



We at Easterling Pest Control would like to thank everyone for the heartfelt cards, gifts and wonderful words of comfort over the past couple weeks. Your kindness, love and support were evident and have wonderfully touched us. Your patience during this difficult time has been greatly appreciated. We have resumed normal operations as of Monday, December 19. It was Richard's wish and is fully our intention to continue serving our community for many years to come.

Thank you so much . . . Regina, Nathan and Caleb

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From the Other Side of the Desk

This is where we live, and this is what I saw:

As we prepared to broadcast the Bolivar Dizzy Dean 6U Baseball Consolation Championship at Snowden Grove in Southaven, MS on a *Tuesday morning* this past summer, we looked around. The stands were packed. With Bolivar fans. And some of them had been there since Saturday.

We were playing Southaven American, the “home team” but we had twice as many fans as they did. **It’s a fact for us that no matter where we go, we always seem to look like the home team.**

We had tents, chairs, fans dressed in uniform shirts, and even fans with green face paint. Parents, grandparents, little brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors all came to root our team on.

Our kids came up a couple runs short. But that wasn’t the point.

The point is, as I see it, we live in a pretty good place, where we can count on each other for support, whether watching the ballgames or when we all really need a friend.

The top story this year is about an election of a president that will (probably) never visit our county or change it in any discernable way. And while the election was the most unusual story of the year (only time in maybe 50 or more years that it went that way), it was the story that we are so used to seeing that made one of the biggest impressions on me. Again.

Darrell Teubner, Editor

County Votes Red for President

Story of the Year

For the first time since 1988, Hardeman County Voters picked the Republican candidate for president, choosing President-Elect Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton by a 54% to 44% margin. Other candidates made up the remaining 2%, led by Libertarian Gary Johnson with 1%.

The margin of victory (4,919-4,185) also smashed the previous win margin by a Republican candidate. In 1988, President Elect George H.W. Bush beat Michael Dukakis by only 121 votes.

Voters in eight precincts in Hardeman County chose Trump (led by Pocahontas at 92%) while the other five chose Clinton, led by Grand Junction at 75%.

A total of 146 voters went to the polls, but did not vote for a presidential candidate, led by Hornsby, who saw 2.87% not make a presidential choice.

From 1980 to 2012, with only 1988 as an exception, the Democratic candidate for president carried Hardeman County, usually by a comfortable margin.

Hardeman County Precinct-by-Precinct 2016 Presidential Election Results				
Precinct	Trump	Clinton	Others	No Pres. Vote
West Bolivar	867	1,187	31	31
Bolivar	426	701	21	27
Whiteville	170	472	12	8
Hickory Valley	420	297	15	11
Grand Junction	148	530	14	11
Saulsberry	224	101	5	0
Middleton	922	191	29	22
Pocahontas	214	19	4	2
Lacy	290	62	6	2
Hornsby	291	43	4	10
Silerton	324	50	9	3
Dixie Hills	240	320	8	6
Toone	383	212	11	13
Totals	4,919	4,185	169	146

Precinct-by-precinct totals courtesy of the Hardeman County Election Commission.

More Stories We Covered in 2016

by Jessica Simmons and Bulletin Times Staff

January 7 – Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain told a group of elected officials that 2016 would be a year of bold decisions and asked for the support for the future of Hardeman County. The guest speaker at the event was Tennessee Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris. He addressed the crowd about ongoing state issues and issues Tennessee would be facing in 2016. *Photo: Sain defended the principles of faith-guided leadership and traced its history back to George Washington.*

January 14 - Hardeman County Assessor of Property Josh Pulse was awarded the 2015 Leadership Award before the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers during the winter meeting on December 3, 2015. The award was presented on behalf of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers by the 2015 President, Scott Buckingham.



January 21 – Donald McTizic (photo left) resigned January 20 with a letter sent to members of the County Commission through Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain. McTizic served District 2, Position 2 for 28 months taking over for his father Junious McTizic, who passed away in August of 2013.

A heated debate, a failed vote, and a successful revote ended with the county commission sending a request to the State of Tennessee for a private act to be introduced to Hardeman County that will add landfill fees to property taxes collected from property owners. The measure was approved

at the state level, and sent back to the commission, who approved it as policy in Hardeman County beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017.

February 4 – The Bolivar General Hospital Foundation hosted the 10th annual Snowflake Ball to raise money for a new cause: the 100 Mile club. This club benefits third graders in the Hardeman County School System by encouraging them to walk 100 miles over the course of the school year.

February 11 – Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain was notified by Tennessee ThreeStar Administrator Jody Sliger that Hardeman County had improved its composite score in Public Safety, Health and Welfare, and Education & Workforce Development. This accomplishment made the county eligible for an additional \$25,000 ThreeStar Competitive Enhancement Grant.

March 10 – The Hardeman County Democratic Party picked Johnny Weems of Bolivar as their candidate for District 2, Position 2 on the Hardeman County Commission. Weems would go on to win the seat in August. *Photo left: Hardeman County Democratic Party President Randall Rice, Johnny Weems, Secretary Meryl Rice, and Treasurer Anne Wallace Crighton*



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Arts Group of the Year

The Bolivar-Hardeman County Library’s resurgence brought on in the past two years by Director Jeanette Tigner continued in 2016 as Bailee Hutchinson was hired as the Director at the Bolivar-Hardeman County Library in the beginning of September after moving to Bolivar with her husband and two daughters from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tigner, who worked at the library for 30 years, and as director since 2014, retired on June 30. Tigner was part of the “million penny challenge” to raise money for the library, and the project is halfway complete according to Hutchinson.

The Hardeman County Library is overseen by board members Connie Young, Deana Sain, Julian McTizic, Terry Walley, Helen Henning, Sue Shelly, and Jerry Rhodes, Jr.

Photo: Weekly story time with children’s librarian Shana Mehr brings giggles to Thompson Parks while reading a story about Christmas Trees. Story time at the library is every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.



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YEAR IN REVIEW

The Middleton Lady Tiger basketball team saw their 67-game winning streak come to an end in the semi-finals of the TSSAA State Class A Girls Basketball Championships. *See section B for more.*

Gary Barber of Bolivar received 10 votes from the Hardeman County Commission and was sworn in by Judge Charles M. Cary on March 15, officially replacing Donald McTizic, who resigned in January.

March 24 - Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain asked the County Commission to approve the recommendation of the Hardeman County Budget Committee to spend \$50,000 to hire an attorney to spearhead the Hardeman County Lake Project. The attorney came highly recommended by Bill Dance Signature Lakes. Laura Benz was unanimously retained to bring a recreational lake to Hardeman County in the hopes of bringing in 400,000 visitors and visitor expenditures of more than \$22,000,000.

April 7 – Firefighters from Bolivar, Hornsby, Toone, Whiteville, and other agencies fought all night and into the next day as fire engulfed and destroyed two of three facilities at Hooper Sawmill in Toone.

The Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center had a gathering and ceremony to designate a parking space at the facility for Circuit Court Clerk Linda Fulghum, who has served at that capacity since 1968. *Photo: Pat Kirk, Brittany Tibodeau, Dorothy Gatewood, Linda Fulghum, Rhonda Sipes, Micheele Johnson, and Crystal Pannell.*

April 14 – Bolivar Energy Authority earned the American Public Power Association’s Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2015.

Dr. Kevin Turner was named Employee of the Year, an honor presented by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The annual commendation is the third consecutive for an associate at Western Mental Health Institute in Bolivar.

April 21 – Grand Junction held its Eighth Annual Getting Piggy in the Park BBQ Contest. The overall winner out of fifteen teams was Porkin’ in the Park of Bartlett. *Photo: The Porkin in the Park team placed in the top three in four categories on their way to winning the Best of the Citites Prize.*

Bolivar City Councilman Julian McTizic was named State Director of People for the American Way Foundation’s Young



Elected Officials Network (YEO). In his new role, he will work to expand the Network’s presence and support fellow young progressive officials through leadership development and networking opportunities.

April 28 – FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., hosted Hardeman County’s Zee Suara among 56 individuals and organizations- all leaders within their communities- as they were recognized by Director James Comey on their extraordinary contributions to education and to the prevention of crime and violence within their communities. *Photo: Soon to be famous FBI Director James Comey and Zee Suara*

May 5 – Education Commissioner Candice McQueen announced in late April the department will terminate its statewide testing contract with Measurement Inc, effectively cancelling the year-end testing used to evaluate student progress and teacher performance.

May 26 - The Dollar General Literacy Foundation presented The Grand Junction Library with an \$8,000 grant to support adult literacy and a \$1,500 grant to support Grand Junction Library’s Summer Reading Program. *Photo: Grand Junction Library*

June 2, 2016 – Chief Lynn Price announced that Volunteer Firefighter

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Hardeman County Community Calendar

The Whiteville Municipal Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at the Whiteville Community Center on December 29 at 5:00 p.m. Following the Planning Commission meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a special called meeting to discuss a request for variance for property located at 208 Norman Street.

The American Red Cross has created ways to assist Tennesseans who have been affected by the wildfires. Visit redcross.org/donate To make a \$10 donation by text, text the work REDCROSS to 90999.

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

Tennessee State Parks will sponsor free, guided hikes at 55 parks beginning on December 31, and going throughout the day on January 1. It’s a great way to start your New Year’s resolutions off right and see the wonder of the state during this beautiful season. Some hikes will be approximately one mile in length and tailored for novice hikers, while others are lengthier and will be more strenuous. For more information, including a detailed regional listing, please visit <http://tnstateparks.com/about/special-events/first-day-hike/#/?holiday=first-day-hikes> or call 615-350-3431.

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Hardeman County Community Health Center announces Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment now through January 31, 2017. For more information, contact Robert Davis, Jr., or Davina Crum at 658-3388 or stop by HCCHC at 629 Nuckolls Road in Bolivar.

Become A Certified Recovery Congregation. The State of TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services has launched a mission partnering with faith based communities in Bolivar to reach out to those struggling with addictions and connecting them to vital substance abuse services. If you or your congregation would like to be a part of this recovery ministry email Steve Robinson at recoverybeginshere@gmail.com or call 731-609-7234.

The GED (HiSET) Prep class meets every Monday at 1:30 p.m., at the Grand Junction Library. It's FREE! Call 731-764-2716 for more info.

Bolivar General Hospital is hosting an Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more details call Sara Skinner at 659-0216.

Hardeman Adoptable Animals Shelter reminds you to BRING YOUR PETS INDOORS when it’s below 40 degrees. HAA needs volunteers to socialize with these

wonderful animals while they are waiting for their permanent and forever homes. All help is appreciated including but not limited to playing with, walking and cleaning food/water bowls and habitats. The shelter is full with dogs that need permanent homes. Non-committal volunteer hours are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pedigree dog food, blankets and money donations are always welcome. The shelter is located within the Hardeman County Landfill on Walton Road west of Bolivar. For more information, contact one of the HAA volunteers: Charla Cooper 234-4421; Jennifer Smallwood 609-0408; or Sheila Wiggins 658-5944. More information is available on their website hardemanadoptableanimals.org and like their facebook page.

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

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

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on the second Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Bolivar-Hardeman County Library.

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

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

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YEAR IN REVIEW



Charles Thompson was named as the 2015 Fireman of the Year for the Bolivar Fire Department. *Photo: Assistant Chief Faulk, Charles Thompson, Chief Price.*

June 9 – F.L. Crane and Sons, who employ 47 people at their facility in Middleton, broke ground on June 7 in Toone, across from Chemring. Now running successfully, the facility acts as a second-tier supplier to Chemring and other industries in the immediate area. *Photo: F.L. Crane's Jonathan Heering, Johnny Crane, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain, Toone Mayor Joe Jones, and F.L. Crane's Dave Pulse used gold-colored commemorative shovels in the ceremony.*



Bolivar Mayor Barrett Stevens announced the City was awarded a Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) grant of \$321,000. The money was to be used to help homeowners who qualify fix property in Bolivar. Also, the Bolivar Fire Department received a \$151,277 grant from

FEMA which will be used for firefighter equipment.

