

**BETTY'S WEEK**By **Betty Shearer**

When I began telling Lucia Holloway my snake story, she says, "Well, now you have a column for next week." So I guess I'd better share my snake tale.

I was in the kitchen washing dishes, when the TV program I'd been listening to went off, about 8:30 to 9, so I went to the den to change channels to get to the next program I wanted to hear. You can only watch TV from the kitchen if you're at the stove.

As I was entering the den, I glanced out the front window and there was something strange about it—you know it's definitely different if you can tell there is a change through my dirty windows. There was a black stripe on the window which came down about five inches—looked like a limb until it moved.

Then I realized this limb had a head and it was looking at me. A closer look and I knew it was a snake, perched on top of my window frame. First called my number one snake handler, Mark Anthony. Got no answer. Second on the list was Al Davis, who answered and says, "I'll be there as soon as I can," and he was.

He also brought back-up, son-in-law Chad Moore, and grandson, Grayson. They came with hoe and shotgun.

It took all the courage I had, but I watched that snake until they arrived—seemed like hours. I was just sure that any minute he'd break that window and come after me. After about 10 minutes the snake began to slowly inch its way across the top of the window, then down the other side to the porch, around the inside edge of the porch, turned the corner then crawled slowly under the front door and was going off the porch, when the boys came up the driveway.

I'd been silently screaming, "Hurry up Al, Hurry up."

Sure didn't want that thing to get away. It was just going onto the ground when Chad saw it go into my pile of leaves there. He chased it out of this cover, and it went across the yard, where Chad finally killed it. I was so relieved until they were leaving and Al says, "Betty, you know you saw this one, but there are probably 10, maybe even a hundred more in your yard."

That did not help my nerves a bit, but I know it's true.

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Kira Rutherford served a large breakfast and lunch crowd last Friday at Downtown Inn and Coffee Parlor after announcing it was

her last full day. She also opened Tuesday as she served a few customers and took care of final details before locking the door.

Final Meals Served At Main Street Eatery

By **David Howell**
Editor

WATER VALLEY – Downtown Inn and Coffee Parlor was packed last Friday as customers enjoyed one last meal at the Main Street eatery. Proprietors Kira Rutherford and David Waggoner are closing the doors after operating the business

since last August.

"I want to thank the people in Water Valley for letting us be part of y'all," Kira said. "Everybody has been fantastic. We have enjoyed it so much, it is heart-breaking. If we could afford it, we would stay," Kira said, explaining that an increase in the rent made her apprehensive about the

winter months ahead.

"I can't go through winter trying to stress about paying \$1,500 a month," she added. Since August the restaurant has been a popular spot for breakfast and lunch. The building also has a couple of hotel rooms in the back, but Rutherford said that part of the business is slow and

the restaurant produces the bulk of the income.

After moving to Water Valley to be closer to Rutherford's family, David and Kira are headed back to Wyoming this week. David plans to help a friend who works in the construction business and Kira will manage the kitchen at Paradise Guest Ranch, a dude ranch located in the Big Horn Mountains at Buffalo, Wyoming.

Regular customers Brenda Campbell and Linda Campbell were among well-wishers eating one last time.

"I love it, there's a serenity about it," Brenda Campbell said about the restaurant, adding they eat there

almost every other day.

"It keeps me from having to cook at home," Linda Campbell added. "I remember this building when I was a kid."

The Downtown Inn building is listed for sale by Kessinger Real Estate Company, one of a handful of buildings currently on the market as retail space in town is limited.

Affordable rent in Water Valley has been one of the attractions for businesses in town, according to Main Street Manager Mickey Howley.

"There is a delicate balance, you want the rental rate low enough that local retail businesses can afford it."

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Hometown Pizza Will Start Serving Breakfast

By **David Howell**
Editor

WATER VALLEY – Hometown Pizza will start serving breakfast Monday, a decision sparked by the closing of Downtown Inn and Coffee Parlor that will orphan a loyal morning crowd. Hometown Pizza owner Greg Segroves reported the morning meal will be served from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and his new morning menu will

include some of the favorites from the Downtown Inn menu as well as a few additions.

