

# Chadwell

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"She did it the right way. She had to sit out a couple of years, but then came through and played at a high level for us," said Martin. "She transformed her body to get into game shape. She's dedicated to the game."

"I'm proud of her. She will represent Warren County well."

Chadwell has stood tall as the team's first baseman the last two seasons, saving countless runs with a perfect blend of height, quick hands and a trusty glove. Chadwell set the tone with her defense and team-first attitude, things which always stood out to her coach.

"She continued to get better every year," said Martin. "She didn't pout when she wasn't playing. She put in a lot of hard work and ended up being our best defensive player."

Her size, most importantly the size of her passion for the game, were not lost on her future coach.

"We're excited to have Lexie. She has wonderful size and a great attitude," said Morey, Motlow's head coach who attended

Tuesday's signing. "I love how she picks up her teammates. I'm anxious to see her get out and work with girls who love the game like she does."

Being a good teammate and being in a team atmosphere are Chadwell's favorite parts of the game.

"Being with my girls - they mean the absolute world to me. They made ball worth it. They make it fun," said Chadwell. "They made me want to go to practice and run sprints to just be around them."

Coming off a region run as a junior, Chadwell realized she wasn't going to be able to let the game go easily. As a senior, she started to explore the potential of playing college softball. While helping the Lady Pioneers to a District 6-AAA championship, Chadwell impressed Morey and got the opportunity she desired.

"Closer to the end I realized I didn't want it to be over," said Chadwell. "When I went to hang up my cleats the last time, I knew I couldn't do it. I wanted to push to play longer."

Now Chadwell has at least two more years.



Lexie Chadwell made her college choice Tuesday, pledging to play softball for the next two years. Pictured at her signing day are, front row, from left, Jason Jacobs, Amanda Jacobs, Lexie, Sidney Chadwell and Jordan Chadwell. Back row, Motlow coach Janice Morey and WCHS coach Gooby Martin.

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## Sports Spotlight

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Manchester Youth Baseball director Dale Cooper has found a way to overcome.

"We had growth six years in a row before this season. We fell off a little bit, just 20-25 kids," said Cooper.

Cooper still estimates just under 400 children participate in baseball in Manchester in age groups 5-18. McMinnville Youth Baseball and Softball currently has 370 kids combined in T-ball, baseball and softball.

Cooper cites a move into the Tennessee Youth Baseball Association as a great boost.

"Our growth happened when we made the decision to go from little league to the TYBA. We could hold tournaments and grew faster by holding rec tournaments for open teams with open rules," said Cooper.

The city leagues decided to drop affiliation in little leagues after the 2015 season - a decision made prior to Beard taking the helm. He has looked into joining organizations, but is still pondering if it will be cost-effective.

It's not just Manchester

though. Sparta is also finding a way.

Treasurer Tabitha Green noted the league added a new baseball division for 13-year-olds this year and is looking to charter another league for ages 13-14 next season. Their T-ball league currently has 14 teams.

"It's a tight-knit community. Our high school coach's son plays little league. Our middle school coach has kids in the league. Coaches are encouraging kids to play little league," said Green. "Our concessions pay for umpires and scorekeepers and parents work concessions as volunteers on nights their kids aren't playing."

Green also mentioned Saturday games were dropped to not conflict with travel teams. Warren County made this move years ago.

Nobody seems to have a great answer on how to rebound a declining trend in youth sports at McMinnville Civic Center.

One person whose voice should carry weight is Greg Wanamaker, who worked 36 years with the Warren County Youth Baseball and Softball leagues while

employed as McMinnville Civic Center - the last 19 as Parks and Recreation assistant director.

Wanamaker would like to see cohesion in the entire county.

"It's a team effort. It takes the community as a whole working together to have a good youth program, if that's what we want," said Wanamaker. "If we want a league that we're proud of, it'll take everybody."

Wanamaker believes city leadership can bring the whole community together, though he'd always like to see more voices enter the fray.

"The leagues need guidance and people with experience. If you want to be successful, you have to have people around who care. If we don't, then I'm sad to say it will go away," said Wanamaker.

One suggestion Wanamaker made was an advisory committee featuring a board of citizen volunteers for the youth leagues.

The Park Theater recently established a similar advisory board, with citizens making suggestions about entertainment and other uses of the theater to officials in charge. In the

end, Wanamaker believes Parks and Recreation serves a vital purpose and should be considered a service offered to benefit the community.

"Parks and Recreation is as much a part of city government as sewers, road, etc. It has to have focus. You have to work hard to establish it and run," said Wanamaker.

McGee ran the Babe Ruth League for decades, overseeing it when it was flush with teams and then guiding it through times when he was making pleas for people to come back another year.

He feels it's just a part of the job.