June 16 – Kilgore Flares announced a contract award by the US Army Contracting Command at Rock Island Arsenal. The \$24.9M award includes the manufacture and delivery of M206, MJU-7A/B and MJU-10/B infrared decoy flares.

June 23 – Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain asked the Hardeman County Commission during their meeting on June 21 if they knew who owned the Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center. Turns out, nobody knew and according to Sain it has cost the county plenty. Sain promised the commission to come back with a full report at a later meeting.



Plans to repair the state bridge over Piney Creek on Stack Lane near Silerton was announced. The Hardeman County Highway Department will foot the bill by using a \$300,000 grant received by the state.

June 30 – Hardeman County school system bus driver Jimmie Lee Robertson was inducted into the Tennessee School Bus Hall of Fame for his 50 years of service to the children of the county. *Photo: School Board Member Buddy Nelms, Jimmie Lee Robertson, and Hardeman County Assistant Director for CTE/Secondary Transportation Steve Gibson.*

July 7 – The 2015 referendum that allowed package liquor stores in Bolivar saw its first fruits as Hatchie Spirits opened July 1 on Water Street in Bolivar.

July 14 – Bolivar Fire Chief Lynn Price (see photo left) was named the 2016 Fire Chief of the Year by the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association during the opening ceremonies of the 43rd annual conference of the association.

July 21 – Citing “strong budgetary performance” and “very strong liquidity” Standard and Poor Global Ratings assigned its A+ long term rating to Hardeman County’s series 2016 general obligation bonds. Previously, the rating was A-.

Hardeman County School Board Mem-

ber Jerry McCord tendered his resignation to Hardeman County School Superintendent Warner Ross, due to his change of residence out of District 2 that he had served since 1998.

The Tennessee Historical Commission awarded Hardeman County one of 31 grants from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund to community and civic organizations for projects that support the preservation of historic and archaeological resources.

July 28 – Hardeman County’s Lone Oaks Farm announced the Tennessee Wildlife Resource’s Agency (TWRA) will donate \$2.6 million for the first phase of a shooting range.

Hardeman County’s upgrade from A- to A+ on bond ratings gave the county an immediate boost in the fund balance as a refinancing at 2.18% of a part of the debt on the Hardeman County Criminal Justice Center complex and will save more than \$1.6 million over the life of the loan. This will also help to push the fund balance to the \$3 million goal.

Tennessee State Representative Johnny Shaw was named Tennessee Forestry Association’s (TFA) 2016 Legislator of the Year.

August 4 – Statewide support for the Hatchie River Park and Museum continued in late July as Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd announced that Bolivar would be among 29 communities in Tennessee to receive a Tourism Enhancement Grant worth \$50,000. The money will be spent to build a new boat ramp at the Hatchie River Museum, which has needed repair. Money will also be spent on museum and scenic area parking. The \$50,000 comes on the heels of another grant worth \$260,000 that will be received by the city to help with the building renovation to build an outfitters location behind the museum. Bolivar will match the \$260,000 award to bring the money going into the project to \$571,000. *Photo: The future Hatchie River Museum*

Using no taxpayer money, and being completely private funded, a helipad inside the city limits of Toone will support law enforcement and medical evacuation efforts. *Photo: Jackson Police Department and Air Evac Lifeteam personnel flew in for the ground-breaking with Toone officials.*

William Whitehurst Field in Hardeman County announced they will get \$400,000 worth of loving care as Hardeman County will spend a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration on resurfacing and other maintenance.

August 11 – With one exception, incumbents enjoyed election night in Hardeman County as voters chose to keep their leaders for another term. The only incumbent to lose was Whiteville Mayor James Bellar, who fell to Aubry Phillips and promptly resigned his office.

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Bulletin Times Becomes Locally Owned

The County Journal, the weekly newspaper of Hardeman County, finalized a purchase of the assets of the *Bolivar Bulletin Times* on March 16, bringing local ownership to the publication for the first time since 1974.

The County Journal, Inc., which began in January of 2010, ceased publication under their banner on March 17 and switched to the *Bolivar Bulletin Times* banner beginning Thursday, March 24.

Lewis Floyd, Senior Associate with W.B. Grimes & Company represented the seller in this transaction. Providing the financing for the project were Merchants and Planters Bank and Centennial Bank.

The first newspaper in Hardeman County appeared in 1829 and was called the *Bolivar Palladium*. Others that followed were the *Bolivar Herald*; the *Sentinel* in 1839; the *Bolivar Free Press* and *Farmer's Herald*, which was edited in 1835 by James B. Walker; and the *West Tennessee Democrat*, which was founded in 1845 by John J. Neely. This publication continued until the Civil War. All of these were the forerunners of the *Bolivar Bulletin-Times*.

In 1865, the *Bolivar Bulletin* was founded by Moses R. Parrish, who was the editor until 1874, when it was managed and published by several owners. The name was changed briefly to the *West Tennessee Star*. A competitor for the weekly from 1895-1918 was *The Hardeman Free Press*, which was operated by J.R. Reaves.

R.H. Green and Hugh Williams bought the publication in 1888 and the name was changed to the *Bolivar Bulletin*. In 1946, Alan and Estelle Sexton purchased the weekly journal and combined it with the *Hardeman County Times*, which they had bought in 1940 from Bert Hodge, who established it in 1936.

In September 1974, the Sextons sold the newspaper to Delphos Herald, Inc. of Delphos, Ohio, who sold it to The County Journal, Inc. in March.

The newspaper operates from 200 E. Market Street, Suite B, in Bolivar. The Bulletin Times Building at 410 W. Market Street was sold to a third party.

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OCTOBER 24, 1922 ~ DECEMBER 13, 2016

Ethel Wade Pirtle "EW" was born to the late Mr. Andre Wade and Mrs. Ethel Jo Fuller on October 24, 1922 in Madison County, Tennessee. She grew up in Hardeman County, TN and was educated in the public schools.

Her funeral service was held on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 12 noon at Clover Chapel MB Church with Pastor Lawrence Pirtle in charge. Burial was in the Church Cemetery and Dixie Funeral Home was in charge of the professional service.

Ethel accepted Christ early in life and joined Clover Chapel MB Church of Toone, TN. She remained a lifelong member. She served as President of the Usher Board, Church Secretary, and sang in the Choir for many years.

Ethel exchanged marital vows with Mr. Willie Pirtle, Sr. December 20, 1940 in Clinton, KY. They were blessed with five children and taught them to love God and one another. He husband, Willie was called to rest, August 1995 after fifty-four plus years of marriage. He beloved stepmother, Mosie Mae Fuller, five brothers, Willie Watkins, Leroy Watkins, DJ Fuller, Terry Fuller, Louis Fuller, three sisters, Barbara Fuller, Mary McLilley and Mattie Mae Hopgood also preceded her in death.

Ethel was an industrious wife, mother, and grandmother who made her house a home for her family. She was employed at Master Slacks Apparels for a time but never neglected her family. Ethel loved cooking, sewing, and fishing. For many years she was a seamstress to the public.

Mother Ethel Pirtle transitioned into a better life leaving behind a legacy of diligent work and an example of Christian living to be cherished by her children: Ms. Martha Jimmerson, Mr. Willie (Norma) Pirtle, Jr., Mr. Alvin (Katherine) Pirtle, Ms. Alberta (Larry) Wooden, Mrs. Diane (Larry) Chism; one sister Ms. Inize Cheshier all of Toone, TN; one brother, Mr. Ezell Fuller of Michigan, fifteen grandchildren, thirty two great grand children, nineteen great, great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and a church family (Clover Chapel) that will remember her labor of love.

DOROTHY LOUISE MCNEAL

FEBRUARY 15, 1933 ~ DECEMBER 7, 2016

Dorothy McNeal was born on February 15, 1933 to the late Tom and Zillie McNeal.

Her funeral service was held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Campbell's Chapel MB Church with Pastor George Beauregard in charge. Burial was in the Crisp Cemetery and Dixie Funeral Home was in charge of the professional service.

She attended Bolivar Industrial and Hillfield School in Bolivar TN.

She received spiritual nurturing as a child at Campbell Chapel Church. She started working at an early age.

She was the hardest working, kind hearted woman you would ever meet. Early in life, she moved to Chicago. She later came back to Jackson TN, where she worked for several families as a caregiver. She worked for the Lawrence family for several years until her death at the age of eighty three.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents: six brothers; Billy, David, Amos, Authur, William and Sam.

She leaves to cherish her memories: five sisters; Helen (William) Minter, Hazel (Robert) McNeal, Odessa Chatman, Lillie B. McNeal all of Bolivar, TN and Ruthie (George) Beauregard of Jackson, TN: a special friend; Lonnie Mac Marshall and a host of nieces and nephews. She also leaves her loving dog and only baby; Annie.

CHARLES "BIG MIKE" BRYAN

SEPTEMBER 1, 1935 - DECEMBER 19, 2016

Services for Charles Micheal "Big Mike" Bryan, 52, Grand Junction, was held at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 22 at Shackelford's in Bolivar with visitation beginning at 11 AM before the service. Burial will follow in Friendship Cemetery in Moscow. He died Monday, December 19, 2016 at Bolivar General Hospital.

A native of Somerville, he is survived by his parents, Nancy Bryan of Holly Springs, MS, and Charles Frank Bryan (Pat) of Moscow. He lived the past 25 years in Grand Junction, where he was Chief of the Grand Junction Fire Department and was a long-time employee of the city.

He was a 1982 graduate of Marshall Academy in Holly Springs and attended Mississippi State University and Ole Miss. He was employed as Collection Supervisor for the Somerville Utilities Department and also operated his own lawn care business. A member of West Memorial Baptist Church, he was a community leader who never met a stranger and will be lovingly missed. In his leisure time, he enjoyed amateur photography, computer technologies and spending time with family.

In addition to his parents, survivors are his sisters, Michele Carter (Jay) and Cris Bryan, both of Canton, MS, and Charlee Bryan of Maryland; grandmother, Virginia "Chigger" Bryan of Somerville; aunt and uncle, Jenny and Rich Schaub; nieces and nephews, Joshua, Kate and Jacob Carter; and cousins, Amanda Carle, Mike Schaub and Ashley Bryan. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James M. Bryan, and Richard and Juanita Walls.

Memorials may be sent to the Grand Junction Fire Department, Grand Junction City Hall, 150 N. Tippah St., P. O. Box 129, Grand Junction, TN 38039, or to the donor's choice of charity.

ASAH DEONDRE VALENTINE

JUNE 23, 1984 ~ DECEMBER 6, 2016

I was born to James Ray Valentine, Sr. and Martha Jean Harris on June 23, 1984 in Bolivar, TN.

His funeral service was held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 12 noon at St. Paul Skipper Spring MB Church with Pastor Alge Terry in charge. Burial was in the Church Cemetery and Dixie Funeral Home was in charge of the professional service.

I accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Paul Skipper Springs Baptist Church where I remained a member until my death.

I attended Middleton High School and Memphis Jobs Corps Center. I received my GED and trade training in Material Handling. I was employed with Williams Sonoma in Olive Branch, MS.

I went home to be with the Lord on December 6, 2016 at the Med in Downtown Memphis, TN.

I am now joined with my grandparents, William D. Harris, Daniel and Lurie Mae Valentine, my aunt, Delbra "Chicken" Jackson, and my uncle, Darnell Valentine.