The traditional offerings will include pancakes, French toast, grits, sausage and biscuits, bagels, sausage and gravy biscuits, oatmeal and others, along with breakfast pizza slices and omelets. And, of course, coffee will be in the lineup with hopes that Kira Rutherford's morning reg-

ulars will make the switch.

"Kira shared with me what her big sellers are, what people like," Segroves explained.

The pizza joint has been open for more than three-and-a-half years and has already earned a reputation of delicious menu items that doesn't always come in slices.

"I am looking forward to adding breakfast, that is one of my three favorite meals," Segroves added.

Voters Return To Polls Tuesday

By **David Howell**
Editor

WATER VALLEY – The polls will be open across the state from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, for a runoff election in the Democratic Primary for one of Mississippi's two U.S. Senate seats. Candidates David Baria and Howard

Sherman will face off in the runoff and the winner will

claim a spot on the General Election ballot in November to run against Republican Senator Roger Wicker for the seat.

Sherman narrowly led the ticket over Baria in the Democratic Primary on June 5, but with six candidates on the ballot he did not receive a majority of the votes cast, forcing a runoff.

Sherman is a venture capitalist and is married to actress Sela Ward. The couple raised their children in Los Angeles, where he grew up, and they now live in Sela's hometown of Meridian. Baria is an attorney

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Time To Decorate For The Carnival

The Water Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a decorating contest for all Water Valley businesses for the 2018 Watermelon Carnival. The grand prize will be \$100, the second place winner will receive \$75, and the third place winner will be presented \$50. Judging will take place between July 25 and July 27, so please begin decorating by July 1.

Winners will be announced at the gazebo on

August 4 during the Watermelon Carnival and prizes awarded at that time. All businesses are encouraged to get into the Watermelon Carnival spirit and enter the contest. If you would like to participate, please contact Chamber member Joeli Williamson at (662) 816-7300 or the Chamber office at (662) 473-1122. Flyers reminding businesses of this contest will be dropped off as well. Deadline to enter is July 23.

As a reminder, there will be a separate contest for individuals sponsored through The Garden Club of Water Valley—for anyone interested in that, you can contact president Jeannette Whitehead for more information.

"We look forward to everyone entering both contests and bringing that Watermelon Carnival sparkle to our town!" reported Chamber President Nell Jobe.



Saturday will mark six decades for Betty Shearer at the Herald and the public is invited to a reception Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the newspaper office to celebrate this milestone. This photo was taken in 1964, as she churns out Herald pages on a Mele press with her son, Jim Shearer, perched in his stroller beside her. Shearer still enjoys the weekly routine and looks forward to many more years at the Herald.

Election

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in Bay St. Louis and served one term in the state senate before being elected in 2011 to the state's House of Representatives, where he is now the Democratic leader.

The winner of Tuesday's primary will have a tough campaign against Wicker, who has held the Senate seat since 2007. It's been almost three decades since Mississippi last had a Democrat in a Senate seat, an era that dates back to John C. Stennis, who served from 1947-1989.

Circuit Clerk Daryl Burney reported that only 12 percent of the county's 8,769 registered voters turned out for the June 5 primary, and turnout could be even lower in Tuesday's primary runoff.

Voters who did not vote in the primary may vote in the runoff. However, voters who voted in the Republi-

can primary on June 5 cannot vote in the Democratic runoff.

Absentee voting is underway and circuit clerk offices in the Water Valley and Coffeeville courthouses will be open until noon for voters to cast an early ballot. Burney reminds voters to vote in the precinct where they vote in county elections.

