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ONE DOLLAR

From the Other Side of the Desk

As a kid I loved numbers and stats and all kinds of stuff like that. Right up until Algebra II, when Mrs. Perez ruined my life and my sophomore year.

But before that fateful year, I remember how excited I was by the 1980 census. I imagined it would be pretty cool to find out how many of us were out here.

But, apparently there is more to it than this, and I'm not as happy about it. Counting us is fine, anything else I'm a little wary of.

By the way, I'm not a conspiracy guy. I think we actually went to the moon, it's just that I think the pictures are fake.

No, my reason for this dismay is that I got a note from someone (PR person working for the census so I'm not giving their name in order to frustrate their PR efforts) wanting to know if I wanted a story on how Hardeman County was #87 in the state for responses with a 45.8% response rate.

Well, now wait a minute. If they know a percentage of how many have responded and they know where we rank (not very well, it seems) then THEY ALREADY KNOW how many of us there are here in the first place.

Congratulations, it seems their work is already done.

Glad we could didn't have to help.

Darrell Teubner, Editor

Life Sentence Handed Down

A 2018 murder of a high school senior has been 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 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.



This Week in the Bolivar Bulletin Times

2020

CLASS OF

Graduation Special Edition

Middleton Celebrates Memorial Day



New commander Troy Mathis (right) of the American Legion, Post 198 in Middleton hosted his first Memorial Day commemoration, but without much fanfare as social distancing guidelines due to the COVID-19 virus kept the usual crowd from attending.

Observed on the last Monday in May after being observed on May 30 from 1868-1970, Memorial Day honors and mourns military personnel that died while serving in the United State Armed Forces.

County to Hold Virtual Meeting June 2

The Hardeman County Commission will meet over the internet on June 2, as the first reading and vote on the budget for 2020-2021 is expected to take place. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

In April, one commissioner was at the courthouse, one on a speaker phone call, and the other 14 used Zoom, a cloud platform for video conferencing.

A final reading of the budget, which will be open to the public and will include time for public comment on the budget prior to a final vote, is tentatively scheduled for June 16.

The June 2 meeting will be posted to the internet immediately following adjournment, as was the case in April.

Perry Named OVC MVP for 2019-20



Former Middleton Basketball player Chelsey Perry was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year.

See story in SPORTS, A11.



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Your Weekend Forecast:

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH 78 LOW 55	HIGH 78 LOW 57	HIGH 78 LOW 57

Classic Chevy Club Coming to Bolivar

The Memphis Classic Chevy Club will bring their vintage cars to Bolivar on Saturday, May 30, with stops along the way that include the Biscuirty in Bolivar.

According to their website, the Memphis Classic Chevy Club The Memphis Classic Chevy Club was originally founded for enthusiasts of "Tri-Five" Chevys in 1976. Eventually, the club expanded it's scope to include Chevrolets manufactured through model year 1972. Today, the club is open to any and all automotive enthusiasts who share an interest in preserving these classics.

Photo courtesy of the Biscuirty.




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OUR COUNTY

Bolivar PD Donates to Local Outreach

The Bolivar Police Department donated \$1,000 from its drug fund on May 22, to the Bolivar Warriors Center to support the mission of the local center. The Warriors Center is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides hope and healing to those battling substance abuse through faith-based recovery programs. Their work includes outreach work and short-term mission projects in the community.



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- Use a dehumidifier to decrease moisture from summer air.
- Plant shrubs or trees to shade your central air conditioning unit.
- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees Fahrenheit.

Call Bolivar Energy Authority for more information.

Incorporated in 1936, Bolivar Energy Authority serves Hardeman County and parts of Fayette, Chester, Madison, and Benton (MS) counties. The Bolivar Energy Authority covers 1,350 miles of lines with an average of eight customers per mile.



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Moments with the Mayor

Stand Up and Be Counted

COVID-19 is here to stay it seems. While we continue to caution everyone to be vigilant and to continue social distancing, it is time to move on.

Do you know how important the 2020 census is to our community? The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide services, products, and support for our community.

I have heard from many of you that Bolivar needs an industry and that Bolivar needs factories. Industry and factory executives scour over census data to determine whether or not Bolivar can sustain their particular industry or factory.

Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, and roads. Every year, census data is critical information used to determine the distribution of those funds. Every state and federal grant that we submit asks for data from the latest census. In addition, much of that data is used to justify our community's need for financial assistance to complete water and sewer infrastructure projects or to purchase critical life-saving equipment for our firefighters.

Census results affect planning and funding for healthcare, education programs such as Head Start, Pell grants, school breakfast and lunch programs, rural education programs, adult education programs, and preschool education. It also affects planning and funding for employment and training including programs for vocational rehabilitation and dislocated workers.

Libraries are also dependent on federal funding. A library is so much more than books. Our library provides services to the public, serves as an information center for the community, maintains genealogical and historical information, and provides technology access for those who have none.

The results of the census determine the number of seats that each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

All of these issues greatly affect our city and county. This is our opportunity to have a voice! This is our opportunity to shape the future of our community! #StandUpAndBeCounted



When in Doubt, Get a Test

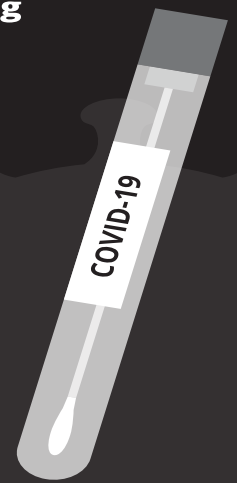
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EDNA'S PAGE



by Chris Richcreek

1. Tommie Aaron, brother of Hank, hit how many home runs in his seven-season Major League Baseball career?
2. Bill Chadwick, the NHL's first U.S.-born referee and later a broadcaster for the New York Rangers, went by what nickname?
3. The name for the Albuquerque Isotopes Minor League Baseball club was inspired by a fictional team from what TV comedy series?
4. Jim Covert and Ed Sprinkle, two members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2020, spent their entire playing careers with what NFL franchise?
5. What traditional Japanese martial art is literally translated as "the way of the sword"?
6. Floyd Mayweather Jr. defeated what mixed martial arts superstar in a 2017 boxing megafight in Las Vegas?
7. What Croatia-born basketball player won three NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls from 1996-98 and was the 1996 NBA Sixth Man of the Year?



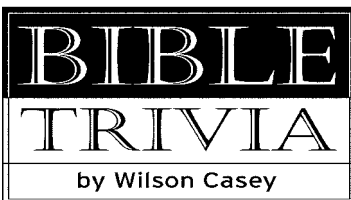
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the medical condition called desquamation?
2. TELEVISION: Who uttered the catchphrase "you rang?" in the sitcom "The Addams Family"?
3. GAMES: How many dominoes are in a standard set?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. MOVIES: Actress Meryl Streep won her first Academy Award for which movie?
6. LITERATURE: What kind of creature was Bagheera in "The Jungle Book"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of bouillabaisse, a type of stew?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called coulrophobia?
9. MUSIC: What is the name of blues guitarist B.B. King's Gibson guitar?
10. U.S. STATES: In which state is Elvis Presley's estate (Graceland) located?



1. Name the artists of the duo WHAM!
2. Who wrote and released "A.1. On the Jukebox"?
3. Which artist saw his career launched with "Nothing Rhymed"?
4. Which Gloria Gaynor song talks about wishing she'd changed the lock?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I've laid around and played around this old town too long, Summer's almost gone, yes winter's coming on."