I leave to cherish my memories my sons, Anias and A'Den Ellison of Bolivar, TN, my father, James (Sonya) Valentine, my mother, Martha Jean Harris of Grand Junction, TN, my two sisters, Tabitha Valentine of Grand Junction, TN and Diane Hamer of Memphis, TN, my five brothers, Alvin Harris, Jason Valentine, and James Ray Valentine, Jr., all of Grand Junction, Johnny Ray Valentine of Memphis, TN, and Elijah Johnson of Ripley, MS, my sweetheart of a grandmother who raised me, Frankie Mae Harris of Grand Junction, a special cousin who was like my sister who I grew up with, LaTasha (Jairus) Terry, my special nieces and nephews, Elkyra and Jakere harris, (Elmarion Jackson, and a host of other relatives.



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J. W. WATKINS DECEMBER 12, 1958 ~ DECEMBER 5, 2016

J W Watkins, Jr. was born on December 12, 1958 to the late JW and Juanita Watkins in Hickory Valley, Tennessee.

His services were held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Jerome Boyd Chapel at Dixie FH in Bolivar, Tennessee with Bishop Jesse Eugene Williams in charge and burial in the Campbell Chapel Church Cemetery. Dixie Funeral Home was in charge of the Professional Funeral Service.

He confessed his hope in Christ at an early age. He graduated in 1978 from Bolivar Central School in Bolivar, Tennessee. He moved to Detroit after High School.

JW was very dedicated and loved his job as a Police Officer at Henry Ford Hospital for 28 years.

On December 5, 2016, JW departed this life unexpectedly at the age of 57 at Henry Ford Hospital surrounded by family, friends, and co-workers.

Preceding him in death were JW Watkins (Detroit), Juanita Watkins (Bolivar), Bertha Cross, Betty Woods, Dorothy Morrow all of Bolivar and one brother, Robert Watkins (Detroit).

He leaves to cherish his memory, three sons, Terrance Ruff, Jaylen M. Ashby and Gvon Johnson.; his siblings, Doretha Woods- Crisp (Nathan) of Jackson, Martha Watkins of Cordova, Earnest Watkins, Amos of Bolivar, Michelle Thomas (Steve) of Jackson and Shauntae Watkins of Detroit; five aunts, Annie Lois Denmon of Bolivar, and Estella Watkins of Chicago., a step-mother, Maggie Jackson of Detroit, along with a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends, special cousins, Tuwana and the entire Gross family, as well as the staff of Henry Ford Health Center.

GASTON ANDREWS JUNE 2, 1920 ~ DECEMBER 4, 2016

Gaston Herbert Andrews, Jr. known by the family and friends as "Junior" was the youngest child of Gaston Herbert Andrews, Sr. and Catherine Elizabeth Bright-Miller born June 2, 1920 in Bolivar, (Hardeman County), Tennessee. At the age of two Gaston's mother died and he was raised by his father, his paternal grandmother Lula Andrews (Mam Lou) and by his paternal great grandmother Martha Norment Hill. Gaston grew up in a loving happy home with his older brother and three sisters. Gaston began school in a one classroom building in Hardeman County during the Great Depression and money was tight, but his father found a way to send all his children to school. While attending high school many of his teachers instilled in him many good values which he carried in his heart until his death.

His funeral service was held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Greater Springfield MB Church- Bolivar, TN with Pastor Robert Parham in charge. Burial was in the Bolivar Community Cemetery and Dixie Funeral Home was in charge of the professional service.

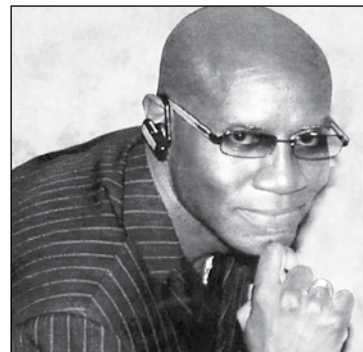
While a student at Allen White High School, Gaston worked with his father at the Bolivar Cotton Gin. He did not like working at the cotton gin and wanted to better himself, so after graduating from High School he enrolled at Tennessee State A & I College in Nashville, TN. While a student at Tennessee A & I, he worked cleaning stables as his work study assignment to make ends meet, and after one semester transferred to Lane College. He needed money to continue his education, so he enlisted in the Army in 1941. Gaston served his county from 1941-1945 during World War II. He was in Antonio, Texas where he trained as an interviewer/classifier. Gaston was promoted to the rank of 3rd Sergeant while at Fort Sam Houston, and was transferred back to Fort Benning to establish a reception center for Black soldiers from the states of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. One of his main responsibilities was teaching the new recruits to read and write. While in the Army, Gaston received the American Defense Service Medal, the American Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. In 2012, he received a proclamation and letter of appreciation for his service to his country from the Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam.

After being honorably discharged from the Army in 1945, Gaston continued his studies at Lane College and graduated May 1949. While at Lane he became a member of the Kappa Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Gaston further studied at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN and Fisk University in Nashville. After graduating from Lane College, he became a teacher in Hardeman County beginning his career at Rueben School. He later taught History, Geography, Sociology, Civics, and Economics. History was his favorite subject and he loved to talk to the students about the many wars that our country was involved in and why. Gaston also served as the girls' basketball coach at the high school. He retired from teaching after 32 years of service in 1982.

His service to mankind was exemplified through his efforts in the church and community. He dedicated his life to Christ at an early age and joined Greater Springfield MB Church where he was a faithful member for over 70 years and served as Adult Sunday school teacher, the Deacon Board, Financial Secretary/Church Clerk, and he was also on the building Fund Committee. Gaston was also a member of the American Legion Post in Bolivar,

June 6, 1944, D-Day, the day United States troops invaded France. That was also the day that Gaston eloped with his class sweetheart Mabel Louise McKinnie, who had just graduated from Lane College. They were married for 72 years before his beloved wife Mabel passed away on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. Gaston's heart was broken and twenty-four days later he joined his beloved wife, Mabel in Heaven. Gaston was known for his love and devotion to his family. Never one to shy away from hard work, he refereed high school basketball games and painted with his buddy, Usley Woods to supplement his teachers salary. After his retirement, he loved to collect cans for his Christmas gift money for his loved ones. He loved to read and watch westerns on TV. He always looked forward to visits from his childhood friend James Munford, and enjoyed attending reunions of his Army unit at Fort Benning each year.

Gaston was loved and cherished by his family. He leaves to hold his memory his two children; Ruby Elizabeth (Douglas) Pleasure, Pacifica, CA; and Gaston Jeffrey (JoEtta) Andrews, Montgomery, AL. He leaves five grandchildren: Marcy (Rodney) Ivy, Okolona, MS; Melissa Andrews, Antioch, TN; Nicholas (Sarah) Pleasure, Wilsonville, OR; Melody Andrews, Greensboro, NC; Michelle Andrews, Huntsville, AL; and two great grandchildren, Donovan and Jamilla Ivy, one great great grandchild, Royce Amir Ivy. He also leaves two sisters Dr. Ila Wells of Bolivar, TN and Nancy Clemons of East Saint Louis, MO; four sisters-in-law Ruby G. Kennedy and Elizabeth McKinnie of Bolivar, TN; Anna Hodges, Upper Marlboro, MD; and Ruth Strahorn, Cincinnati, OH; one brother-in-law Dr. Fred Lofton, Memphis, TN; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, relatives, and a loving church family. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters', Ruth, Jimmie, Catherine Elizabeth II, and brother, Donald.



THE FOLLOWING OBITUARIES APPEARED
IN THE COUNTY JOURNAL AND THE
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Aaron Long, Jr., February 1, 1938- July 15, 2016
Adeline P. Watson, June 16, 1934- January 27, 2016
Albert Lloyd Keller, December 30, 1922- February 4, 2016
Annie Bell Messenger Hamer, Dec. 20, 1949- Sept. 25, 2016
Annie Estelle Banning, April 17, 1929- June 9, 2016
Annie Mae Lake, April 8, 1943- November 19, 2016
Anthony Dewayne “Dick” Jarret, July 12, 1967- Jan. 9, 2016
Asah Deondre Valentine, June 23, 1984 - December 6, 2016
Atha May McClung O’Guin, Feb. 8, 1931- March 18, 2016
Aubrey Thomas McKinney, December 5, 1946- June 23, 2016
Babe Allen Hester, November 16, 1927- July 16, 2016
Barbara Gale Leonard, Dec. 27, 1942- December 12, 2016
Barnie (Bonnie) Ellen Lambert, Jan. 24, 1924- Feb. 16, 2016
Batty Naylor Linker, April 14, 1937- May 12, 2016
Beatrice Minter, April 17, 1930- October 3, 2016
Ben Raymond Downen, May 25, 1927- Sept. 28, 2016
Bernice Lax Maxwell Shackelford, Oct. 29, 1926- Mar. 12, 2016
Betty Jean Phillips Meyers, March 30, 1932-June 23, 2016
Betty Lou Lax, August 3, 1951- September 9, 2016
Betty Lou Mannon, January 2, 1934- August 3, 2016
Betty Louise Peevyhouse, January 30, 1946- March 23, 2016
Bill Bryant, October 19, 1936- February 10, 2016
Bill English, May 21, 1952- July 16, 2016
Billy Gene Cox, July 24, 1937- April 11, 2016
Billy Gerald Johnson, November 27, 1938- May 18, 2016
Billy Ray Carter, June 13, 1937- January 30, 2016
Birdie Mack Cartwright, August 18, 1932- March 18, 2016
Bobbi Ann Boyd, July 3, 1956- October 8, 2016
Bobbie Norris Smith Thorn, May 17, 1935- August 18, 2016
Bobby Bynum, December 7, 1943- September 6, 2016
Bobby G. Tranum, January 8, 1937- July 25, 2016
Bobby Gene Leathers, February 27, 1950- September 5, 2016
Bobby Glen Doyle, October 12, 1934- June 6, 2016
Bobby Joe McDaniel, June 17, 1936- June 10, 2016
Bobby Joe Rosson, February 5, 1936- February 29, 2016
Bobby L. Grantham, Nov. 23, 1942- September 29, 2016
Bobby Ralph Jordan, August 22, 1944- October 14, 2016
Bobby Vaughn, November 15, 1933- November 22, 2016
Boyd Wiggins, June 13, 1924- June 27, 2016
Brandolyn Yorel Perry, December 12, 1979-May 3, 2016
Bruce E. Avent, February 19, 1940- January 28, 2016
Buddy Taylor, June 17, 1951- November 27, 2016
Buna Elta Vales, December 18, 1926- June 1, 2016
Camille Lashun (Fitzhugh) Thompson, Dec. 31, 1989- Sept. 15, 2016
Cathy Kinney, May 21-1957- March 8, 2016
Charles Jr. Robertson, May 2, 1951- February 29, 2016
Charles William Ballard, Feb. 15, 1940- September 21, 2016
Charles “Big Mike” Bryan, September 1, 1935 - December 11, 2016
Charlie B. Falls, December 24, 1950- December 5, 2016
Charlotte Lee Green Holloway, Sept. 27, 1950- May 9, 2016
Christine Howell, January 19, 1929- December 3, 2016
Clarence “Bud” Harris, August 30, 1943- July 10, 2016
Cloyce Marcell Luna Ray, June 7, 1938- July 23, 2016
Clyde David Alsup, February 24, 1931- April 20, 2016
Clydean George Brewer, May 9, 1929- August 18, 2016
Connie Grantham, March 23, 1964- March 26, 2016
Damon Bernard Hawkins, Sept. 29, 1974- February 8, 2016
David Michael Sones, August 15, 1958- April 16, 2016
Dedrick Derrell Bowden, January 28, 1963- August 24, 2016
Delois Anita McClellan, June 4, 1963- October 7, 2016
Diane Crawford Walton, May 17, 1952- January 4, 2016
Don Mask Brown, April 15, 1952- May 29, 2016
Doris Josette Lake, October 8, 1931- October 5, 2016
Doris Maxine Williams, February 28, 1945- June 27, 2016
Dorothy Ann Faulk, April 10, 1933- August 10, 2016
Dorothy Hopkins, September 3, 1928- October 12, 2016
Dorothy Louise McNeal, February 15, 1933 - December 7, 2016
Dorothy Stewart Williams, October 3, 1932- January 21, 2016
Dorothy Whaley Cornelius, Aug. 24, 1929- October 20, 2016
Dorsey Jackson, September 30, 1926- May 15, 2016
Earma Lee Parnley Kirk, February 12, 1927- March 15, 2016
Edna Clarice Umberger Gaugh, Sept. 25, 1924- Oct. 19, 2016
Edna Hatch, December 21, 1933- April 30, 2016
Edna Sue Hastings Vickers, June 15, 1939- March 22, 2016
Edward Nolan Prince, October 21, 1928- April 19, 2016
Eileen Emily Rogers, December 4, 1923- June 20, 2016
Elizabeth Ann Tillmon, October 29, 1941- October 30, 2016
Elizabeth Hodge, May 18, 1947- March 6, 2016
Elizabeth Sammons Gale, Nov. 2, 1921- January 12, 2016
Elnora Williams Lockett Love, April 5, 1941- August 11, 2016
Elvis Presley Jones, April 6, 1958- August 31, 2016
Emma Jane McKee, March 7, 1938- April 23, 2016
Emma Jo Boyd-Jones, January 15, 1951- July 3, 2016
Emma Lou Jones, November 1, 2016- January 16, 2016
Eugene Clinton Droke, June 24, 1921- January 2, 2016
Eva Pulliam Derrick, February 1, 1940 – November 28, 2016
Fannie Mae Turner Hunt, Nov. 2, 1969- February 18, 2016
Frances Davis, March 6, 1922- September 14, 2016
Frances Marlene Ervin DeBerry, March 29, 1934- June 20, 2016
Francis Aaron Reaves, October 16, 2016- October 31, 2016
Francis Ann Cornelius, December 23, 1922- March 22, 2016
Frankie Joe Baker, July 4, 1949- January 5, 2016
Frankie Sue Howell Ryon McKelvey, Jan. 11, 1934- July 1, 2016
Franklin Roosevelt Cheairs, March 31, 1945- March 8, 2016
Fred L. Brumbelow, April 6, 1924- September 27, 2016
Gaines Richard Doyle, December 11, 1935- May 5, 2016
Gary Lee Courtney, July 29, 1940- May 6, 2016
Gary C. King, July 7, 1945- November 29, 2016
Gaston Andrews, June 2, 1920 - December 4, 2016
George Curtis Shearon, May 31, 1926- October 18, 2016
George Lynn Dunkin, May 4, 1948- February 20, 2016
George McNeely, July 7, 1932- November 13, 2016

