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RURAL WEST TENNESSEE'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

ONE DOLLAR

Getting National Notice

Sherry Hoyle, a Communities in Schools of Tennessee site coordinator at Bolivar Central High School, was recently named the national Communities in Schools All In for Students Award recipient. The award is given annually to recognize the exemplary dedication of one site coordinator from the 2,900 schools that Communities in Schools and its affiliates serve across the country.

Hoyle received the award during a recent trip to Washington, D.C., for the national conference of Communities in Schools, at which First Lady Dr. Jill Biden was also receiving an award.

"Sherry's unwavering commitment to her students is an inspiration to us all, and this is such as well-deserved honor," said Samantha Wigand, CEO of Communities in Schools of Tennessee. "She is the embodiment of what we mean when we say Communities in Schools is 'All in for Kids' - tireless, compassionate, and an incredible and persuasive advocate for her students. We are so proud of Sherry and all that she continues to do for Bolivar students."

Hoyle works to ensure every student at Bolivar, regardless of the challenges they may face,

has what they need to succeed in school and beyond. She has a sign in her office that says, "Not all who wander are lost" and repeats this phrase often to her students so they know that even though they may feel lost in this moment, she is there for them.

One of those students was Rukiyah Rhodes. Rukiyah was skipping school, running away, and getting into trouble for fighting before she met Hoyle and the Communities in Schools program.

"Her attitude about school just kind of went in the wrong direction... even being at school was the biggest problem," Rukiyah's



mother, Sherika Rhodes, said. "I got so many calls about her fighting and stuff. I gave up because

I couldn't get through. This program and Ms. Hoyle, she broke continued on A13

Water for Hornsby?

A now controversial called meeting for October 20 at 7:00 p.m. intended to move the Hornsby water grant further along ended before it started as Hornsby Mayor Megan Hedwall did not call it to order.

"There was no meeting. One member of the Board of Aldermen 'called' a meeting with virtually no public notification," said Hedwall. "Due to the fact that the Board did not call the meeting, I brought it to their attention that there was no meeting and refused to call it to order."

The meeting, posted in the Bolivar Bulletin Times on October 20, continued on A13

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Grand Junction Gets New Fire Truck



Grand Junction unveiled their new fire truck on Saturday, October 22 in a day that also saw them to officially open Safe Haven, (see photo in Community News) a shelter that will withstand up to 250 mph winds in case of a storm and has a capacity of over 400.

County 4H Goes to National Contest



The Hardeman County 4-H Meats Judging Team of Lucie Watkins, Kaylee Bryant, Steven Gibson and Gibson Bogue competed at the National 4-H Meats Judging Competition held at Kansas State University on October 18, 2022. Fourteen teams for a total of 52 4-H members continued on A2

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Bolivar's Best BBQers Crowned

The Bolivar BBQ Blowout Festival October 21-22 ended with 2021 Champion Porkers defending their crown, but the contest which sends teams to Memphis in May, also crowned champions in the "Backyard" division.

Winning the overall trophy were the Piggy Bankers sponsored by the Bank of Hardeman County (see photo left - Brint Lindsey and Bolivar Mayor Julian McTizic)

Winning the individual category continued on A2



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ber 20, at the direction of Hornsby Alderman Wayne Isbell, was posted as starting at 7:00 p.m.

Hedwall said special called meetings must be agreed upon by the board.

“One person of the Board can not demand a special meeting,” she said in a statement, adding, “Especially when this individual says to meet at 6:00 p.m, but then puts in the local paper that the meeting starts an hour later at 7:00 p.m.”

The meeting would have been the fourth in fifteen days, following meetings on October 4, where the the aldermen were informed they needed to find an engineer, appoint a grant administrator, and approve a resolution to get the ball rolling and a special called meeting on October 7, where they approved the first reading of the resolution, under protest from Hedwall.

“Adequate notice had not been given to the public in order to have the meeting,” she said, adding that “The board unanimously overruled me and proceeded to accept the first reading and approval of the resolution.”

The next meeting, called for October 17, saw the board unanimously pass the resolution on the second reading and vote to hire TLM as the engineer for the project accepting \$592,000 from the State of Tennessee but not without a warning from Hedwall.

“We will have to take on debt and borrow or raise water rates,” she cautioned prior to the vote to not only pass the resolution but to hire TLM as the engineer for the project.

Minutes of the meeting on October 17 have no mention of the board voting to have the October 20 meeting, while the minutes from the October 7 meeting do have the special called meeting on the 17th recorded as voted on and approved.

Hedwall’s social media post on October 25 said that she had contacted the state about the situation.

“Per Nashville, everything I told the Board was correct. They will be issuing a letter of reprimand to the Hornsby Board of Aldermen and they further stated that this could end up in Chancery Court.”

The deadline for Hornsby to complete their application to receive the grant is November 1, although grant money will not need to be spent until December of 2026. If they accept the grant, the Town of Hornsby would need to have a maximum of a 15% match and fund the projects on the front end with the state reimbursing them after completion. Also, the town would be responsible for the depreciation of the project over twenty years. The next meeting of the Hornsby Board of Aldermen is scheduled for November 1.

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Bolivar Program Gets National Notice continued from A1

through that wall that I couldn’t get through.”

Rukiyah, who went on to graduate from Bolivar and is now attending college, agreed. “She was always the one I could count on,” she said of Hoyle. “When I felt like that I was about to get in trouble, I was about to do something bad, she’d let me come sit in her class, and calm down.”

Hoyle maintains a food, hygiene, and clothing closet for her students and families to provide them with basic needs supplies. She persuaded several local donors to donate a refrigerator and freezer so she could store healthier food options for students and families; one local restaurant owner was so impressed with Hoyle’s program that she now donates a portion of the restaurant’s profits every month as well.

During the pandemic, she partnered with the UT Extension office to obtain food boxes for her families and personally delivered them to families who could not meet at the drop-off time. When the pandemic revealed some students were without internet, she tirelessly copied work packets and delivered them to the students with transportation needs.

“Ms. Hoyle always goes above and beyond for the students at BCHS,” said Dr. Christy Smith, Director of Schools for Hardeman County. “We are proud to have her with us.”

Sherry and CIS of Tennessee are in their fourth year of working with Bolivar Central High School through a pilot program developed in partnership with Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly. Last spring, the Tennessee General Assembly approved \$3 million for CIS of Tennessee to continue its pilot for two more years. In total, the pilot serves 11,500 students at 23 high schools across 15 rural counties.

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