EDNA'S PAGE
ANSWERS ON A7



by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who had 900 iron chariots and made 20 years of life unbearable for the Israelites? *Tobiah, Pilate, Sisera, Absalom*
3. How did God evaluate His work after six days, as all He made was ...? *Heavenly divine, Righteous sake, Thine image, Very good*
4. Who was the father of Apostles James and John? *Zacchaeus, Zebedee, Zebulun, Zechariah*
5. 27,000 men were killed when what city's walls fell on them? *Sechem, Sodom, Aphek, Jericho*
6. Who burned his son alive as a sacrifice? *Achan, Ahaz, Moses, Shimei*

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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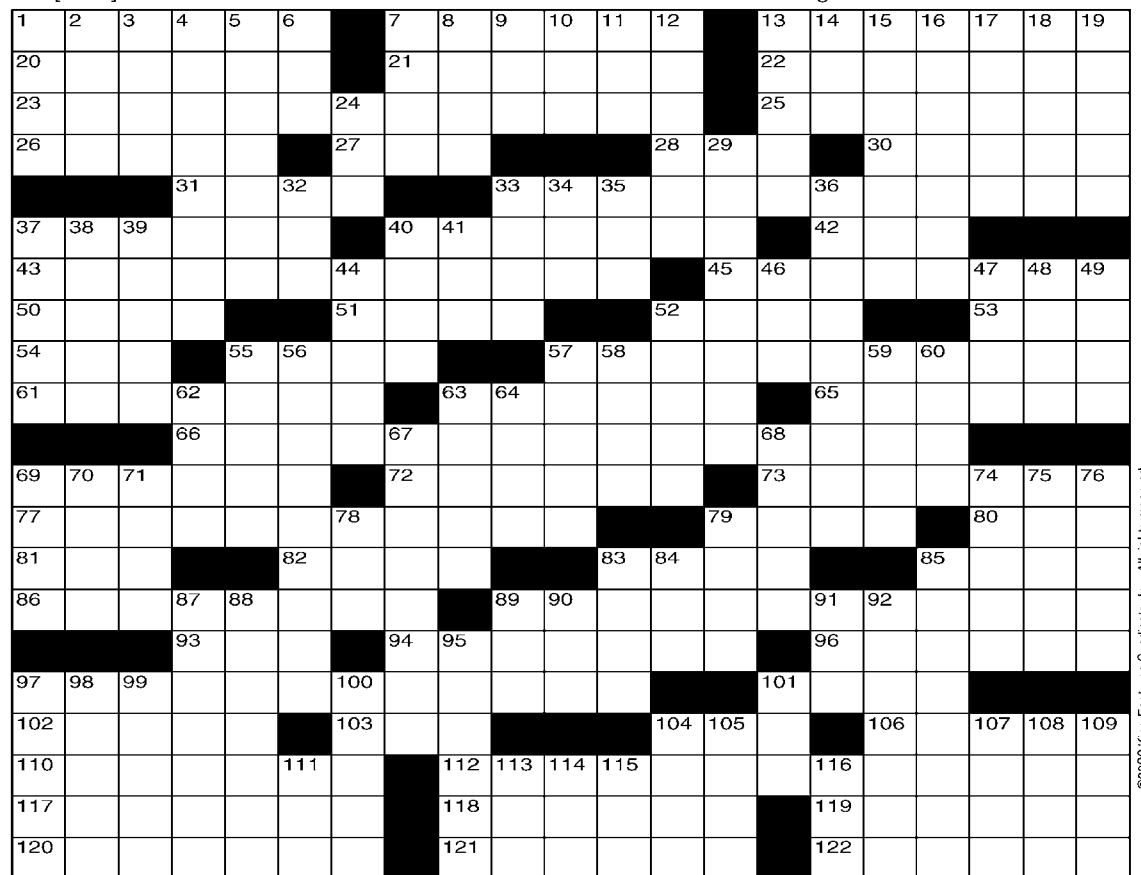
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Super Crossword

FIRST-CLASS ATHLETES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shrimp —
 - 7 Dismay
 - 13 Like pre-1917 Russia
 - 20 Stomach ailments
 - 21 Republic of China capital
 - 22 Old roof sight
 - 23 Inductee in the inaugural year of the ... NASCAR Hall of Fame [2010]
 - 25 Skin bubble
 - 26 Jan of South Africa
 - 27 Canon camera
 - 28 Fiscal exec.
 - 30 — throat
 - 31 "As — Dying"
 - 33 ... International Tennis Hall of Fame [1955]
 - 37 One pelting
 - 40 Bubbling on the stove
 - 42 "— Gang"
 - 43 ... World Figure Skating Hall of Fame [1976]
 - 45 With 99-Down, Texas
 - 50 Hearing pair
 - 51 Moistureless
 - 52 Bust — (laugh hard)
 - 53 "Found it!"
 - 54 Ending of enzymes
 - 55 Groove of carpentry
 - 57 ... National Baseball Hall of Fame [1936]
 - 61 Reprieve
 - 63 Stuck-up
 - 65 Conundrum
 - 66 ... Basketball Hall of Fame [1959] and College Hall of Fame [1951]
 - 69 "Flashdance" director Lyne
 - 72 One of Nod's two partners
 - 73 Not legal
 - 77 ... Pro Football Hall of Fame [1963]
 - 79 Writer — Stanley Gardner
 - 80 Less than bi-
 - 81 Western treaty gp.
 - 82 Hunky- —
 - 83 Maui, e.g.
 - 85 Blue-ribbon
 - 86 Pasture-raised
 - 89 ... World Golf Hall of Fame [1974]
 - 93 "What was — think?"
 - 94 Compel obedience to
 - 96 Shady alcoves
 - 97 ... International Swimming Hall of Fame [1965]
 - 101 "— girl!"
 - 102 Full of activity
 - 103 Med. republic
 - 104 Darlin'
 - 106 Relative by marriage
 - 110 Digital data display
 - 112 ... International Boxing Hall of Fame [1990]
 - 117 Almondy, say
 - 118 Lake in New York
 - 119 Director May
 - 120 Racing driver
 - 121 With 122-Across, barriers of pickets
 - 122 See 121-Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Lather
 - 2 Quahog, e.g.
 - 3 Rights org.
 - 4 Encounters
 - 5 Singer Elvis
 - 6 "This — test"
 - 7 — extra cost
 - 8 Oom- — (tuba sounds)
 - 9 Actress Zadora
 - 10 Showery mo.
 - 11 Guided
 - 12 Chinese fruit
 - 13 Fifer's drum
 - 14 NBC TV inits.
 - 15 Under debate
 - 16 People taking breathers
 - 17 The "I" of IV
 - 18 Smile evilly
 - 19 Infield covers
 - 24 San Luis —
 - 29 Scapegoats
 - 32 Fido's noise
 - 34 "Son of," in Arab names
 - 35 Wheel tooth
 - 36 "Everyone experiences that, right?"
 - 37 Trident
 - 38 Pick on
 - 39 Monsters
 - 40 Flight prefix
 - 41 "More than I needed to know" abbr.
 - 44 Stows cargo
 - 46 Suffix with venom
 - 47 Zingy flavor
 - 48 "Pardon me"
 - 49 — avis
 - 52 Singer Susan
 - 55 "Joltin' Joe" Across
 - 56 Expiated
 - 57 Horn sounds
 - 58 Be seeping
 - 59 Viewpoint
 - 60 1958 Leslie Caron film
 - 62 Match (up)
 - 63 With cunning
 - 64 Tri- plus six
 - 67 Those giving out prizes
 - 68 Spent
 - 69 Very eager
 - 70 Beloved one
 - 71 Parks of civil rights
 - 74 Mario of New York
 - 75 — workings
 - 76 Cake levels
 - 78 Soil stirrer
 - 79 Fashion magazine
 - 83 Memo intro
 - 84 Pt. of USSR
 - 85 Tirana native
 - 87 Do nothing
 - 88 Estrogen or testosterone
 - 89 Locale of mil. jets
 - 90 Reiner of film
 - 91 Overly glib
 - 92 Paper story
 - 95 Not wide
 - 97 Loft locales
 - 98 Expend
 - 99 See 45-Across
 - 100 Quoter
 - 101 Santa —
 - 104 Jekyll and —
 - 105 Muscat site
 - 107 Not clerical
 - 108 Hathaway of "Get Smart"
 - 109 Heartaches
 - 111 Maui strings
 - 113 1969 Beatle bride Yoko
 - 114 Corp.
 - 115 Youngster
 - 116 Foul caller



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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: ★★

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★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Food Giant Big Star Stay-at-Home Gourmet

Easy Strawberry Jam

Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh strawberries (washed and hulled)
- 4 cups sugar (more or less to taste)
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

Directions

Gather the ingredients. In a large bowl, crush strawberries in batches, transferring them to a large heavy-bottomed saucepan after each batch has been crushed.

Add sugar and lemon juice to strawberries. Stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Increase heat to high and bring strawberry mixture to a full rolling boil while stirring constantly. Reduce heat and continue to boil until mixture reaches 220 F/105 C, stirring frequently.

If you want to process in a water bath for long-term storage, transfer jam to hot sterilized jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Cover with hot sterilized lids and rings. Process in a water bath for 10 minutes. Remove to counter and allow to cool before storing in a cool, dry, dark place.

If you plan to consume the jam within 2 weeks, transfer jam to plastic containers or canning jars. Wait until it has cooled before sealing and store in the refrigerator for up to three weeks, or in the freezer for up to one year.