Georgia Frances Clayton, June 21, 1934- July 28, 2016
Geraldine “Geri” Rusterholtz, Nov. 3, 1926- Nov. 1, 2016
Gertrude Parks Baird, May 2, 1948- April 18, 2016
Girlene Johnson, January 25, 1937- April 8, 2016
Gladys Lucille Tigner Donahoe, Feb. 3, 1928- May 30, 2016
Gladys McClintock Ragan, March 11, 1923- January 7, 2016
Gladys R. Bond, September 22, 1933- October 24, 2016
Gloria Ann Avent, October 1, 1964- February 5, 2016
Gloria Gilespie, January 17, 1945- April 21, 2016
Greg Walters, September 8, 1958- September 8, 2016
Hazel Foster Newton Hurley, March 18, 1922- May 29, 2016
Heather Ann Woody, December 13, 1985- May 29, 2016
Helen Margaret Stahl, March 23, 1930- May 8, 2016
Henrietta Jane Cullinane, Oct. 7, 1939- September 17, 2016
Henry Leone Sullivan, November 9, 1948- August 31, 2016
Homer Lee Patterson, December 28, 1958- August 1, 2016
Hoover Bowden, November 20, 1917- July 30, 2016
Horace Eugene Mynatt, June 20, 1935- April 15, 2016
Howard Jeter, August 3, 1938- July 21, 2016
Howard Lynn Trout, April 30, 1948- February 13, 2016
Hueston Acree Evans, Jr., May 26, 1956- January 19, 2016
Iness Jones Ward, April 15, 1918- August 3, 2016
Ira Rudell Bates, November 11, 1932- July 4, 2016
J. W. Leathers, September 11, 1923- August 11, 2016
Jacob Ryan Dowty, July 28, 1992- October 20, 2016
James Carlton Bryant, May 20, 1949- February 7, 2016
James E. Gibson, December 17, 1936- April 20, 2016
James Ray Herron, February 21, 1948- October 9, 2016
James Ray Herron, February 21, 1948- October 9, 2016
James Robert (Jimmy) McLain, April 28, 1943- Nov. 3, 2016
James Scobey, June 25, 1941- January 6, 2016
James Theodore Whitehurst, May 29, 1941- Nov. 17, 2016
James W. “Red” Avent, July 19, 1927- October 13, 2016
Jamie Bryant Dellinger, January 27, 1952- November 4, 2016
Jamie Nell Dickson, November 4, 1952- August 7, 2016
Jana Louise Johnson, March 20, 1956- October 25, 2016
Jarvis Cortez Boyd, February 12, 1988- January 1, 2016
JaVarrie “JoJo” Robertson, Dec. 7, 2002- October 28, 2016
Jay Forshea, June 1, 1951- October 10, 2016
Jerry C. Moore, October 12, 1944- February 5, 2016
Jerry Eugene Mills, March 18, 1941- March 11, 2016
Jerry James, January 13, 1946- August 21, 2016
Jesse Shearon, July 31, 1918- January 2, 2016
Jessica Lynn Hazlegrove, October 13, 1980- January 26, 2016
Jewel Johnston Harris, November 24, 1933- August 15, 2016
Jimmie Lou Freeman, December 16, 1947- May 2, 2016
Jimmie Rush Wiley, May 1, 1930- March 16, 2016
Jimmy Ray Cagle, February 3, 1936- May 13, 2016
Joe Anderson Williams, March 7, 1936- September 21, 2016
Joe D’Andra Robertson, April 5, 1978- October 21, 2016
Joe F. Sheffield, September 1, 1935- December 11, 2016
Joe Pyles, July 16, 1929- October 16, 2016
Joe Ray Gowan, November 25, 1947- August 9, 2016
Joe Tate, Jr., June 9, 1943- October 19, 2016
John D. Shoemaker, November 30, 1948- August 14, 2016
John Lewis Watkins, April 19, 1942- March 11, 2016
John M. Miller, September 16, 1934- August 31, 2016
John Thomas Hudson, 1923- September 3, 2016
John Wayne King, May 29, 1941- November 17, 2016
John W. Rush, May 28, 1942- October 26, 2016
Johnnie Edward Williams, December 8, 1947- June 19, 2016
Johnnie Wilson Lake, December 13, 1929- June 25, 2016
Jonathon Wilbanks, May 25, 1998- November 6, 2016
Josie Mae Dotson-Jestice, June 14, 1942- November 23, 2016
Joy Mills, October 11, 1933- September 19, 2016
JR Polk, March 9, 1932- January 10, 2016
Junior Pirtle, October 11, 1937- June 8, 2016
Justin Ray Navarro, July 27, 1996- October 9, 2016
J. W. Watkins, December 12, 1958 ~ December 5, 2016
Kerry Elizabeth Culp, March 4, 1949- August 5, 2016
Kim Delores Hunt, April 4, 1968- April 30, 2016
Kirby King, May 31, 1932- April 24, 2016
Lanita Diane Robinson, December 9, 1962- May 15, 2016
Larry Doby Woods, May 23, 1950- July 14, 2016
Larry Eugene Foote, May 18, 1941- May 4, 2016
Lavene Ervin, November 25, 1939- December 7, 2016
Leo Alvis Dodd, April 4, 1946- December 4, 2016
Leon Cruse, April 7, 2016- August 8, 2016
Leonard Mullins, May 15, 1932- March 2, 2016
Leri Ree Davis, May 7, 1940- April 16, 2016
Licie Jeanette West York, Oct. 22, 1944- November 15, 2016
Lillian Virginia Moss, March 22, 1945- November 18, 2016
Linda Jo Alexander, October 21, 1947- February 11, 2016
Linda Lavenia Smith, May 13, 1944- June 13, 2016
Lisa Davis, May 7, 1940- April 16, 2016
Lisa Renee Graham, July 30, 1964- March 23, 2016
Lizzie Mae Taylor, March 22, 1931- June 30, 2016
Lorene Jenkins Tubbs, February 5, 1919- April 22, 2016
Louise Ferguson Childress, July 31, 1922- June 22, 2016
Louise Stewart, March 22, 1925- December 11, 2016
Loyd Thomas Hight, July 1, 1930- February 22, 2016
Lucille Raoof, April 7, 1938- November 29, 2016
Lue Ella McKinnie June 27, 1928- November 30, 2016
Lynn Larry Grantham, January 4, 1940- March 12, 2016
Lynn Mills, September 23, 1956- June 24- 2016
Lynn Shields, November 25, 1939- December 7, 2016
Mabel Louise Andrews, March 7, 1922- November 11, 2016
Mack William Baker, April 1, 1952- July 17, 2016
Mackie (Popa) Baker, April 1, 1952- July 17, 2016
Madge Shearon, January 6, 1934- July 23, 2016
Mamie V. Majors, September 5, 1927- February 7, 2016
Margaret Knipper Young, May 26, 1943- February 21, 2016
Margaret Marie Russell, April 29, 1940- May 12, 2016
Marha Oswald Parker, September 10, 1924- January 25, 2016
Marie Howell, July 2, 1930- July 22, 2016
Marie Wilbanks Faulkner, May 26, 1940- January 21, 2016
Marjorie Hillman Foote, April 6, 1939- May 19, 2016