Poll workers selected for the election include:

Beat One North - W.G. Griffin (Return Officer), Judy Sartain, Pat Ray, Doris Holmes and Lowdia Doolin;

Beat One South - Rita Griffin (Return Officer), Marjorie Moore, Teresa Persick and Mary Towers;

Beat Two Water Valley - Sandy Morris (Return Officer), Mary Lou Jones, Alice Williams and Rubye Carr;

Beat Three Northwest - Jill Clark (Return Officer), Kathy Pullen, Shirley Avant and Rebecca York;

Beat Three Sylva Rena - Martha Tatum (Return Officer), Ora Lee Phillips, Benia Phillips and Rose Bennett;

Beat Four Coffeeville - Doyle Varner (Return Officer), Claude Harris, Kyna Logan and Hannah Ferguson;

Beat Four Oakland - George M. Worsham (Return Officer), Lizzie Earl, Freddie Winters and Deborah McLeod;

Beat Five Coffeeville - Deborah Bourn (Return Officer), Joe Bourn, Floydete McClora and Elsie Harrison;

Beat Five Scobey - Vickie Hollis (Return Officer), Charles Hill, Pauline Jenkins and Kimberly Melton;

Beat Five Scuna-Vann's Mill - Cathy Harrison (Return Officer), Rebecca Marion, Georgia Russell and Elizabeth Coleman;

Beat Five Tillatoba - Sherry Cook (Return Officer), John Cook, Essie Gary and Callie Hoop.



Brenda Campbell (left) and Linda Campbell were among regular customers enjoying a final meal at the Downtown Inn and Coffee Parlor last Friday.

Yalobusha County Arrest Log

This is a list taken from the log at the Yalobusha County Detention Center. A name listed does not indicate that a person is guilty of the crime with which they are charged, only that the person has been taken to and processed at the facility.

Arrest recorded from May 22 - June 18:

• Tywon Huddleston Jr - Sexual Battery - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Jerry Parker Jr - Possession Of Meth, No Drivers License, Improper Equipment - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Melanie Armstrong - Possession Of Paraphernalia - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department

• Antonio Hardaway - Petit Larceny - Water Valley Police Department

• Mark Neely - Sale Of Cocaine, Conspiracy - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department /Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics;

• Brandon Busby - Manufacturing Marijuana - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department /Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics;

• James Pomlee - Sale Of Cocaine, Conspiracy - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department /Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics;

• Savannah Simpson - Sale Of Meth, Conspiracy - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department /Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics;

• Orlando Hall - Sale Of Cocaine, Possession Of Cocaine - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department /Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics;

• Jim Malone - Possession of Meth, Possession Of Cocaine, Possession Of Marijuana - Water Valley Police Department;

• Cody Bryan - Possession Of Meth, Possession Of Cocaine, Possession Of Marijuana - Water Valley Police Department;

• Chance Wortham - Careless Driving, Failure To Yield For Officer - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Rotez Rockette - 2 Days To Serve For Drug Court - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Corey Beasley - Burglary, Aggravated Domes-

tic, Petit Larceny, Malicious Mischief - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department

• Patrick Hanks, Jr. - Petit Larceny, Burglary, Felony Fleeing, Run Stop Sign, Leaving The Scene Of Accident, Failure To Signal - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Clint Ware - Possession Of Controlled Substance, Possession Of Paraphernalia - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Henry Jackson - DUI 1st, Careless Driving - Coffeeville Police Department;

• Timothy Holloway - Fail To Stop For Blue Lights - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Blake Simmons - Disorderly Conduct, Fail To Comply - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Robert Harris - Public Drunk - Water Valley Police Department;

• Rachel Smith - Child Neglect, Petit Larceny, Hold For Grenada - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Kent Wilson - DUI 1st, No Drivers License, No Seatbelt - Coffeeville Police Department;

• Brandon Spearman - Possession Of Stolen Property - Coffeeville Police Department;

• Cody Britt - DUI Other, Possession Of Paraphernalia, Suspended Drivers License, No Tag, No Proof Of Insurance, Improper Equipment, Open Container - Water Valley Police Department;

• John Watson - Circuit Court Bench Warrant - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Joyce Hyatt - Hold For Calhoun Sheriff's Department - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department

• Jerry Patterson - Public Drunk - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Jake Weldon - Possession Of Paraphernalia - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Brian Wesley - Shooting Into Dwelling - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• David Sword - No Drivers License, No Tag, Possession Of Paraphernalia, Possession Of Weapon By Felon - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Anthony Harris - Aggravated Assault, Hold For MDOC - MDOC;

• William Smith - Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest - Water Valley Police Department;