You can buy all the ingredients in this recipe at
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Silerton

Mary Lynn Lambert
609-6455

Prayer request for Ann Hinson, Joie Freeman, Brenda Cooper, John Jordan, and Sarah Chandler.

Pastor Michael and Frances Cormier of the Standing on God's Word Ministry are getting close to opening their church in Silerton. Mrs. Cormier stated that they are looking forward to the opportunity to be

a blessing to the Silerton community. They purchased the Silerton Methodist Church and have been busy with odds and ins, also carpet installation and painting. They had envisioned having the church open, but the coronavirus quarantine changed their plans. They will be holding services on Saturday morning. During the quarantine, they have served meals to the some of the residents. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday a hot meal may be picked up between 11:00 and 1:00.

Melea Beshires shared some her of her thoughts on the quarantine. She writes, "2020 is a year that will be talked about for years to come. Future generations will ask us, 'What were you doing during Covid-19?' This pandemic has left no one untouched and we all have stories to tell. Like any challenging time, while we feel loss of comforts and securities, a renewed sense of gratitude can co-occur. The main shift for my family has been changing our routine. We have been working from home since mid March, which has allowed me to spend more time with my 15-month-old son, Otto. For Otto, quarantine means he has a playmate all day. He enjoys getting pulled by Papaw in his wagon and eating delicious home-cooked meals with Nana (a luxury we are all enjoying!). He loves to come "help" work by typing on the keyboards and then is usually swept up on Kevin's shoulders and zoomed down the hall. Otto's grandparents in Knoxville have been sure to tend to his entertainment as well. Thanks to them he has his first kid tree house, a pop-up tent, and many other fun surprises.

To keep from going stir crazy, we started the tradition of Saturday drives. We pack our own food and head out for several hours and just enjoy the countryside. It's been beautiful to see the spring blooms each week and just to be together. Otto is a recent walker and a begrudging shoe wearer, so there is nothing that makes us smile more than seeing him run in a big open field. Last week, when we stopped to stretch our legs, he picked up a rock, looking so pleased with himself. He examined it, clutched it tightly in his hand and ran toward me full throttle and placed it reverently in my hand. I realized when my fingers curled around that small white stone, that Otto had given me my first gift. It is the little moments like these that we must all keep making and hold onto. You may be isolated right now and you may feel lonely, but know that you are not alone. I would encourage anyone to take this time to call someone you have not talked to in awhile or to send a card or letter to someone you care about. While so much has changed around us one thing remains true, we all need each other, and we all need someone who brings beauty into our lives in even the hardest hours."

I would appreciate if you would call and share some of your news and thoughts or memories so we can stay connected.

Toone

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Hello from Toone! I trust everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend, even though it was probably quite different for most of us. Many people still gathered for family cookouts and other family events, but there was an absence of the large public gatherings that we are all used to on holiday weekends. I spent most of my weekend relaxing on Pickwick Lake aboard the Toone Pontoon IV. If you were wondering

where everyone was this weekend, I can tell you that they were all in their boats on the lake. I don't remember ever seeing so many boats on the water, as I saw this weekend. I suppose everyone was tired of quarantine and broke away and went to the lake. Although I did see some violations of the social distancing rules, It appeared that most boats were spread out on the open water. All in all, I think it went rather well.

All Hardeman County schools will hold Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year, the week of June 8 - June 12 at each school.

Proud Grandmother, Bonnie Leathers, tells me her Grandson, Hunter Mynatt, is now a 3rd grader! Hunter also finished the year with an "A" average in all subjects! Congratulations Hunter, on a great school year!

The Mother/Daughter team of, Lisa & Laura Ann Higgs, share a birthday, Friday, May 29. Looks like Tom has two cakes to bake! Happy Birthday ladies!

Happy Birthday to our Teague neighbor, Tom Young, who celebrates his big day, May 30. If you see Tom out and about wish him a happy day!

Although many businesses and churches are re-opening with more and more people gathering together again, let's remember to follow the safety rules, continue to practice social distancing and sanitary measures. The last thing we want is for this dreaded virus to flare-up again and infect more people. Let's all do our part to make sure that doesn't happen!

Until next time. . . talk to your neighbors!

Middleton

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Continue to remember the sick and shut ins in your prayers. Those I know of are: Helen Daniel, Sissy Pogue, Paul Daniel, Peggy Baker, Helen Coffman, Linsey Parmley, Johnny Matthews, Betty Matthews, Clara Jones, Ray Jones, Lloyd Bell, Margaret Brumbelow, Isla Rose McAlpin, Liam Cruz McAlpin, Cheryl Russell, Cindy Rixie, Foy Norwood, Zack Wilson, Drew Wilson, Brian Clifton, Lauren Clifton, Rickey

Bass, Tina Luttrell McKelvey, Dale Wyman, Craig Glenn, Bill West, Mark Powers, Dorris Medlin, Barbara Hamilton, Wilton Morrow Brown, Buddy Vickers, Marion Shearon, Shelly Trantum, Kay Curtis, Joe Ed Kirk, Jimmy Thompson, Keesha Lamberth, Tyler Bizzell, Teresa Mynott, Patsy Bell, Anna Hopper, Kathy Swinford, Gail Powers, Ray Cossar, Leon Campbell, Emma Haddix. Ruby Spencer, James Spencer, Randy Antwine, Connie McCarter Jackson, Huey Mott, Ray Rixie, Linda Rixie, Barb Senzig, Robert Thearp, Jimmy Webb, Carson Webb, Jack Russell, Shirley Russell, Charlene Hawkins, Trey Hopkins, BoBo Maxwell and Paige Gillon. Thanks for praying for the release if Bryan Nerren. He is home after nine months.

Condolences to the Gene Gates family of Corinth, MS. He was raised in Hardeman County and was my first cousin.

Let us all be in prayer for our president, governors, mayors, health care professionals, police and fire fighters and any others that may be involved in this dilemma. Things are beginning to open up. Keep the prayers going

There will not be wrestling at 108 Henderson St., until announced. This is coming soon.

Joan Henderson submitted funny for the week: Stop worrying about the world ending today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.

Thanks to those who are saving the Best Choice Bar Code labels for the Middleton Woman's Club. This helps with the ongoing projects the Middleton Woman's Club does. We now have a container at Food Giant that you can deposit the Best Choice Bar Code Labels in at the service desk. 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.

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Hello to all! I pray everyone is doing well. I enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend as I know lots of folks did. It is always a blessing to get to spend quality time with your family but also with those you think of as your family. Hornsby Baptist Church is getting ready to have an app that you can put on your phone that will keep you up

on all the things that will be going on with the church and the community. We are very excited about this as we pray it is a way to help people to connect with Christ. There will be daily devotions, a person can still watch online services, information about mission work, programs that will be at church and just so many things. Sunday School will be starting back on June 7th and I am so ready for us to be back as I know lots of others are as well.

Please remember to continue to support the local businesses all that you can, I know they would appreciate it. Things seem to be getting a little better and that is what our prayer is. Everyone working together to help each other, so please continue to check on those who have health issues and other needs. Remember we are all in this together.

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 prayer request please let us know. Please continue to lift the following people up in your prayers: Lynn Allen, Joe Anderson, Mimi Anderson, Hugholene Barnes, Ricky Bass, Diane Cross, Sue Day, Norma Emerson, Rich Emerson, Robert Gibson, Crystal Grantham, Thomas Green, Sue Hall, James Hanna, Marilyn Hanna, Willie Lou Hannis, Richard Hazelwood, Justin Hodge, Sue Hodge, Willis Hornsby, Jo Edna Howell, Charley Johnson, Ann Kelly, Aubrey King, Lucy King, Debbie Laster, Bobbie McBride, Betty McMahan, Orville McMahan, Margie Moore, Carolyn Morgan, Evan Nield, Lockie Newman, Joyce Overton, Gay Pierce, Gail Pope, Scarlett Sipes, Stacy Spence, Ronna Spoon, Susan Thompson, Benjamin Tucker, Martyn Venuti, Tommy Warner, Eddie Webb, 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, the leaders of our country and especially the ones who are lost. His Word for the week: Psalms 1:3 "He is like a tree planted besides flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." Praise God!!

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FAITH

Joy During Trials

by Jeff Capshaw

Last week's lesson concerned growing spiritually during hard times, and it fits with this week's lesson. Paul wrote, "not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5, ESV).