Mark Alan St. Clair, October 20, 1954- May 25, 2016
Marvin Monroe Mayfield, August 12, 1925- Sept. 14, 2016
Marilyn Mannon, September 3, 1947- December 14, 2016
Mary A. Glover, August 17, 1953- June 1, 2016
Mary Ann Hunt, September 5, 1942- April 6, 2016
Mary Dean Chandler, February 29, 1924- February 13, 2016
Mary Ouida Powell, April 11, 1934-April 28, 2016
Mary Ruth Robinson, June 18, 1921- March 12, 2016
Mary Sisco, April 24, 1939- November 21, 2016
Mattie Arline McGarity Moore, March 28, 1926-July 21, 2016
Maxine Russell, September 5, 1930- July 23, 2016
Mazie Young Powers, May 17, 1932- October 31, 2016
Melba Jacobs Stewart, August 1, 1922- June 14, 2016
Michael E. Blackburn, July 14, 1956-June 29, 2016
Michael W. “Mickey” Ware, May 19, 1942- Sept. 14, 2016
Millard Lee Whatley, Jr., September 18, 1941- March 31, 2016
Mother Ethel EW Pirtle, October 24, 1922 - December 13, 2016
Montrell Devon Morgan, August 19, 1983- July 18, 2016
Morris Brett Denton, November 21, 1966- December 27, 2015
Morris Herbert Duncan, May 29, 1954- May 23, 2016
Murley Stewart, July 7, 1932- October 28, 2016
Netter Mae Griggs, August 15, 1923- October 22, 2016
Nonie Mai Horton Hood, April 10, 1921- August 10, 2016
Nora Lee Roberts Carter, January 11, 1931- January 23, 2016
Novice Cooper Patterson Yopp April 21, 1923- Jan. 7, 2016
Ollie Geraldine “Gerri” Philhart, Sept. 20, 1938- July 4, 2016
Opal Pearl Martin, March 10, 1925- May 16, 2016
Oscar Emmitt Goin, August 15, 1940-August 11, 2016
Oscar Emsley (Popcorn) Harris, Jr., April 21, 1923- Aug. 26, 2016
Patricia Gail Cox, September 8, 1958- September 8, 2016
Patty Jean Deming Ross, May 9, 1929- August 7, 2016
Paul Davis McKinnie, January 26, 1950- November 17, 2016
Paulene S. McLeroy, June 10, 1931- March 7, 2016
Percy Lee Lake, June 20, 1952- March 27, 2016
Porter O’Neal Rhudy, May 31, 1923- March 29, 2016
Preston Lake, August 2, 1959- May 21, 2016
Rachel Ann “Betsy” Knight, June 4, 1946- August 24, 2016
Ray King, November 13, 1957- July 25, 2016
Rebecca “Becky” Chelette, May 31, 1949- August 18, 2016
Redgie Hensley, October 6, 1969-July 19, 2016
Rev. Beatrice L. Sawyer, Dec. 21, 1977- January 28, 2016
Richard E. Noe, September 1, 1960- December 22, 2016
Richard “Tommy” Pulliam, Dec. 12, 1921- August 23, 2016
Richard L. Jones, November 28, 1939- September 2, 2016
Ricky Deshawn McNeal, July 6, 1991- September 19, 2016
Rita M. Cox, September 17, 1930- July 2, 2016
Robert Dale Lambert, November 11, 1927- June 10, 2016
Rodney Wayne Border, August 2, 1935- June 7, 2016
Roger Dell Wilbanks, August 6, 1945- March 28, 2016
Roger Jerome Avila, June 30, 1950- September 27, 2016
Rose Dean Greene, December 5, 1931- March 7, 2016
Rose Marion Morris, October 29, 1943- June 18, 2016
Rosemary Butler Ward, October 2, 1947- April 20, 2016
Rosetta “Mammy” Brooks, June 6, 1927- April 22, 2016
Rosie Taylor Brown, January 8, 1931- September 28, 2016
Roxanne Denise Hatch Staggs, August 10, 1970- June 3, 2016
Ruby Bryant Stanley, September 19, 1922- October 2, 2016
Ruby Dell Dyer, April 13, 1941- March 20, 2016
Ruby Ellen Shelly McKeown, Feb. 11, 1921- March 11, 2016
Ruby Mae Stanley Watkins, March 24, 1947- August 16, 2016
Ruby Wilson Collins, October 28, 1931- January 10, 2016
Rush W. Siler, January 22, 1917- April 26, 2016
S.L. Whitman, July 31, 1931- April 22, 2016
Sally Ruth Long Watson, September 15, 1926- July 30, 2016
Sarah Ann Richerson, August 8, 1936- July 16, 2016
Sheila Walton Ferguson, October 10, 1967- May 18, 2016
Shirley Jean Brown, April 16, 1937- June 8, 2016
Shirley Loraine Watkins Bolden, April 3, 1944- July 26, 2016
Sidney Eugene Pulse, July 9, 1935-June 21, 2016
Terrence Cortez Newble, Jan. 18, 1979- November 8, 2016
Thelma Lee Murphy, October 9, 1925- October 1, 2016
Thelma Louise Freeman, March 30, 1924- April 28, 2016
Thelma Louise Simpson Long, Oct. 12, 1948- May 17, 2016
Thomas Bert Brady, April 25, 1960- August 3, 2016
Thomas Daniel, February 10, 1927- December 3, 2016
Thomas L. Reid, February 21, 1938- December 13, 2016
Thomas Ward, September 7, 1924- May 22, 2016
Thurman Jr. Dickerson, December 14, 1956- March 17, 2016
Tiffany Yvonne Wiley, March 18, 1971- May 14, 2016
Tim Davis, February 23, 1962- April 21, 2016
Todd Morris, January 14, 1970- March 17, 2016
Tommy Allen Brooks, October 7, 1939- January 15, 2016
Tommy Armstrong, September 18, 1961- June 18, 2016
Tonette Ann Mitchell, May 20, 1976- February 10, 2016
Travis Allen, January 25, 1938- October 2, 2016
Trimothy Devon Cross, January 19, 1981- April 20, 2016
Tyterious Juwan Brown, Aug. 21, 1996- November 26, 2016
Vadeen McKeown, April 12, 1920- February 11, 2016
Violet Burke, October 11, 1926- October 23, 2016
Virginia Ashford, November 14, 1919- January 23, 2016
Virginia Bell Baker Wheeler, April 10, 1932- August 15, 2016
Walter Earl Shaw, July 19, 1945- June 4, 2016
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There's no shortage of income-producing investments, of course. You might immediately think of bonds, which can provide regular interest payments and probable preservation of principal, provided the bonds are considered "investment grade." Still, if interest rates are low when you retire – as they have been for several years now – bonds might not provide you with as much income as you need. And just as importantly, the income you receive from most bonds won't rise over time, leaving you susceptible to inflation and the loss of purchasing power.

Consequently, you may also need to explore other types of income-generating vehicles, including dividend-paying stocks and real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Some stocks have not only paid but also increased their dividends for many consecutive years. These stocks have historically provided the potential for rising income to help combat inflation and are typically well-run companies that strive to reward their investors. Nonetheless, you need to recognize that even these stocks are not obligated to pay you dividends, and they are free to lower or discontinue them at any time without notice.

Now, let's turn to a second type of potential income-producing asset: Real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Different types of REITs are available. For example, equity REITs invest in and own commercial properties, such as hotels and shopping centers, while mortgage REITs, as the name suggests, own and invest in property mortgages. Is one form of REIT better than another? There's no simple answer. On the one hand, mortgage REITs are considered riskier than equity REITs. However, mortgage REITs often pay quite large dividends, although the payout can be inconsistent. (Like all REITs, mortgage REITs must pay 90% of their taxable income to investors in the form of dividends. Due to this requirement, REITs generally need to raise capital to finance their growth plans, and this necessity can affect their share prices.)

Other factors, such as changing interest rates, will affect the value of mortgage and equity REITs differently. Specifically, rising interest rates will likely cause the market value of the property mortgages inside mortgage REITs to fall, whereas equity REITs, which own actual buildings, might actually benefit if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, as such a move would indicate a strong economy, more jobs and greater demand for office space. In the short term, though, even equity REITs can react negatively to an interest-rate increase. But over the long term, this movement can be offset by the benefits of earnings and dividend growth driven by a growing economy.

Clearly, there's much to think about when considering potential income-producing options such as bonds, dividend-paying stocks and REITs. Ultimately, you will need to weigh the merits and risks of these investments – including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk – and determine which of them, or which combination of them, are most appropriate for your needs.

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Hardeman County Welcomes New Businesses



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Other ribbon cuttings during 2016 included: Hardeman County Community Health Center's Pharmacy, Hailey's Boutique, Demi's Sunrise Family Restaurant, Midsouth PCCC's LLC, Hatchie Spirits, Raines East Apartments, TKay & Company Jewelry and Gifts, Essentials Development Center, Brian Smith Electric (opening new location), Stephanie's Hair Studio, Ferge Auctions (moved to Hardeman County), and Stenz.

Brooks Auto Service Celebrates 75 Years



A Hardeman County family business marked 75 years on April 14, as Brooks Auto Service celebrated their Diamond Anniversary at their Tate Road location in Bolivar.

Originally at 108 E. Market Street in Bolivar, Brooks Auto Service was opened by A. Hall Brooks and his wife Katherine in 1941, passed on to son J. Hall Brooks and wife Anita in 1969, and then to grandson Kevin Brooks and wife Cathy after the turn of the century. A fourth generation joined the business, with Kevin's daughter Heather and son Stephen and wife Heather Escue Brooks joining the team. A fifth generation is involved as well (see photo above and cutline below).

The location on Market Street was also a Dodge and Plymouth dealership from 1945-1951. Brooks Auto Service remained on Market Street until 1987, when the business moved to their current location at 1435 Tate Road.

Photo: Anita Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Cathy Brooks, Heather Brooks, Stephen Brooks, Landon Brooks and Heather Escue Brooks. Photo by Ginger Tester.

Banking Takes on New Names



Farmers and Merchants Bank became Centennial Bank on January 1, in celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the Trezevant, Tennessee bank.

The move unified its current brands, Farmers & Merchants Bank and Citizens City & County Bank, under the Centennial Bank umbrella in order to distinguish the bank from other institutions in the region.

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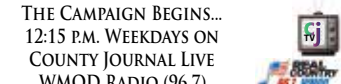


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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness and obligations secured by a certain Deed of Trust on property currently owned by BOBBY BAILEY and wife, TERESA BAILEY, and which Deed of Trust was executed by Bobby Bailey and wife, Teresa Bailey, to Anthony R. Steele, Trustee for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and is recorded in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 691, page 206.

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in Trust Deed Book 740, page 713, in said Register's Office.

WHEREAS, the owner of the indebtedness has declared the total amount due and has directed the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described by said Deed of Trust;

THEREFORE, this is to give notice that I will on January 5, 2017, commencing at 1:00 p.m., at the Front Door of the Courthouse in Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee cause to be offered for sale and will cause to be sold at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property located in Hardeman County, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Said property is known as 340 Whiteville Newcastle Rd., Whiteville, TN. For a more complete description of said property see Trust Deed recorded in Trust Deed Book 691, Page 206, in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee. Map 47, Group --, Parcel 7.02.

This property is subject to an Easement as shown in Deed Book Z-15, Page 156, in the Register's Office of Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Included in this Foreclosure Sale is a 2010 Southern Homes Mobile Home VIN#DSDAL56059AB.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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If the highest bidder cannot pay the bid within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale, the next highest bidder, at their highest bid, will be deemed the successful bidder.

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R. Bradley Sigler
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YEAR IN REVIEW

For Tennessee Congress, both Senator Dolores Gresham and Representative Johnny Shaw won primary challenges.

State Senator Dolores Gresham (far right) won a close race with Bob Shutt, winning 53% of the vote in the Republican Primary in the 26th District.

State Representative Johnny Shaw (right) easily defeated Ernest Brooks II in the Democratic Primary in the 80th District with 72% of the vote, including winning Hardeman County with a staggering 88% of the vote.

There were no candidates that opposed either Shaw or Gresham in November.

The open seat in the 94th District saw Republican Ron M. Gant win in November.

Incumbent Josh Pulse (right) defeated challenger John Vickers for Assessor of Property, with Pulse gaining 69% of the vote by winning 12 of 13 precincts. The only precinct Pulse did not win was Lacy, which went 75-58 in favor of Vickers.

The Hardeman County Commission will have a new face as Johnny Weems won the District 2, Position 2 race, beating Gary Barber and Winfred Ray.

The other county commission spot up for grabs was already in the hands of incumbent Connie Young, who ran unopposed for the District 4, Position 1 slot.

Voters in five precincts selected Matt Knight as the District 3 Road Supervisor. Knight won four of the five precincts, losing only in Whiteville by a 109-107 margin.

The Hardeman County School Board re-elected three incumbents, as Beverly A. Bodiford, District 2, Position 2) Jerry Crisp, District 3, Position 1, and Terry King, District 3, Position 3, ran unopposed.

The Town of Whiteville sent three incumbents back to city hall as William Charles Phillips (127 votes), Emily Moore Rosson (124 votes) and Tommy L. Turner (193 votes) all reclaimed their spots over challengers Dorinda Keeling (51 votes) and Susan G. Melton-Piper (62 votes).

Randy Hill, Hardeman County Schools Maintenance Supervisor, was the recipient of the Tennessee School Plant Management Association Maintenance Director of the Year for 2016.

