HED: Spotlight on Madison County's DA By Richard Sirman richard.sirman@madisonvillemeteor.com

On the first of the year, on New Year's Day on Sunday, January 1, Courtney Cain was sworn into office by Madison County Judge Clark Osborne; since then, she's been busy getting ready to prosecute individuals that reside in Madison County Jail.

But before she was Madison County's District Attorney, she was the First Assistant DA in Grimes County, "I primarily prosecuted serious Felony cases, such as Murder, Aggravated Robbery, Sexual Assault of Children, Sexual Assualt and Manufacturing and Delivery of Controlled Substances," per Courtney Cain.

Her history of being an attorney goes back 17 years. According to Cain, she has tried approximately 50 jury trials and has extensive experience in prosecuting violent crimes, habitual offenders, drug dealers, and even child predators.

During her run for District Attorney, she stated that it was a prayerful decision to run and that it was encouraged by community leaders, local law enforcement, victims of crimes, and concerned citizens.

"I was raised in Madison County and graduated from Madisonville High School. My husband, Jake, and I are now raising our three children in this community," said Cain, while mentioning that Madison County deserved better, so she decided to run for the position.

According to Cain, the county had developed a reputation for being "soft on crime," so she wanted to run to change that by having a firm stance on crime by prosecuting those who are habitual offenders, child predators, murderers, and drug dealers.

"Additionally, victims have not been prioritized or provided the services they need or are entitled to. Victims simply deserve better than what has been previously provided. I ran to give victims a voice and fight for them," stated Cain.

One of the other reasons she ran was, in her words, to unify the DA's office and law enforcement, stating that the county deserves the DA's office and the law enforcement officers to work together.

Her goals for being the DA are numerous. Still, according to her, it starts by working hard each day to conduct jury trials, clean up the backlog and court dockets, and get tough on crime while working with local law enforcement and prioritizing victims.

"Victims deserve to know what is going on with their cases and to have a District Attorney that will fight for them," per Cain.

When she took office on January 1st, the DA's office worked on completing these goals on a daily basis.

"There is much work to be done, and accomplishing these goals will not happen overnight; however, I promise the citizens of Madison County that I will strive each day to achieve these goals and provide Madison County a District Attorney's office they deserve," stated Cain.

She would go on to say that she has met with local law enforcement and that they're ready to work together to keep the families in the county safe from criminals.

"Over the years, I have been blessed to utilize my talents and prosecutorial experience by helping keep other communities safe, and now, I am blessed and look forward to bring my prosecutorial experience home to the good folks of Madison County and the community I love," said Madison County's District Attorney Courtney Cain