According to Paul, believers can grow in character as a result of trials. In turn, when they experience growth in personal character, that gives them a kind of certainty. Believers learn that they are not alone in suffering. In some mysterious way, therefore, believers can experience God's presence and love, even in hard times.

Turning now to the book of James, we find another unexpected idea associated with hard times, with trials, with suffering. James writes, "count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (1:2-4).

Notice the sense and scope of trials here. Although the Authorized Version (KJV) renders the phrase "divers temptations," the sense is probably better understood as a "test" instead of moral temptations. Yet, those kinds of onslaughts and our succumbing to them often create undesirable, personal trials. James clarifies the nature of the trials here with an interesting word. The ESV translates it as "many kinds" of trials.

The original (*poikilos*) has the sense of "many-colored" or "variegated." It is helpful to think about the variety of color in a peacock's tail or even a standard color wheel which features primary, secondary, and intermediate colors. Life's tests confront us in numerous forms, and some surely are worse than others. They can vary in intensity and duration, but extended and intense trials are especially difficult to endure.

Regardless of what hand believers are dealt in life, James says they are to "count it all joy." Really, James? Consider trying times as joyful? How is that possible? The secret to bearing up under such difficult conditions begins with the mind. The phrase, "count it," has a definite mindfulness

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or a "reckoning-it-to-be-so" about it. Thus, regardless of how the hard times make believers feel, they can by grace consider the experience a joy, even though emotionally hard, stressful and even painful. Out of those trials, good can come for believers.

The ability to obey this principle comes by not caving into our emotions. Instead, believers must engage the situation with their mind. Notice he says they can endure just like Paul instructs them in the Romans passage above: by "knowing" some things.

If believers respond correctly, their character will grow in its resilience and become more firmly fixed, thus leading to the ultimate goal of being more spiritually mature. Therefore, rightly confronted with the proper mental attitude, trials can help believers to grow personally and in their walk with God.

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Stress

by David Coy

The word stress comes from the Latin word *strictus*, "to be drawn tight". In Old French it is *estresse*, "narrowness or tightness". An English medical dictionary as "an organism's total response to environmental demands or pressures". In the use of physics and mechanics, it is used for the forces which cause external pressure and for the internal strength to balance them. I think it is safe to say our country and the world has been experiencing external pressures some by nature others by man. We all experience stress though some balance it better than others. It can affect our physical, social, emotional and mental health thus the more we learn how it affects us and how best we should learn to balance our stress. It is believed that our nervous system provides the needed energy to meet the responsibilities in response to external forces. We also know that when we do not balance or manage well our external pressures depression could develop and the impression of being overwhelmed. This in turn may create feelings of despair for our future.

Our challenge now is to not allow our current circumstances to compel us to feel helpless, hopeless and in despair just because we may be uncertain of specific details concerning our future. We have been in unfamiliar territory before, we all have. We never have all the answers to the myriad of questions and doubts which are all quite normal. Every and any loss can and might produce a stronger internal coping system as we learn to balance external pressures with our yield point or failure point. Similar to how physical metals react to stress. The stronger our support system the stronger our coping mechanism (1 Peter 5:7). Stress can be managed, we can cope. This is Sunrise Aftercare, sunrise@sfdcares.com



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Hardeman County Community Calendar

Lifeline Blood Services will conduct a blood drive at the Walmart Supercenter in Bolivar on Friday, June 5 from 1-6 p.m. All donors who give blood this summer may register to win a 2019 Ford Fiesta donated by Joe Mahan Ford.

The Bolivar Farmers Market on the corner of Washington and Lafayette Streets in Bolivar is open each Saturday and Tuesday from 7:00 a.m.-3 p.m. for the best selection of produce, plants, beef, catfish, handcrafted items and more. Call Market Manager Mike Malone at 659-1521 if you would like to participate. The Bolivar Farmers Market is part of PickTennessee Products.

The Grand Junction Farmers Market is open is offering no vendor charge for May if you would like to sell. There is a covered awning for potential inclement weather and to practice social distancing. It is the perfect time to be eating your vegetables!

The City of Bolivar Community Garden is up and running and volunteer hours are Mondays 9-11 a.m., Thursdays 5-7 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month at Pleasant Run Creek Park. If you would like more information, check out their Facebook page.

Open Air on the Square is scheduled for June 6 at the Bolivar Downtown Amphitheatre. This free outdoor summer concert series will be held on the first Saturday of the month. From Classic, Soul, R & B, Soft Rock to Top Country Hits, you can hear it all! Food trucks and street food vendors are always on sight. Small coolers and lawn chair are welcome. All events are open to the public.

Gospel Music on the Square will be Saturday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. with Stephen

Wood opening for the McEwens.

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.

Free Meals for children 18 & under will be available each day for breakfast and lunch at Bolivar, Whiteville, Toone, Grand Junction, Middleton Elementary Schools and at Bolivar Middle. More information can be obtained by calling 1-800-497-1286.

The HCAC is seeking volunteers for Tech Crew. Tech Crew is responsible for sound, special effects, lighting, and other technical areas of productions. Experience is not required, the HCAC will provide the necessary training. If you are interested or would like more information please call or text Technical Director, Brandon Burvee, at (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.

University of Tennessee AgResearch is planning a full calendar of field days for 2020. A total of 17 field days will take place at UT AgResearch and Education centers across the state, providing visitors a chance to see agricultural research in action, speak with university experts, and network with industry professionals. Some workshops in our area include: Cotton Tour - September 2, 8 a.m. and Horse Management - September 17, 5 p.m., both at West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center, Jackson

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

For Meals on Wheels assistance, please call the Southwest Human Resource Agency at 658-9292

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

Celebrate Recovery a Christian-based recovery from hurts, habits, and hang-ups every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Beginning

July 10. Hardeman County Baptist Association, 755 Vildo Rd., Bolivar. Contact: Shirley at 731-609-4182

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry is reminding citizens of the online burn permit system, that is free, fast and simple at BurnSafeTN.org or at Bolivar City Hall. Call 658-2020.

AA Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the HC Baptist Association on 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.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and Pastor Algie Jarrett at 255 Burnette Mills Rd., in Bolivar welcomes all to be a part of Sunday night services on the first Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Note that event dates and details are subject to change.

Please contact the event holders to get the most up-to-date information

Have something to tell everyone?

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OBITUARIES

CYNTHIA KAY GRANTHAM

NOVEMBER 11, 1972 - MAY 19, 2020

Cynthia Kay Grantham, age 47 and the wife of Darren Grantham of Bolivar, passed away Tuesday morning, May 19, 2020, at her home.



She was born in Memphis, the daughter of the late Jack Dempsey Helton and Sylvia Kay Kupfner Helton. She met her husband, Darren, in 1986 and on Saturday, February 4, 1989, they were united in marriage. Cindy had lived in Oakland for 5-6 years and in Sulphur Springs, TX for about three years, but most of her life was spent in Hardeman County. She was a 1990 graduate of Lighthouse Christian School. Mrs. Grantham worked at Lucerne in Bolivar for four years and had also operated her own florist, Cindy's Creations. Most recently, she was the secretary for Grantham's Logging, Dozer and Backhoe Service and was owner of Statewide Towing, both in Bolivar. She was co-founder of the Hardeman County Rescue Squad's Women's Auxiliary, the "Crewettes" and enjoyed anything that involved being outdoors such as hunting, fishing and working in her flower beds. Her favorite music was by George Strait and she had been to see him in concert several times. However, her family states that she was "all about her grand kids" and treasured time spent with them, most of all. An animal lover at heart, she loved horses and often rescued animals in distress such as squirrels, raccoons and owls. While living in Texas, she worked with her father caring for the livestock on his dairy farm.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Daniel Grantham of Bolivar and Nate Grantham, and his fiance', Elizabeth Schilling, also of Bolivar; her sister, Melissa Overton and her husband, John, of Toone; two half-brothers, Robert Helton, and his wife, Sue, of Arlington and William "Bubba" Helton of Jackson; two granddaughters, Dallas Gene and Destin Lee Grantham; and several nieces and nephews, Justin, April and Derek Helton; Bryan and Victoria Overton and Crystal Wilson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Grantham were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Shackelford's Bolivar Chapel with John Kirk officiating. Burial was in Ebenezer Cemetery near Toone. Memorials may be sent to the Hardeman County Rescue Squad, 204 Hope Street, Bolivar, TN 38008 (<http://www.facebook.com/Hardemancountyrescue/>)

CHARLES LEON IRVIN

MAY 27, 1942 - MAY 22, 2020

Services for Mr. Charles Leon Irvin, age 77, of Saulsbery, were held Monday, May 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church near Saulsbery. Burial was in the church cemetery. Shackelford Funeral Directors of Bolivar were in charge of professional arrangements. Mr. Irvin passed away on Friday night, May 22, 2020 at the home of his daughter, Lisa, in Nesbit, MS.