August 18 – The Luez Theatre will be able to host musical acts and other events, as a stage has been constructed in the circa 1948 theatre in Bolivar. In October, it was announced that a \$75,000 grant will give the Luez Theatre Committee and the Bolivar Downtown Development Corporation the wherewithal to refurbish the ceramic LUEZ sign that has been out front since 1948. *Photo: The new Luez stage.*

September 1 – Seven elected officials were sworn-in on Wednesday, August 31 at the Hardeman County Courthouse Courtroom. Each official repeated the Honorable Judge Charles M. Cary’s oath and signed the oath, before a word of prayer for the officials was offered by Reverend Jerry Crisp. *Photo: New County Commissioner Johnny Weems, re-elected School Board Member Terry King, Apointed School Board Member Gene Ross, new Road Supervisor Matt Knight, re-elected School Board Member Beverly Bodiford, re-elected County Commissioner Connie Young, re-elected Assessor of Property Josh Pulse, re-elected School Board Member Jerry Crisp, and Judge Cary.*



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A Story to Follow in 2017

When the Hardeman County Commission voted April 12 to send a private act to the State of Tennessee to eliminate partisan political races in county elections, State Representative Johnny Shaw wished someone had told him of their plans.

“I’m not against it,” he said. “Just how they did it.”

Shaw’s issue was that Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain sent the private act to Nashville through Republican Senator Dolores Gresham, who managed to get it through the Senate, but it arrived at the House of Representatives too late for passage due to adjournment of the body for the year. Gresham asked house member and republican Jamie Jenkins, who represents Hardeman County in the southernmost part of the county, to co-sponsor the bill instead of Shaw.

“If it is going to be non-partisan, why only call republicans about it?” he asked, pointing out that he represents more than 90% of the citizens of the county. “We [meaning he and Gresham] would have been perfect to get this passed.”

As it turned out, it was too late, as a needed third reading was not scheduled before the Local Government Committee of the Tennessee House adjourned.

“If it comes up in January, I will pass this,” Shaw said at the time. “But I hope that the county commission will ask their constituents what they want.”

It’s not the first private act the county commission has sent to Nashville recently. Last year, the proposed landfill fee private act (which would put landfill fees on property tax bills) was sent to Shaw, who saw it passed by both houses and it will come back to the commission for vote in the coming months.

Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain said it wasn’t his intention to “go around” Representative Shaw.

“I had been talking to Senator Gresham on several key points of legislation for the county,” he said. “And I told her about this. She said to send it to her. It was her decision who she got to co-sponsor. We never talked about it.”

Sain says the republican controlled senate and house probably played into who was brought to co-sponsor the bill.

“I have no idea why Senator Gresham chose Representative Jenkins, but I think if you want to get something passed right now in Nashville, you would use a republican, would you not? But it never crossed my mind who she would get.”

“I’m 100% sure this will pass the legislature in January,” said Sain.

If passed, it will come back to the county commission, requiring a two-thirds majority to pass it into law. Sain welcomes the debate that could occur.

“I’ve had countless numbers of people contact me and say this is the best thing that has happened to county government in a long time,” he said, adding that the Republican Party contacted him and gave their full support.

“It’s a good thing. It’s the thing we need to do. We need support from Nashville, and it shouldn’t matter what party we are from. I was elected as a democratic mayor and I’m trying to get support from a majority republican house and majority republican senate and a republican governor, and it really shouldn’t make a difference. None of our decisions are based on party affiliation,” he explained. “This is the biggest reason we need to do this.”

Sain also maintained the Democratic Party in Hardeman County has failed in the election process as well.

“I ran as a democrat in the mayor’s race,” he continued. “And I got no support from the democratic party. As a matter of fact, party officials and leaders wore my opponent’s shirt at the last election. That’s how much support I got from the democratic party.”

“Party politics do not matter in Hardeman County. None. Zero. Absolutely zero.”

Citing a possible savings of \$30,000 for the county and the already non-partisan attitude of the commissioners, county mayor Jimmy Sain presented the act to the commission, where it was eventually approved by a 11-4 margin on April 12.

Voting against the measure were Elvis White, Major Wilburn, Vinscen Morrow, and Anthony Pulse. All four ran for commission as democrats in 2014, as did Jackie Sain, Mike Madden, Jim Daniel, Bobby Doyle, and Elmer Cobb, who all voted in favor of the act.

Connie Young, who is on the ballot this August as a democrat, voted for the measure as well. Chandra Lake was absent from the meeting due to a family issue.

The only new face to the commission since the initial passage is Johnny Weems, who replaced Gary Barber in September.

Sain said during the meeting that many counties have non-partisan county elections. These include Fayette, Chester, and Haywood Counties, according to Hardeman County Administrator of Elections Amber Moore.

It is believed, if passed, Hardeman County would be the first in the State of Tennessee to do it by private act. The other counties that have non-partisan county elections do it by an agreement reached between the political parties.

The 110th session of the Tennessee General Assembly will convene January 10, 2017. The Hardeman County Commission is scheduled to meet January 19.



The Maxwell's Stay-at-Home Gourmet

Winter Kale Salad

Ingredients

- 4 cups shredded kale, stems removed (4 ounces)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 cup shredded purple cabbage
- 1 cup shredded carrots (2 medium)
- 3/4 cup packed finely snipped Italian (flat-leaf) parsley
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion (1)
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon dried tarragon, crushed
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup pepitas (pumpkin seeds), toasted

Directions

In an extra-large bowl combine the kale, salt, and olive oil. Using your hands, rub the kale to help soften it and brighten its color. Rinse the kale in a colander under cool running water; drain well and return to the bowl. Add the savoy cabbage, purple cabbage, and carrots; toss to combine. Set slaw aside. For the dressing, in a food processor or blender combine the parsley, mayonnaise, sour cream, green onion, vinegar, tarragon, sugar, and garlic. Cover and process or blend to combine. Add the dressing to the vegetable mixture; toss to coat. Sprinkle pepitas over the salad.



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Now we need to start planning for 2017!

New Year's Eve (December 31) has always been a time for looking back to the past and looking forward to the New Year. Many people make New Year's Resolutions. I have listed 10 that are very popular each year:

Spend more time with family. Plan fun activities that the family can enjoy together such as games, sporting events, or movies.

Exercise more. Exercise keeps you healthy and makes you look and feel better. Lose weight. One recent report has stated that over 66% of adult Americans are considered overweight or obese. Setting reasonable goals and staying focused are the two most important factors in sticking with a weight loss program. Check with your doctor on ways to manage your weight. Quit smoking. Your health will improve if you stop smoking, even if you have smoked for many years. If you need help quitting, contact your doctor. Make some time for yourself. Take time to relax. Enjoy recreation or a new hobby. Get out of debt. Make higher payments on your credit card or other debt in order to pay them off early. This will also save you on paying high interest charges. Save money. Make sure you save some money from each pay check so you will be prepared in case of emergency expenses (medical or household to name a few). Learn something new. Whether you take a course or read a book, you'll find education to be one of the easiest, most motivating New Year's resolutions to keep. Help others. Volunteering is a great way to help those that are less fortunate than you. Get organized. Reduce the clutter in your office or home. Make sure everything is in its place. Purchase a filing cabinet to file important papers and documents.

In closing, I would like to congratulate our Grand Junction Elementary School Spelling Bee Winners! 1st Place-Cheyenne Burnette, 2nd Place-Rickia Williams, 3rd Place-Tristian Crawford, Alternate-Early Lewis. These students will proudly represent our school in January for the Hardeman County School Spelling Bee.

Parents, please remember that students return to school from Christmas Break on Wednesday, January 4th.

Birthdays for December 16-31: Lucille Shelby and April Atkins-23, Sarah Burns-28

Scripture Verse for the week; We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

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Teegan, son of Greg and Tresha Diffie, grandson of Jean and the late Jerry Morris, was so gracious to answer my questions about his Christmas wish and his Christmas celebration. His Christmas list is a basketball goal, dinosaur, and a BB gun. He stated that he has always liked the gifts Santa left for him. He said, "It is very hard for me to go to sleep on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning, my parents wake me very early and I run downstairs to see my gifts." The Diffie family are expecting many family members to visit and enjoy a big Christmas meal. Teegan shared that the activities he likes most about Christmas are staying home, playing with his toys with his family and eating the good food. He also enjoys watching movies, playing board games and drinking hot cocoa. He stated that he also loves to drive around and look at the Christmas lights. Teegan is wishing for snow. Teegan is a second grader at Toone Elementary School and will certainly enjoy his Christmas break. This young child is the youngest resident in the town of Silerton.

Freedra Crowley is the oldest resident in our town. Even though she is a resident at the Henderson Rehabilitation Center, her presence is missed by many. On December 3, she celebrated her 97th birthday. Because of her dementia, she does not talk very much these days. She does get up every day and can stay up except for a short afternoon nap. She can walk behind her wheelchair up and down the hall. Mrs. Freedra really enjoyed the Christmas season. Her house was the most decorated house in the area. She loved making Christmas crafts and her house was always decorated with her many creations. Gwen (Butler) Lindley was the recipient of many of Mrs. Freedra decorations. You might want to drive by 416 South Union Street in Bolivar to see the display. Not only does Gwen decorate outdoors, she has a theme for each room in her house. Her living room is the angel and nativity room. One bedroom is the bear room. The family room is a Santa room. The laundry room is a collection of old school and craft decorations. Her decorations are certainly impressive.

Joseph Lambert is doing great since surgery to have his wisdom teeth removed. He and his mother, Barbara, will be spending the Christmas holidays in Indiana with relatives. His aunt has stocked up on popsicles and ice cream for him while he is on a soft diet.

Frankie Lambert received the news that his sister-in-law Verna Pearson passed away. He traveled to Toledo, Ohio to attend her funeral. He also spent the Christmas holidays with his daughters and families.

In January, we want to hear from you about your plans for the New Year and looking back at 2016.

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Hello to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, I know my family sure did. Hornsby Baptist Church had a wonderful service Sunday morning. Bro. Matt gave a wonderful message, then we had the Lord's Supper and a candlelight ceremony which is always one of my favorite things of the year. Lynn Gibson sung a beautiful song and we sure hope he and Paula know how much we appreciate them. We have lots of different ministries that our church does and if you would like to become part of one of them we would love to have you. School will not be back in session until the January 4, so I don't have any news from the school. If you have any news you would like to share please call or email me, I would love to hear from you. If any of the other churches in the area would like for me to put anything in the paper for them I would be more than happy to do it. Please remember to pray for the following: Patricia Baker, Terry Baker, Max Beck, Freddie Brown, Rick Brown, Ricky Chandler, Amanda Cornelius, Crawford Cossar, Kenneth Crawford, Elynor DeBerry, Leo Dodd, Bobbie Dorris, Shirley Emerson, Lee Gainey, Billy Hammons, Richard Hazelwood, Joe Hindman, Sue Hodge, Dewey Hopkins, Ann Hornsby, Carolyn Howell, Jo Edna Howell, Ann Kelly, Aubrey King, Roger King, Debbie Laster, Nell Maddox, Bobbie McBride, Evan Nield, Lockie Newman, Josh Overton, Terry Parchman, Gay Pierce, Prissy Poirier, Gail Pope, Tosha Powell, Paula Prince, Sandy Sanders Stacy Spence, Pat Plunk Spencer, Ronna Spoon, Eddie Webb, John Worley, the men and women who serve our country, Clark and Morgan Davidson serving missionaries, and the families of the ones who are fighting cancer. HIS Word for the week and the New Year is: 1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Praise God!!! Wishing everyone a very wonderful and blessed New Year!

