm really excited about that."

Shaw's career at the legislature began in 2000 when he was elected to the 80th district, becoming the first African American representative from a rural West Tennessee district since the Reconstruction. Shaw, married to Opal Shaw, has five children and nine grandchildren.



# **Done Election Contested**

December 3 - The one-vote margin in the 2020 Toone Mayor's election has been contested with a suit filed on November 24, in Hardeman County Chancery Court as David Wayne Williamson says his wife didn't get a chance to vote for him on election day.

Filed by Attorney Matthew C. Edwards on behalf of Williamson, the suit asks for a trial to be held to either declare a tie in the 2020

Toone Mayors race at 51 votes each or to declare the entire election results void.

The narrative in the lawsuit says while Williamson and his daughter received the proper ballot on election day, his wife, Darla J. Williamson, voting at a separate time, did not. Instead, she received a ballot that did not have the Toone Municipal election included. Acan election official why she was unable to cast her vote in the Toone election but did not get an answer or a resolution of her issue before leaving the polling place.

The suit concludes that since Mrs. Williamson would have cast her vote for her husband. but was not able to, the result of the election should have been a tie between Williamson and Kelley.

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