He was born at home in Saulsbery on Wednesday, May 27, 1942 to the late Johnnie Leroy and Gladys Margurette Hammons Irvin. He was educated in Hardeman County and was a 1960 graduate of Grand Junction High School. Mr. Irvin worked in heating/air conditioning system repair, roofing and as a caregiver. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Irvin Harris.

Known to his friends as "Good-Time Charlie", Mr. Irvin enjoyed bringing joy to those around him with a smile, a joke or just his up-beat, happy personality. He liked to sing and loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by four daughters, Wendy Irvin McClure (Jeff), Cathy Irvin Essary (Doug) and Lorrie Dale Irvin, all of Corinth, MS and Lisa Meeks (Brian) of Nesbit, MS; one son, Charles Leon Irvin, Jr. of Pryor, OK; a daughter-by-choice, Cherish Joyner of Memphis; one sister, Margaret Segars of Iva, SC; two brothers, Gene Irvin (Helen) of Michie, TN and Billy Irvin (Glenda) of Lucy, TN; fourteen grandchildren, Everette McClure, Shauna Robertson, Amanda Ingle, Thomas Irvin, Greg McClure, Melissa McClure, Mason McClure, Destanie McClure, Lilliebell McClure, Autumn Boren, Allison Coleman, Alan Essary, Kyndall Smyre, and Karissa Meeks; 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all Mr. Irvin's nieces and nephews for their love for him and especially his nephew, Mickey Irvin, for his special concern and care for his uncle during the last few years of his life.

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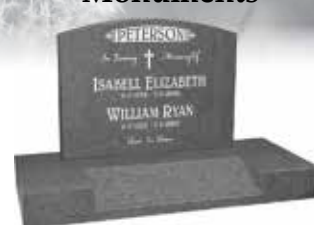


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ANGELINE ANN YARBROUGH COX JULY 30, 1935 - MAY 23, 2020

Angeline Ann Yarbrough Cox, 84, of Mercer, passed away Saturday evening, May 23, 2020 at her home.

The widow of Ira L. Cox, who passed away December 11, 2002 after 47 years of marriage, she was a homemaker and retired from Western Mental Health Institute as a psychiatric technician, having worked there over 20 years. She was born Tuesday, July 30, 1935 in Madison County, near Mercer, daughter of the late Benton Franklin "Bee" Yarbrough and Annie Vera Lewis Yarbrough. She was educated in the public school system and graduated in 1955 from Mercer school. She met Ira L. Cox at a holiness meeting and married him on October 8, 1955. They then moved to Hardeman County and lived there until his death in 2002. She enjoyed growing flowers and rosebushes, and was well known for her cooking, especially her chess pies. She loved to talk about Jesus and what He had done for her. A Christian and a person devoted to her family and Christian values, she was Pentecostal in belief, making her public commitment for Christ at Mercer Church of God. She dearly loved and enjoyed gospel music and reading her Bible.



Services were 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at Shackelford Funeral Directors chapel in Bolivar with Roger Hatch officiating. Burial was in Maple Springs Cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Peters of Mercer and Wanda Elder (James Ooten) of Medina; two sisters, Janie Mayfield of Selmer and Fannie Baldwin of Memphis; three grandchildren, Shane Elder of Medina, Cristy Brown (Steve) of Brownsville and Tiffany West of Bolivar; five great grandchildren, Avery, Jake, Tommy, Nolan, Aubrie and "one on the way" in September.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Dustin Lee Baker; two brothers, Billy Bob and Robert Felix Yarbrough; a half brother, J. W. Yarbrough and two sisters, Vera Sue Yarbrough and Shirley Lowrance. Memorial contributions in her name may be sent to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org/donate).

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Micah Lorne Blakemore, 37, Bolivar, TN, Theft under \$500, Resisting arrest, no bond, court date 6/26 (released)

Rickey Joe Brown, 32, Hickory Valley, TN, Agg domestic, Driving on revoked, no bond, court date 6/30 (held)

Ulester Arnez Cross, 34, Bolivar, TN, Driv on susp., Violation of probation, bond \$5,000, court date 6/9 & 6/12 (released)

Robert Charles Evans, 47, Bolivar, TN, Poss of handgun while under influence, 2 counts Agg assault, Public intoxication, no bond, court date 6/30 (held)

Justin Keeling Graves, 27, Brownsville, TN, 2 counts Theft from \$60,000 less than \$250,000, 2 counts Agg burglary, bond \$250,000, court date 6/2 (held)

Desma Lanay Griggs, 28, Bolivar, TN, 2 counts Shoplifting, no bond, court date 5/26 (released)

LaQuita Shanae Hill, 31, Bolivar, TN, Driv on susp 1st offense, bond \$2,500, court date 6/5 (released)

Eric Juran Johnson, 46, Ripley, MS, Violation of probation, bond \$25,000, court date 6/3 (held)

Peyton Wayne Johnson, 45, Toone, TN, Violation of probation, no bond, court date 6/9 (released)

Ashley Renae Kars, 20, Middleton, TN, Theft less than \$1,000, Vandalism, Resist/stop/frisk/halt/search arrest, no bond,

court date 6/2 (released)

Kevonta Maurice Lathan, 26, Grand Junction, TN, Driv on susp 3rd offense, bond \$5,000, court date 6/12 (released)

Ronald Keith Lawler, 70, Bolivar, TN, 2 counts Agg sexual battery, bond \$200,000, court date 6/9 (held)

Fredkedra Lashanti Mason, 20, Bolivar, TN, Theft of property under \$500, Criminal simulation, bond \$2,500, court date 6/16 (released)

Mack Arthur Matthews, 37, Whiteville, TN, Public intoxication, no bond, court date 6/9 (released)

Markus Dewayne Minter, 49, Bolivar, TN, Reckless endangerment, Poss w/firearm while under the influence, Poss w/intent, Poss of weapon (felon), no bond, court date 6/9 (released)

Jeremy Hugh Patterson, 36, Saulsbury, TN, Poss sch I w/intent, bond \$15,000, court date 6/30 (released)

Denise Richelle Phillips, 32, Whiteville, TN, Filing false report, bond \$5,000, court date 6/2 (released)

Montavius Keon Pirtle, 25, Jackson, TN, Violation of probation (GS), bond \$2,500, court date 6/30 (released)

Jamie Michael Rushing, 35, Medon, TN, Shoplifting-theft of property, Public intoxication, bond \$5,000, court date 6/30 (released)

Andrew Tyler Sharpe, 20, Middleton, TN, Revoke drug court, no bond, court date 6/1 (released)

Johnnie Arnez Tate, 32, Middleton, TN, Violation of light law, 2 counts Poss sch VI, Poss sch I w/intent, Poss sch II w/intent, no bond \$40,000, court date 6/30 (released)

Marquita Thornton, 27, Somerville, TN, Driv on susp, Speeding, No insurance, no bond, court date 6/19 (released)

Chrissean Tyler, 19, Memphis, TN, Simple possession, no bond, court date 5/26 (released)

Karen Joy Van Dolah, 57, Humboldt, TN, Public intoxication, no bond, court date 6/2 (released)

Clifford Van Witherspoon, 43, Jackson, TN, Speeding 90 in 30, Reckless endangerment, Reckless driving, Felony evading, Driv on revoke 3rd offense, bond \$40,000, court date 6/18 & 6/19 (released)

James Curtis Young, 38, Bolivar, TN, Allowing animals to run at large, no bond, court date 5/26 (released)

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Hardeman County Emergency Communications District is seeking application for a director and for dispatchers. You can pick up applications at the Hardeman County 911 office on 120 W. N. Washington St., Bolivar, TN 38008 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Application deadline is June 12, 2020 at 12 p.m.**

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EDNA'S PAGE ANSWERS FROM A3

FLASH BACK

- George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley. Their first release, "Wham Rap!", didn't get much airplay because of the profanity in the b-side "Unsocial Mix." It only reached No. 105 on the charts.
- Dave Edmunds, in 1978. The song was on his "Tracks on Wax 4" album, with all the members of his band Rockpile, although it was considered Edmund's solo project.
- Gilbert O'Sullivan, in October 1970. For some stunning vocals, look for the cover version by Burton Cummings, formerly of The Guess Who.
- "I Will Survive," in 1978. She also wishes she'd asked for the key back.
- "Gotta Travel On," first released by Billy Grammer in 1958. Over the years the song has been covered by numerous others, including The Weavers, Timi Yuro and Bob Dylan.