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Howdy from Toone. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and got what they asked for from Santa! This has been a very fun and eventful Holiday Season so far. I must have been a good boy this year, because my stocking was filled with lots of good treats, and NO coal or switches! The best part, however, was having my Daughter and her husband, with my two perfect grandchildren home for Christmas, plus getting to spend time with family and friends. For me, that's what the Holidays are all about!

Now that Christmas is over and most of the party food and leftovers have been tossed, and most of the decorations and lights are down and packed away, we can now focus our attention toward the upcoming New Year. Yes, it's that time again to make our New Year's resolutions. Just as in years past, my main 2017 resolution is to lose weight and work toward better health. Even though I fell short of my goal for 2016, I did make some major changes in my lifestyle. I joined a gym and actually began going three to four mornings each week on a regular basis. Although I slaked-off a bit during the Holidays, I will definitely get back into my full workout routine next week.

My other New Year's resolution is to work harder at being more patient and accepting of people and situations I find myself involved with. This is an area in which I find myself struggling a bit more the older I become. I hope to learn to become a bit more relaxed under pressure. I want to work harder at becoming a better person and a better neighbor!

The Holiday Break is nearly over, and School starts back, Tuesday, January 3, with a "Professional Development Training" for teachers, and classes for students will resume on, Wednesday, January 4.

Larry McCarver, is back home and feeling much better. He was hospitalized last week with blood pressure problems, but thankfully it was diagnosed and treated quickly. Larry was able to get back home in time for Christmas with his family.

Happy Birthday to, Clovis T. Jimmerson, Jr., January 2. Looks like he missed being a New Year's baby by only one day!

To share your New Year's resolutions or community events, call the number above, or email me at: gnyarb@bellsouth.net. Until next time. . . . talk to your neighbors!

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OBITUARIES

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NANCY WILSON

MAY 4, 1933 ~ DECEMBER 10, 2016

Nancy Wilson was born on Thursday, May 4, 1933 in Bolivar, Tennessee, the oldest daughter of William Hardin Wilson and Lucy Elnora Harris Wilson. She made her transition peacefully on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lutz, Florida.

Her funeral service was held on Saturday December 17, 2016 at 11:00 am at Greater Springfield MB Church with Minister Shon Beasley in charge. Burial was in the Bethlehem MB Church Cemetery and Dixie Funeral Home was in charge of the professional service.

Nancy was baptized at an early age and was a faithful member of Greater Springfield Baptist Church. Over the years, she served as a choir member, church secretary and usher. She attended the public schools of Hardeman and Fayette counties and graduated from Allen White High School. She later followed her passion for cosmetology and graduated from Eddings Beauty School in Jackson, Tennessee.

Many people in Bolivar knew Nancy from her 20 years of work as an administrative assistant for the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department under Sheriff's Delphus Hicks and Cecil Jeter. Her hands touched many in the 45 years that she co-owned United Beauty Shop where she took great pride and diligence in making sure her clients looked and felt their very best.

Anyone who knew Nancy would tell you that she had a strong will that was only surpassed by her opinion! She wore her heart on her sleeve and was uncompromising in sharing exactly how she felt at all times. She was a meticulous housekeeper, avid gardener and chaired the beautification effort of her neighborhood for many years. She was a competitive card player and loved to debate politics, watch basketball and read the newspaper, especially the Bolivar Bulletin. She delighted in being a caregiver to her loved ones including her mother and siblings, Mary and Robert. She was a fierce supporter of her granddaughters and enjoyed keeping them during summer vacations when they were younger.

Due to her failing health, Nancy relocated to Florida to be closer to her daughter. She spent her last years in the sunshine, surrounded by family and friends.

Her life and legacy is left to be cherished by her daughter, Jeanette W. Wilson; granddaughters, Candace Nicole (Danny) Banks and Crystal Nashea (Martin) Ekechukwu; great-granddaughter, Carsyn Grace Banks; sister-in-law, Daisy Bell Wilson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, William Hardin Wilson and Lucy Elnora Harris Wilson and siblings; Robert Wilson, Jr., William Hardin Wilson, Dorothy Mae Carter and Mary Elizabeth Wilson.



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YEAR IN REVIEW



September 8 – On September 1, state and county officials, members of the Bird Dog Foundation, and others who joined the celebration, took part in the Bird Dog Capital of the World Wall Dedication. *See photo above.*

September 15 – The Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office gave Middleton their 2015 trophy for winning the Director's Cup, which awards police departments for excellence in following traffic safety programs put forth by the state. It was the second straight year Middleton won the award. Photo: Sergeant Arnez Bowden and Middleton Police Chief Matthew Maness at the awards ceremony.

September 29 – The Bolivar Police Department was awarded the top prize in prevention of underage drinking in Bolivar by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for 2016. Photo: Bolivar Police Officer Eddie Henson and Tennessee Highway Safety Office Director Jason Ivey

October 6 – The Southwest Tennessee Development District named the Hatchie River Park as the district's project of the year. "The project of the year award is going to Bolivar because it is dedicated to enhancing and developing the phenomenal assets that the city has to offer residents and visitors," stated the press release.

Chris Cox of Bolivar spent time in the hospital after fumes inside the truck he was using to run mail caused a shutdown of downtown Bolivar on Market Street for more than two hours.

October 13 – Hardeman County announced they will receive two Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for a combined total of \$636,860. One grant of \$387,100 will go to Middleton to be used for sewer improvements, while the other grant of \$249,760 will go to Hornsby to be used for water main improvements.

October 27 – The Hatchie River Bridge in Pocahontas (see photo right) that crosses Highway 57 was dedicated to the memory of Herbert Wood as the Herbert Wood Memorial Bridge.

November 3 – The Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer and Aeronautical Director William Orellana announced the completed contract with Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain for \$478,000.00 The grant will fund a runway/apron rehabilitation project required by Hardeman County to maintain the FAA Standards for asphalt.

The City of Hornsby was approved for a grant by Governor Bill Haslam for its water main replacement project. The \$249,760 grant will be used to dig up old water lines on Hornsby Loop, Walnut Grove, and Forrest Hill and replace them with new ones. Photo: Hornsby Mayor Mack Carter receives grant check in Nashville.

November 10 – For his many contributions to Hardeman County and his successful coaching career, the Hardeman County Commission recognized a two-mile portion of Old Highway 64 from 6575 Old Highway 64 to the intersection of the four-lane Highway 64, east of Whiteville, the "Coach Marvin Williams Highway". Photo: State Senator Dolores Gresham, Marvin Williams, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain, and State Representative Johnny Shaw.

November elections saw Bolivar voters pass the Wine in Grocery Stores referendum. The other contested races in the county went to Middleton incumbent Mayor Jackie Cox, who defeated Doug Henderson by an unofficial tally of 128-121, and Willard Beshires beat Michael Vales 29-11 in the race for Silerton mayor.

Uncontested races in Hardeman County included Hornsby Mayor Mack Carter, as well as aldermen Raymond Cox, Wayne Isbell, Anita Johnson, Gregory Vance, Curtis Vandiver, Sandy Sanders, and Melissa Wilson all being elected to serve.

In Middleton, aldermen David Bo Callahan, Robert Evan Mott, Jimmy Simpson, Kevin Speck, and Richard Yopp will serve as will Saulsbury's Jim Daniel as mayor, and Rich Emerson, Carl Hayes, Lillie Reece, Johnny

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Another Story to Follow in 2017

Bolivar business woman Maria Howell saw her quest to open a package liquor store in Bolivar stalled again as the Bolivar City Council voted 4-3 (with Tracy Byrum abstaining) to not suspend the rules and then possibly vote on the issue during their meeting on November 8 in the Bolivar City Courtroom.

Howell's attorney, Shari Danielle Elks of Elks Law Firm in Burns, Tennessee had filed a Motion for Reconsideration in behalf of Howell pertaining to the October 18 rejection of Howell's request to approve her application to open a retail package store in Bolivar.

Voting against having another vote on the issue were Randy Hill, Willie McKinnie, Todd Lowe, and Suzanne Rhea.

Rhea had been cited in the October 28th Motion for Reconsideration as having a conflict of interest, stating, "An official with the responsibility to vote on a measure shall disclose during the meeting at which the vote takes place, before the vote and so it appears in the minutes, any personal interest that affects or that would lead a reasonable person to infer that it affects the official's vote on the measure. In addition, the official may recuse himself from voting on the measure."

Later Elks says in her brief that, "Councilperson Suzanne Rhea should have disclosed a conflict of personal interest on the issue."

Councilman Randy Hill made it known he disagreed with Elks.

"When it was directly related to her brother, she did not vote. But when it comes to the City of Bolivar, where her interest is, it is her duty to vote," he said. "When talking about Bill, who played by the rules, who has invested thousands of dollars, and did what we asked him to do by building his liquor store in the DEVCO area. Now because somebody requests to move it outside, we're going to suspend the orders to move it outside which doesn't make a lick of sense. What if Maria had a factory with 300 jobs and wanted to put that right down past court square when we have a perfectly nice industrial park sitting out here west of town? Would we make all these provisions for that or would we ask her to build it out in the industrial park where all factories go? I don't understand what we're doing here, except making a long meeting over something we should've already gone to the house over. Just my opinion."

Councilman Julian McTizic responded, "To respond to that Mr. Hill, my opinion has been the same since we've started all this. To also respond to that, a factory has a zone- an industrial zone. A liquor store is a business and a business has a zone. That's my opinion, I respect your opinion, but I disagree with it, so I'm going to do what I can and I'm going to take any action, and I'll take as long as it takes. If it's an hour meeting, two-hour meeting, it doesn't matter. Before Mr. Bill or Mrs. Howell came forward, I've had the same stance on this. I don't think what we're doing is right. So I'm going to do whatever I can to try and change it. Fact is, the chances of it passing are better with 5 than it is with 6."

Prior to the vote on November 8, the city council and members of the audience were read a Facebook post from Howell detailing Howell's hopes for support at the meeting.

"I want to clarify that Tuesday, February 9 when Mrs. Howell made this presentation, she told us at that time she had nine businesses she wanted to establish. I want everyone to know that we're not against and we told her that night we were for her and she was an excellent business woman. We supported her efforts in these businesses. The problem being the liquor store was not in the zone. That's the page passed out to us and I want to clarify that this is on Facebook and social media, we have never said that we don't want her other businesses to open. All we've said is the liquor store is not zoned for that area. I want to clarify that and let people know that there's not a person on this council that's against business or new businesses coming into Bolivar," explained Mayor Stevens.

In late December, Howell's attorney filed a lawsuit against the city of Bolivar, Mayor Barrett Stevens, and each of the eight city council members.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Smith, and Jan Ward as aldermen.

In Toone, Mayor Joe Jones will return with Sandra Blankenship, Mickey Blevins, Charles Ellison, Keith Foote, Dude West, and David Williamson and Silerton's Mayor Beshires will have Kevin Beshires, Tammy Foote, James Holloway, Frankie Lambert, and Gail Mayfield as aldermen.

Gene Ross was elected to the Hardeman County School Board in District 2, Position 3, as part of a special election to replace Jerry McCord.

November 17 – The Hardeman County Road Supervisors put on the agenda of the county commission meeting, then removed, a plan that would ask the Hardeman County Commission to send a private act to the State of Tennessee that would result in the end of the election of a Highway Superintendent by the people of Hardeman County.

November 23 – The annual “looking over the shoulder” by the State of Tennessee resulted in what Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain said was a “good audit”.

The City of Bolivar Fire Department received 21 complete sets of new turnout gear and six Scott Sight Thermal Imaging Masks. Bolivar firefighters are the first in the state to obtain these masks that are designed with the latest technology, along with training for this equipment.