"We would call the parents to get the kids signed back up. I'd get a roster from the Senior League every year and we'd call people 2-3 times to remind them about sign-ups," said McGee. "We'd beg kids to play to have enough for a good league."

McGee watched as different hurdles popped up. He was there when the middle school started its baseball program, syphoning a pool of players. He countered by starting the leagues later so they could come in after their school season.

He saw soccer make its

### SHARING THEIR OPINIONS

#### YOUTH COACHES DISCUSS MYBS

"The lack of participation in leagues isn't the league's fault."

**CHRIS PETERSON, GARY STEELE KARATE, BOYS 12-14**

"We have the best fields around. There's always room for improvement, but I love the leagues."

**AARON GUDAT, AARON'S HEAT & AIR, GIRLS 10-12**

"They're doing the best they can."

**BRUCE BEASLEY, BEASLEY'S BRAWLERS, BOYS 12-14**

"I haven't heard anybody say, 'I hate the leagues.' It needs to be evened so it's fair for all."

**JESSICA CASTENADA, WOMACK PRINTING, BOYS 12-14**

"It's terrible and I've talked to a lot of people. It will go under the way it's run now."

**CHARLIE ADAMS, BRENT'S COMPUTERS, BOYS 9-11**

"I've been involved as a player or coach for 31 years. It's worse than I can imagine."

**KYLE HOLDER, WORLD FINANCE, BOYS 9-11**

"It will keep decreasing if they continue the way they're going."

**RYAN BOYD, CITIZENS BANK, GIRLS 7-9**

"Good umpiring would solve a lot of problems. Coaches are coaching the umpires on the rules."

**RYAN SMITH, TRIPLE C NURSERY, BOYS 6-8**

rise. With both operating as spring sports in middle school, boys were forced to choose earlier between the sports. McGee did his best to schedule around soccer matches.

The WCYBA hasn't went away fully. The *Standard* was able to confirm from multiple sources the

league's bank account is still active.

Could a merger be possible in the future? The city wouldn't rule it out.

When asked if they would welcome volunteers back, the answer was clear and certain.

"Absolutely," said Beard, who added he wants to see "America's Pastime" flourish.

"My grandson is a classic example. He's bored with baseball. He's in T-ball and says he's not going to play anymore," said Beard. "It breaks my heart."

## Land Auction

**Saturday July 28th @ 10 AM**  
Sale #1- 45± AC River Farm in Tracts on Holder Rd. in White Co.



Sale #1 consists of a beautiful rolling 45 acre farm with a pond, mature woods, and Caney Fork River frontage. This farm is fenced for livestock, has a corral and an antique barn. There is also at least one small spring on the farm. The farm will be offered in 7 tracts and then as a whole with a 10% raise.

### Sale # 2- 7 Parcels on Chandler Rd. in Van Buren Co., 3 w/ Caney Fork River Frontage



Sale #2 consists of 7 parcels in the Chandler Bend community that range in size from .24 to 6.37 acres. There are 3 lots with Caney Fork River frontage, 2 interior lots, a fenced tract with 2.87 acres, and 6.37 acres that is fenced with a 4 stall horse barn. Both sales will be held at the Holder Rd. farm. Pick your piece out today and be ready to bid and buy on auction day.

Directions from McMinnville: Sale #1- Take US Hwy. 70S toward Sparta for 13.3 mi. Right onto Buffalo Rd. which will terminate onto Caney Fork/Holder Rd. in view of the sale site. Sale #2- Take US Hwy. 70S toward Sparta 12.5 mi. Right onto McElroy Ford Rd. 8 mi. Left onto Sparkmantown Rd. 1 mi. Sharp left onto Chandler Rd. Terms: 10% down day of sale, balance due at closing in 30 days. 2018 taxes to be prorated. Possession with deed.

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The real estate located at 103 Cherokee Drive, McMinnville, TN will be sold by auction at the property on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. Property is being sold pursuant to court order in *Chancery Case Number 3357-P, Estate of Wavie N. Hoover. Other interested party: TennCare.*

1200+ square foot, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick house with large living room and fireplace, and attached carport, located near Fast Pace Medical Clinic and Walmart inside city limits.

Said property is fully described in Warranty Deed Book 144, Page 559, Register's Office of Warren County, Tennessee, and Map 059G, Group B, Parcel 013.00, Property Assessor's Office of Warren County, Tennessee.



Property is being sold AS IS, with no warranties or guarantees and also subject to any encumbrances, liens, judgments, taxes, etc. Property is subject to any and all subdivision restrictions or zoning restrictions. Buyer should understand and accept that this property was built or may have been built before 1978 and may contain lead-based paint.

Terms: This sale is for cash, ten percent (10%) down, payable at the sale, with the balance due upon closing within 30 days and court approval. Possession with deed.

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