BIBLE TRIVIA

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Sisera; 3) Very good; 4) Zebedee; 5) Apehek; 6) Ahaz

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Answer

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7	8	9	3	5	2	1	4	6
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TRIVIA TEST

Answers

- Peeling skin
- Lurch, the butler
- 28
- Barcelona, Spain
- "Kramer vs. Kramer"
- Panther
- Seafood
- A fear of clowns
- Lucille
- Tennessee (Memphis)

SPORTS QUIZ

Answers

13. He hit eight of them in his 1962 rookie season.
- The Big Whistle.
- The Simpsons.
- The Chicago Bears.
- Kendo.
- Conor McGregor.
- Toni Kukoc.

Go Figure!

answers

4	÷	1	+	8	12
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3	+	9	x	1	12
+		+		+	
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Super Crossword

Answers

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HAYWOOD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

State of Tennessee
Department of Children Services,
Petitioner,

vs.

No. 10019

SUMMER NICOLE SEEVER,
CHARLES STANLEY WATKINS, Jr., and
JOSHUA WAYNE SEEVER
Respondents,

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jackson Vernon Watkins, D.O.B. 08/13/2012
Sonny Edward Watkins, D.O.B. 08/30/2013
Children Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition in this cause and the affidavit of the Petitioner that the whereabouts of the Respondent, Joshua Wayne Seever, are unknown and that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her.
It is, therefore, ordered that Respondent, Joshua Wayne Seever, be served by publication of the following notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Bolivar Bulletin-Times, a newspaper circulated in Hardeman County, Tennessee.
TO JOSHUA WAYNE SEEVER:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Jackson Vernon Watkins and Sonny Edward Watkins, on the grounds that you have willfully abandoned these children and for other reasons. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are, therefore, ordered to respond by appearing in Court or filing an Answer to the Petition filed against you. A copy of the Petition may be obtained at the office of the Juvenile Court of Haywood County, 100 South Dupree, Brownsville, Tennessee. This notice will be published for four consecutive weeks. The last date of publication will be 6/18/2020. You must appear in Court on 8/31/2020 at 1:30 p.m. to appear and defend, or file an Answer within 30 days, or a Default Judgment or judgment on the facts will be taken against you and a hearing to terminate your parental rights will be set. All future hearings and/or documents filed in this cause shall be filed with the clerk and shall be considered as service upon you. You may request your copy from the clerk.

ENTER THIS the 18th day of May 2020.
/s/ J. Roland Reid
Juvenile Court Judge

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:
/s/ Jessica L. Turner, BPR #032409
Attorney for the State of Tennessee
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE NO. P-2263

ESTATE OF FANNIE Y. MILLER late of Hardeman County, Tennessee

Notice is Hereby Given that on the 14th day of May, 2020, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of Fannie Y. Miller, deceased, who died March 5, 2020, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Hardeman County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 14th day of May, 2020.

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The Forestry Division estimates, but does not guarantee, that 257,354 board feet (International 1/4-inch rule) of sawtimber is available for removal.

Only bids submitted on bid forms furnished by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, will be considered. The successful bidder will be required to sign a timber sale contract, at which time he will pay the full purchase price and post a performance bond equaling Seven (7) percent of the sale price of the timber. Each of these amounts will be in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division (separate checks will be required).

Forestry Division personnel will conduct a tour of the sale area on May 30, 2020. Those interested should meet at the Area Forester's office on Natchez Trace State Forest at 9:30 a.m.

Interested bidders may obtain bid forms, pro forma contract, a map of the sale area, and additional information at <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/state-forests/state-forest-timber-sales.html>

Or, by contacting Richard Sanderson, Program Specialist for State Forest, 731-967-6606 (office) or 731-431-0064 (cell) or P. O. Box 438 Lexington, TN, 38351, Lyle Shelton, State Forest Forester, 731-614-4200 (cell), 1865 Fire Tower Rd. Medon, TN 38356.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 67-5-508, Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Hardeman County will be available for public inspection in the Assessor's Office during normal business hours. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Hardeman County Board of equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessment on June 1, 2020. **THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2020 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ITS 2020 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH WILL BE June 5, 2020.** The Board will meet each weekday from the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Hardeman County Courthouse. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal. Please call the Assessor's office for an appointment. The number is 731-658-6522.

Hardeman County Families
Hardeman County Schools Pre-K and Kindergarten Registrations



Registrations will be held at each elementary school beginning Monday, June 8th - Friday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. Enrollment applications will

be available at each elementary school when registering children for Pre-K and Kindergarten. **When registering for Pre-K or Kindergarten, children must be 4 years old (Pre-K) and 5 years old (Kindergarten) on or before August 15, 2020.** In addition, the option to enroll online will be available for Pre-K enrollment only. The online application will be available beginning Monday, June 8th at www.hcsedu.org under the Enrollment Information tab. When accessing the online application, please have required documents available before you begin as you will not be able to exit and return to it.

The required documents for registration are:

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Know Risk Tolerance at Different Stages of Life

As an investor, you'll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that's been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life.

Let's look at some different life stages and how you might deal with risk at each of them:

When you're first starting out ... If you're early in your career, with perhaps four or even five decades to go until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you'll be taking on a higher level of risk, as risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Consequently, your risk tolerance may be relatively high. Still, even at this stage, being over-aggressive can be costly.

When you're in the middle stages ... At this time of your life, you're well along in your career, and you're probably working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and possibly for your children's college education. So, you still need to be investing for growth, which means you'll likely need to maintain a relatively high risk tolerance. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to have some balance in your portfolio, so you'll want to consider a mix of investments that align with each of your goals.

When you're a few years from retirement ... Now, you might have already achieved some key goals - perhaps your kids have finished college and you've paid off your mortgage. This may mean you have more money available to put away for retirement, but you'll still have to think carefully about how much risk you're willing to take. Since you're going to retire

soon, you might consider rebalancing your portfolio to include some more conservative investments, whose value is less susceptible to financial market fluctuations. The reason? In just a few years, when you're retired, you will need to start taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio - essentially, you'll be selling investments, so, as much as possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down. Nonetheless, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn't fully protect against a loss. However, you can further reduce the future risk of being overly dependent on selling variable investments by devoting a certain percentage of your portfolio to cash and cash equivalents and designating this portion to be used for your daily expenses during the years immediately preceding, and possibly spilling into, your retirement.

When you're retired ... Once you're retired, you might think you should take no risks at all. But you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. Establishing a withdrawal rate - the amount you take out each year from your investments - that's appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there's an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to lower your withdrawal rate temporarily.

As you can see, your tolerance for risk, and your methods of dealing with it, can change over time. By being aware of this progression, you can make better-informed investment decisions.

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

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Following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public health authorities, Shiloh National Military Park is increasing recreational access and services. The National Park Service (NPS) is working service-wide with federal, state, and local public health authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and using a phased approach to increase access on a park-by-park basis.



Beginning this Friday, May 29, 2020, Shiloh National Military Park will reopen access to the:

- Visitor Center parking area.
- Restroom in the parking area.
- Picnic area and restroom.

In addition, the following spaces continue to be available:

- Shiloh Battlefield, Corinth Battlefield, National Cemetery, Shiloh Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark, trails, tour roads, and the Corinth Contraband Camp.

With public health in mind, the following facilities remain closed at this time:

- Visitor Center and the Corinth Interpretive Center

“The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continues to be paramount. At Shiloh, our operational approach is to examine each facility function and service provided to ensure those operations comply with current public health guidance, and will be regularly monitored,” said Acting Superintendent Randy Martin. “We continue to work closely with the NPS Office of Public Health using CDC guidance to ensure public areas and workspaces are safe and clean for visitors, employees, partners, and volunteers.”

While these areas are accessible for visitors to enjoy, a return to full operations will continue to be phased and services may be limited. When recreating follow local area health orders, practice Leave No Trace principles, avoid crowding and avoid high-risk outdoor activities.

The CDC has offered guidance to help people recreating in parks and open spaces prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all park functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19, and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health.