December 1 – Bolivar Mayor Barrett Stevens and Councilman Julian McTizic kicked off their campaigns for Mayor of Bolivar with events in December. City council candidates who picked up petitions prior to the end of the year were Page Walley, Willie McKinnie, Jonathan Joy, Suzanne Rhea, Jimmy Howell, Bethany Miller, Mauriceo Beauregard, and Melvin Golden. Four positions are up for election. WMOD Radio, WOJG Radio, and the *Bolivar Bulletin Times* will join together to bring the 2017 City of Bolivar Candidates Debate on April 25, 2017 at the Bolivar Municipal Center.

December 15 – Hardeman County citizens, businesses, service organizations, and elected officials pitched in to provide Christmas gifts for the 34 children in state custody under the care of Centerstone, a Nashville-based company that serves the county. *Photo: Cleo Griggs, Patrice Woods, Lakeesha Reeves of Centerstone, and Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain.*

December 22 – Carisa Young and her mother experienced a crisis with Young's two-month old son Jaiden Prewitt, while in route to take him to the doctor on December 13. The baby stopped breathing, and her first instinct was to seek refuge at Grand Junction Elementary School. The grandmother was met at the entrance by Principal Linda Buggs and Mrs. Natasha Foppiano. The grandmother was very distraught informing school personnel that her grandchild was not breathing.

The principal called 911, and the CPR team was called to the office CPR was administered until the first responders arrived on the scene, and they took over. The ambulance transported the baby to Bolivar General Hospital. Warner Ross, Director of Schools, and Lisa Raines, Director of Health Services, commended the team for a job well done.

Photo: Director of Health Services Lisa Raines, School Nurse Sherry Hoyle, Instructional Facilitator Sandra Chairs, Principal Linda Buggs, 5th Grade Teacher Mary Nell Jackson, 6th Grade Teacher George Ellis, 2nd Grade Teacher Zachary Pickle, Director of Schools Warner Ross. Not Pictured are Brian Lake, Tina Riehl, Kim Ross, and Ashley Ervin-Henry



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Celebrating their 20th anniversary of giving scholarships to students from Hardeman County, Merchants and Planters Bank has given \$120,000 to graduates with 20 additional seniors receiving the awards this year.



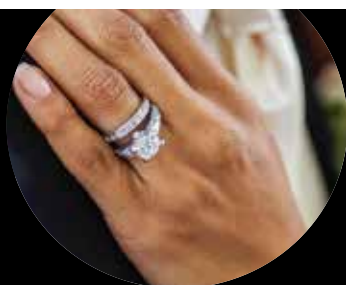
Photo: Bolivar Central students (Front) Hanna Black, Adrienne Peden, Brianna Moore, Sarah Gibson, (Back) Zoe Smith, Klay Tucker, David TerBurgh, Ian Clark, Markedra Wilkes, and Anisha White.



Middleton High School Students (Front) Nate Foster, Dakedra Mason, Starla Phelps, Lakia Richardson, (Back) Canedra McDaniel, Isabella Cardenas, Madison Darling, Bradley Sullivan, Shelby Pace, and Chelsey Spencer.

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The Unforgettable Lady Tigers

The remarkable two-year run of the Middleton Lady Tigers ended with a 53-49 semifinal loss to Gibson County in the TSSAA Class A State Championships, but James Burkley remembered what it all meant.

"I'm proud of these girls," said Burkley after the loss at the Murphy Center. "We did a lot of great things last year and this year."

Middleton's 67 wins in a row included two district championships, two region championships, and two sub-state victories.

Senior Dakedra Mason led Middleton with 41 points over two games of the 2016 state tournament and was named to the All-State Tournament team, along with junior teammate Chelsey Perry. Perry was the MVP of the 2015 State tournament.

Mason and teammate Alexis Pledge finished their high school careers with a four-year record of 117-17, including a 95-6 record over their final three seasons.

Middleton's opening night loss this season to Haywood County on November 15 was their first regular season loss since December 21, 2013, when they fell 51-43 to Paducah (KY) Tilghman in the Heritage Bank Hardwood Classic at Calloway County in Murray, KY, which was a span of 62 games.

Photo: Middleton beat Riverside 64-31 at Bailey Howell Gymnasium in Middleton on March 2 to win the region 8A championship for the second season in a row.

Photo by Debbie Doolen.



2016 Bulletin Times Team of the Year: Middleton Lady Tiger Basketball

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Bolivar Middle School went 21-1 and won the Area 6 Middle School Basketball championship, beating Fayette East in the final game.

Omar Jones of Bolivar was named the tournament MVP, scoring 13 in the final game. Also making the All-Tournament team from Bolivar was Andrayvin Stewart, Adarius Clark, Jaquan Lax, and Jatavius Dotson. Coach Demetrius Beauregard was named the Coach of the Year.



The Middleton High School Volleyball team qualified for the TSSAA State Championship for the third consecutive year, and progressed a bit farther this trip, winning their first sets and sending the match to a final set in their losers bracket loss to Summertown.

"We came a long way tonight. We started slow but we showed that we can play here at this level," he said. "I'm proud of them."

Middleton finished the season with a 28-13 record.

Photo front row: (L-R) Haley Downen, Kayleigh Lanier, and Talandra Sain, back row: (L-R) Kira Collier, Polly Dowty, Ally Sisco, Haley Maccarino, and Megan Leslie. Photo by Stephanie Byers.



Toone Elementary School completed an undefeated season and won their second consecutive Hardeman County Middle School Softball tournament on October 1, defeating Hornsby Elementary 8-6 in the championship game at Whiteville.

Toone was coached by Megan Roberts and Phillip Roberts.

More teams on B3



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Bulletin Times Boys Athlete of the Year

Lewis Reaches Single Season Milestone

Bolivar Central running back Drek Lewis closed out his career with 50 yards and a touchdown in the Toyota East-West All-Star Football game in Cookeville, the first Tiger to play in the game since Mitch Ross in 2008.

Over his career, Lewis had 4,284 yards in total offense, gaining 9.3 yards each time he touched the ball.

His biggest year was his senior season, when he gained 1,554 yards in 174 carries and scored 24 touchdowns. Also, he caught eight passes for 133 yards and a touchdown.

For his career Lewis averaged 8.9 yards per carry, running 425 times for 3,792 yards and 50 touchdowns. He added three more touchdowns on 32 receptions and 492 yards.

Lewis was the second running back in the last ten seasons to rush for 1,500 yards, joining Keyon Crisp in 2013. *Photo by Nicka Smith.*

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Honorable mention: Bolivar Central quarterback **Trey Lowe** completed 93 of 159 passes for 1628 yards and 20 touchdowns. Lowe ran for 194 yards and six touchdowns as well...Bolivar Central center **David Terburgh** led the Tigers with 11.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game...Bolivar Central receiver **Cornelius Polk** caught 33 passes for 479 yards and five touchdowns on the football field and averaged 8.3 points per game on the basketball court...

Bolivar Central football player **Demarkus Murrell** scored nine touchdowns on only 20 touches (seven rushes, nine passes, three kickoff returns, and one interception) before this season was cut short after only five games and averaged 8.5 points per game during the 2015-2016 basketball season...Middleton basketball player **Montrez Jones** (above left) averaged 16.1 points and 7.0 rebounds per game, **Tylandrius Parks** (above middle left) scored 12.4 points and grabbed 8.1 rebounds, **Justin Mormon** (above middle right) had 14.4 and 6.8 and **Jacque Gibson** (above right) averaged 12.3 points per game for the 2015-2016 season...Bolivar Central Golfer **Chad Driver** (right) qualified for the TSSAA Class A State Golf Championships in Murfreesboro, shooting 79-78--157 to tie for 27th place.



Bulletin Times Girls Athlete of the Year


Mason Leads Tigers Back to the 'Boro

The graduation of four seniors from the 2015 team that went 35-0 and captured the TSSAA Class A Girls Basketball championship almost didn't matter as the Lady Tigers came within two games of the championship in 2016 as well.

Led by senior **Dekedra Mason**, the Lady Tigers went 32-1. Mason averaged 13.5 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and 3.5 steals per game in 2015-2016, all team highs except for rebounds. The defensive intensity, clutch free throw shooting, and scoring will always be part of the story of the Tigers' two-year run.



Honorable mention: Middleton Basketball player **Chelsey Perry**, who was named TSSAA State Class A Championship All-Tournament for the second consecutive season, averaged 12.5 points, 11.7 rebounds, 2.9 blocks, and 2.6 steals per game...Bolivar freshman Basketball player **Haley Hardaway** averaged 13.9 points and 3.6 assists in the 2015-2016 season...and **Sequoia Warren** averaged 11.2 points and 2.6 assists per game for Middleton High School in 2015-2016.





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Allen Wins County Spelling Bee



The Hardeman County Spelling Bee on January 25 went seven rounds before Hornsby's Jace Allen emerged as the winner. Photo left to right: Jace Allen, Jalynn Morris of Whiteville, Maddie Willis of Middleton, Tamira Prather of Bolivar Middle, and Hardeman Superintendent of Schools Warner Ross.



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Landon Hannis singled with two outs in the bottom of the final inning to score David Craft and give **Hornsby** a 3-2 victory over Middleton and their first ever Hardeman County Middle School Baseball Championship.

The championship, begun in 2011, was won by Bolivar Middle for the first four years, followed by Middleton in 2015.

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Last year, the **Bolivar 6U** girls went to the state tournament for the first time. This year, they came within one game of winning it all at the Dizzy Dean World Series in Southaven, MS.

Bolivar lost their first game, but ran through the losers bracket and forced the "if necessary" game with Neshoba, only to fall in the final game 14-8.

Front (l-r): Tori Sipes, Khloe Holden, Marlee Irvin, Makynlee Campbell, Sophie Doyle, Addyson Prather. *Middle (l-r):* Isabella Lax, Chanley Steele, Willow Dunavant, Anna McKenzie, Joslyn Phillips, Marissa Overton. *Coaches:* Josh Steele, Ben Irvin, Evin Lax, and Justin Campbell.

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The **Bolivar 16U** Dizzy Dean squad went undefeated in winning the Dizzy Dean World Series at Southaven.



more teams on B4

Photo below left to right: Coach Phillip Roberts, Coach David Hannis, Andrew Bullion, Westin Wilhite, Austin Sipes, Jarion Lewis, Connor Jones, C.J. McMahan, Tyson Hobbs, Trey Lowe, Ethan Hannis, Jeremy Yates, Jace McKenzie, and Coach B.T. Hobbs.



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Bolivar Central Football's 8-3 season marked the first time the Tigers won eight game in the regular season since 1997, and they earned a home playoff game for the first time since 1998.

No player on the Tiger squad was born when the Tigers last had a home playoff game, and two players, (running back Correy Brown, Sr. and cornerback Marco Clark, father of Blake Roberts) saw their dads play in the game, flanked by Bolivar Central Offensive Coordinator RaShad Smith, who quarterbacked the squad.

The Tigers posted two winning seasons for the first time since 2006-2007.

The best regular season in 18 years ended in the first round of the playoffs, as Milan beat the Tigers 49-34.

Photo by Nicka Smith.



Bolivar Central Coach of the Year Lowe Brings Winning Back



Bolivar Central coach Woodrow Lowe began his career at Bolivar Central with six straight losses in 2014, but thanks to two winning seasons in a row and a Bolivar Central 21st century best eight regular season wins in 2016, his record is now 17-15.

Honorable mention: **Middleton Basketball Coach James Burkley** came within one game of a second straight appearance in the TSSAA Class A Girls Basketball championship game. Burkley's squad went 67-1 over two seasons, including 32-1 in 2015-2016...**Middleton Volleyball Coach Zeke Craft** guided his team to a third straight TSSAA State Championship berth...and **Demetrice Beauregard** led his **Bolivar Middle School Tigers** to his third straight Area 6 Middle School Boys Basketball Championship.

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