Goodwin Wins Bingo Contest #3

Cade Goodwin collected \$100 as the winner of the WMOD/Bolivar Bulletin Times Bingo contest #3.



Contest #4 began Wednesday on WMOD, with numbers being read during the Late Show (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) and during County Journal Live (weekdays at 12:15 p.m.) until a winning card is called in to the radio station.

Goodwin joins Tony Jones and Ginny Davis as winners of the first three contests.

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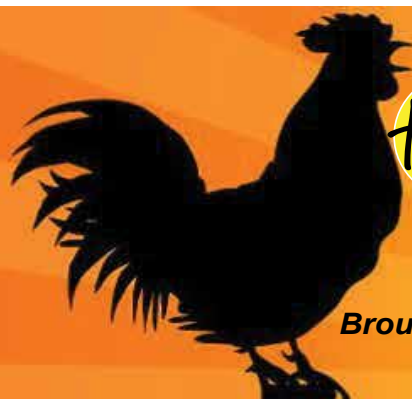
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Perry Named OVC Player of the Year

Former Middleton standout Chelsey Perry of UT Martin was named the 2019-20 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year by a vote of the coaches and was named All-America honorable mention as well by the WBCA NCAA Division I coaches.

Perry joined the nation's elite after a junior campaign in which 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). The Skyhawk forward also ranked 11th nationally in blocks (86) and 17th in blocks per game (2.69). This honor adds to her numerous accolades which include an Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship, being tabbed a finalist for the Becky Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year Award, named OVC Player of the Year and being selected to the All-OVC first team.

Perry averaged 23.1 points, 7.0

rebounds, 2.7 blocks, 2.0 assist and 1.6 steals in 34.2 minutes per game. Her 740 points ranked sixth in program single-season history while her 479 points in conference play marked the most points scored against OVC foes in over 20 years. Other top milestones include joining the program's 1,000-point club, a 42-point performance against Lipscomb which ranked as the sixth-highest single-game scoring output in the NCAA this season and tying the program's single-game block record with eight rejections against IUPUI.

Perry led the league in scoring and was in the top 15 in nine different statistical categories, including fourth in rebounds, second in field goal percentage (.502), fourth in free throw percentage (.858), and second in blocked shots.

She was named to the all-newcomer team her freshman year and to the second team all-OVC



her sophomore season.

She has been named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll each year of her career as well.

Perry's leadership paid off for the Lady Skyhawks as well, as they tied for the OVC regular season crown with Belmont at 16-2

and making the championship game of the OVC tournament, falling to Southeast Missouri State. Perry was named to the all-tournament team.

While a member of the Middleton Lady Tigers, Perry's teams from her sophomore to senior sea-

sons went 91-9, including a run of 67 straight wins that included the 2015 State Championship in which Perry was named the tournament MVP.

Her parents are David Perry Jr and Linda Watkins.

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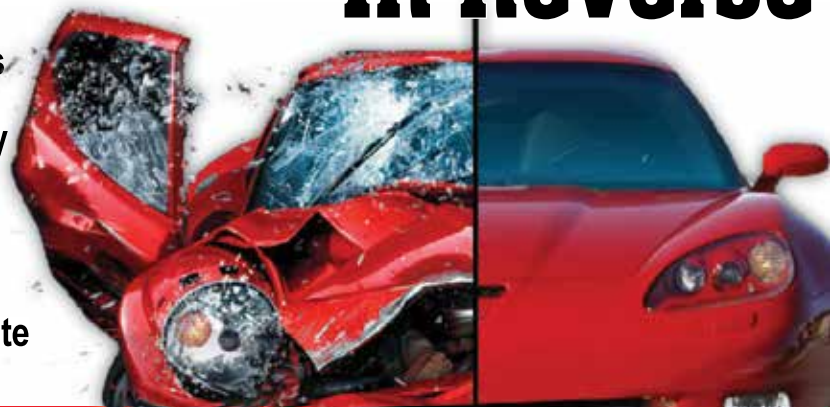


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Pictured are Emma, Hoot, Larry Joe, Cameron and JR (Tennessee River Productions).

From Start to Finish is what JR wanted to film for Southern Woods and Water TV. The afternoon before, we were catching bait (Bream). After about two hours, we had enough bait to set out our lines. We would be on the Hatchie at some of my Traditional Haunts. After arriving at "Slicks Hole", the work began. With LJ at the motor, Emma and I set and baited the lines. Cameron was driving the filming boat with JR. The next morning we met at the boat landing, Anthony Landreth (Southern Woods and Water TV) Would join Cameron and JR on the filming boat. After checking several lines with no fish, Emma asked could she check the next one, absolutely was my reply. The pole/line told us nothing. When Emma grabbed the line BAM!! FISH ON!! She did a great job and the first of three was in the live well. To make a long story short:::: Pass "It" On :::: had a new member to the Hatchie Ranks!!

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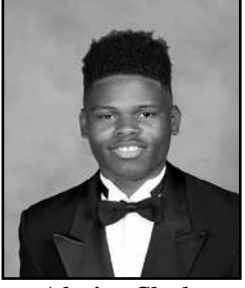
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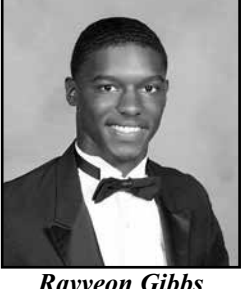
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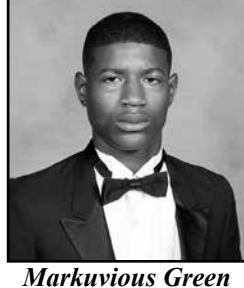
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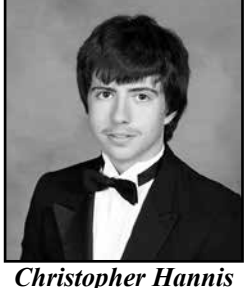
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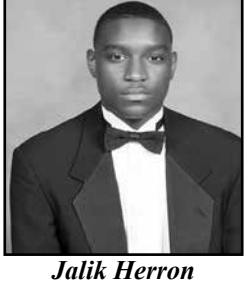
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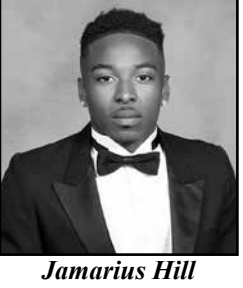
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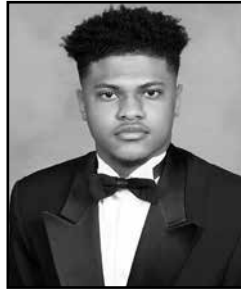
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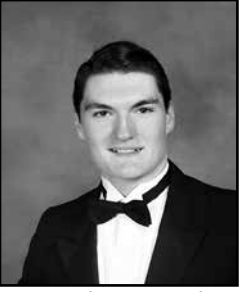
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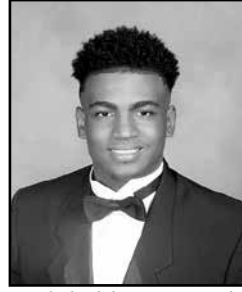
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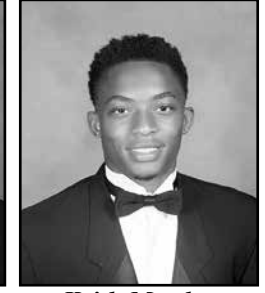
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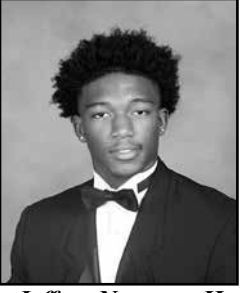
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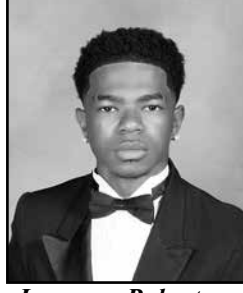
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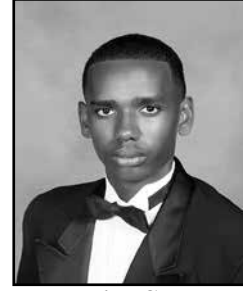
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Halie Harris Receives the 2020 Arts Council Scholarship

by Joan Henderson

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received applications from BCHS. There were no submissions from MHS or homeschool students.

The HCAC is proud to announce Halie Harris as the recipient of the 2020 HCAC Scholarship.

Halie Harris is a graduate of Bolivar Central High School and the daughter of Brandy Moses. She plans to attend Harding University to major in biology and minor in theater arts. Halie's extra-curricular activities include the BCHS Book Club and honors courses. She also participated in two HCAC productions, Disney's



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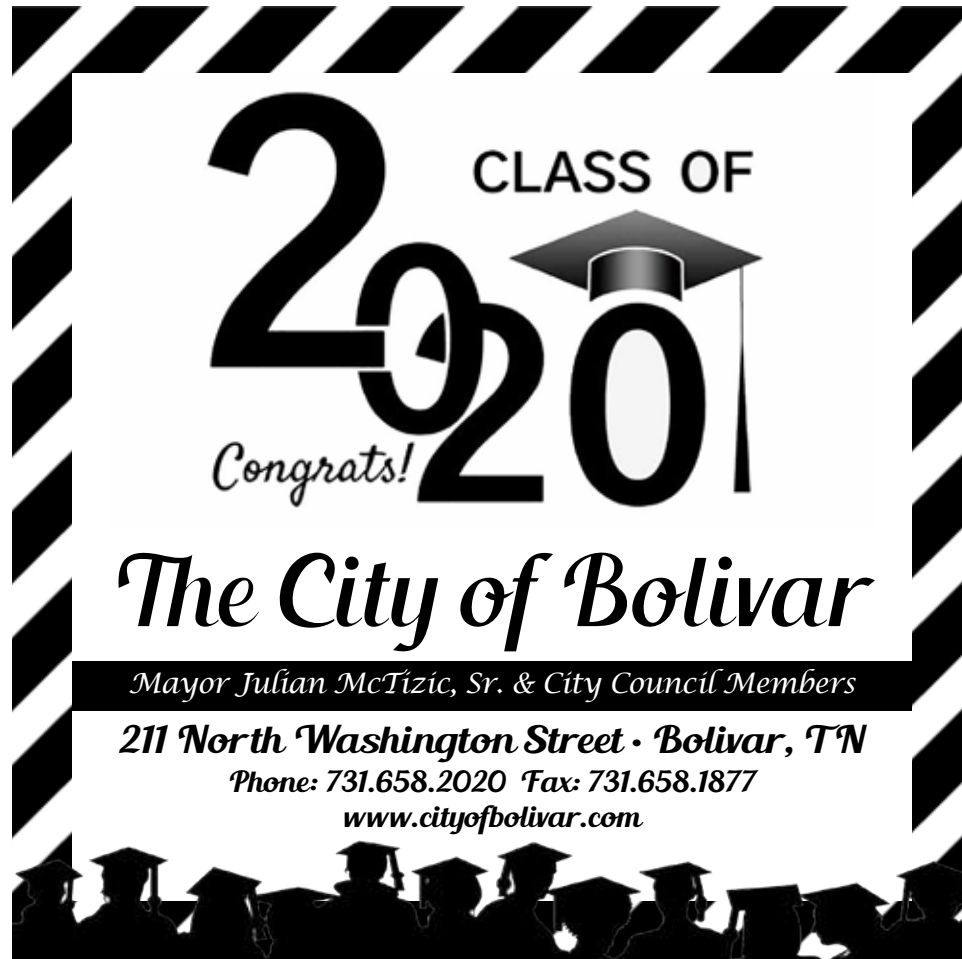


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The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- Bolivar – Ross Robinson Mitchell; Verdajah Shantill Robertson.
 - Hornsby – Addison Rae Brewer; Kari Hedwall.
 - Middleton – Lindsey Nicole Baldwin; Abby Elise Dixon; Shelby Brooke Jackson; Morgan Leigh Mills.
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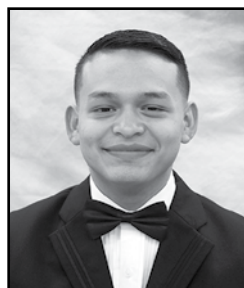
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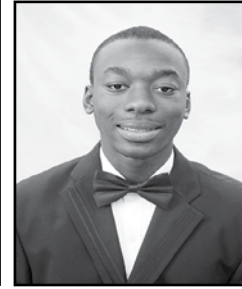
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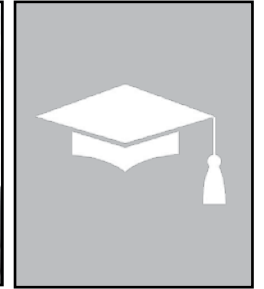
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New Study Shows State's Vulnerable Families Struggling with Mental Health and Wellbeing as COVID-19 School Closures Cause Growing Crisis *By Sherry Hoyle, Site Coordinator, Communities in Schools in Tennessee*

The social, emotional and physical needs of Tennessee's students have intensified as stay-at-home orders and long-term school closures have added to the economic stress and lack of services that already challenged the state's most vulnerable families.

These findings, revealed in survey data collected by Communities In Schools of Tennessee as part of a report, Supporting Families Through a Global Pandemic, show that students and their families in Nashville and in many of the state's rural communities, are struggling with issues of mental health and general wellbeing. In some cases, respondents cited excessive stress and emotional strain that kept them from wanting to participate in the needs survey at all.

In all, the top three concerns among students and their families during the time of coronavirus were:

- Child and adult stress
- Food insecurity and
- Finding and accessing educational resources

"There is no question that all families are currently experiencing the stress of ongoing stay-at-home orders and social distancing, but this is especially hard for vulnerable families who are daily contending with many other critical stressors," said CIS-TN CEO Samantha Wigand. "Our families have told us what they need, and we are determined to do all we can to act on this information. We need government and non-profit partners to come together in an unprecedented way to rally around the needs of vulnerable families. Without a clear and direct effort to mitigate these unsung side effects of the pandemic, our schools and communities will be grappling with these consequences for years to come."

Data show that for students, mental health struggles are exacerbated by a lack of medications and available counseling, as well as not having the daily structure and socialization that school provides; many families are also dealing with addiction, domestic violence and other mental health strains happening in the home. Additionally, parents and caregivers are dealing with the strain of financial instability, food insecurity or having to find creative ways to care for children who are no longer in school.

Prior to schools closing this spring to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the work of CIS-TN was done almost entirely inside school buildings — making connections with students, in some

cases through the use of a case manager, or coordinator, to provide holistic support and removing academic and nonacademic barriers to their academic success. But when it became apparent schools would remain closed for an extended period of time, CIS-TN reimagined the structure of this work.

After quickly moving to remote-only support, coordinators were able to collect information about families' needs through informal surveys conducted with the highest need students and families, those who are case managed by a CIS-TN coordinator. These assessments were conducted March 30 - April 10, 2020. In that time, CIS-TN conducted more than 900 surveys, or approximately two-thirds of the most vulnerable families the organization serves.

The following shows the top five most frequently mentioned concerns in Nashville and in rural counties:

- Nashville:
1. Finding and using educational resources (61%)
 2. Adult stress in the home (51%)
 3. Food (50%)
 4. Child stress in the home (47%)
 5. Lack of devices (46%)

- Rural:
1. Adult stress in the home (45%)
 2. Child stress in the home (42%)
 3. Finding and using educational resources (31%)
 4. Employment/Income (31%)
 5. Internet accessibility (30%)

CIS-TN plans to continue tracking this data to see the ways in which families' needs may be shifting during the pandemic caused by COVID-19, and the extent to which the organization might need to again alter or increase support in order to help meet those needs.

CIS-TN believes the far-reaching impact of this global health crisis emphasizes the need for the following:

1. Greater collaboration among Tennessee's nonprofits and school service providers. This collaboration can take many forms, but ideally, would include data sharing in order to identify gaps in service and avoid duplicative support as well as ensure that all providers working with a student are continuously communicating and delivering effective, efficient and comprehensive support, particularly to the state's most vulnerable families.
2. Increased holistic and indi-

vidualized support to students and their families. CIS-TN's nationally proven case management delivery model is well positioned to serve Tennessee during this unprecedented time of need. We hope the communities we serve will recognize and prioritize this need and facilitate deeper partnerships with the nonprofit sector as a whole to improve the wellbeing of families hardest hit by this crisis.

"We know that student success has always been dependent on more than simply attendance and test scores, but the additional emotional and economic stress this pandemic has placed on students and families who were already vulnerable presents a real risk of creating additional barriers for academic success, and ultimately, widening achievement gaps across our state," Wigand said. "Tennesseans have a long history of stepping up to lend a hand, and we've never needed that volunteer spirit more than we do now."

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