• Chance Wortham - Careless Driving, Failure To Yield For Officer - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Rotez Rockette - 2 Days To Serve For Drug Court - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Corey Beasley - Burglary, Aggravated Domes-

tic, Petit Larceny, Malicious Mischief - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department

• Marcus Robinson - Circuit Court Bench Warrant - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Cory Logan - Aggravated Domestic Violence - Coffeeville Police Department;

• William Myers - Disturbing The Peace - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

• Ben Mister - DUI 1st, No Drivers License, Careless Driving - Coffeeville Police Department;

• Timothy Holloway - Fail To Stop For Blue Lights - Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department;

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Downtown

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ford it, yet you need it high enough where if you own the building and rent it out, you can afford to take care of it," Howley explained.

The Downtown Inn building includes an up-

stairs apartment and Howley noted that nice apartments on Main Street rent from a low of \$750 per month to as high as \$1,200.

Howley also said the current rate for retail space is around \$700 to \$800 per month and some buildings

bring more.

"I believe the best scenario is to have people own the building they operate in. And if there is a landlord, the landlord lives in Water Valley," Howley added.

2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Oakland

PWS# 0810007

May 2018

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Lower Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Town of Oakland have received lower susceptibility rankings to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact James R. Swearengen at 662.869.0628. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 13863 Hickory Street.

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2017, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measure-ment	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
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Microbiological Contaminants

1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	September	Positive	1	NA	0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
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Inorganic Contaminants

10. Barium	N	2016*	.0192	.0187 - .0192	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2016*	.8	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits

Pickup Sometimes Offers More Than Transportation

Soon after I left the bustle of the big city for small town life, I noticed that I had taken up residence in a truck culture. Men driving trucks, some dangling a cigarette from their lower lip, looked strong and capable; women sitting high and shifting low appeared no nonsense types, sending a message to clear their path.

I developed a curiosity about trucks and their confident drivers; maybe this was what I needed to advance my far from easy adjustment to Mississippi life. I admired the luster on a Strawhat Properties rat-rod parked on North Main and discussed the new paint job on his step-side Chevrolet with then mayor Mr. Larry Hart. Mr. Jody Burks drove around the bend on Lafayette with his dog Amos braced in the back of a retro, never out of style, pickup.

As is the case in my much traveled life, I am often all talk. At the juncture of new beginnings, enthusiasm can run high. And while a pickup truck seemed like an invitation to the dance of Water Valley, I never bought a three on a tree or a four on the floor.

The landlord's dingy and mottled carport has its hands full sheltering my polished black sedan; there



Dixie Scovel, a former New York newspaper reporter and editor, moved to Mississippi and Water Valley almost two years ago. Her column about the experience appears on the first and third weeks of the month.

is no room under its cover for a truck and I remain too much of a New Yorker to allow a vehicle to stand out in the rain waiting for me.

Yet, I kept an eye on the town's trucks when they blocked my line of vision as I blindly stepped on it and eased out from my angled parking space near Mechanics Bank or pulled over along the road to buy a watermelon from a full truck bed.

Then one day a gardening catalogue came in the mail offering a black pickup truck replica with solar headlights and room in the back for a low-growing plant. The truck arrived

cushioned in foam and carefully packed; it was all I had hoped it would be. After admiring, I left it on the front porch.

From the living room, I heard a crash and rushed back to the porch. My pristine truck had rolled off the table, landed with a bang and collided with a metal chair leg. One headlight was cock-eyed, it had a dented fender and a spot scraped clear of paint. It listed slightly to the right and looked out of alignment.

With one puff of wind, my shiny truck had been aged into a true Mississippi ride.

Righted, my new vehi-

cle was soon soaking up the rays on the porch. Little yellow zinnias filled the back and spilled over the sides. And in the night, as I travel through this big, old house halfway between sleeping and waking, I now always pause to check first the power of the headlights, then the shape of the moon.

In this uneasy world the appearance of headlights powered only by the sun, standing on the porch sending out twin beacons of light to Lafayette Street is reassuring in its simplicity and never fails to elevate my spirits. A coveted truck sometimes offers more than transportation.



After a minor "adjustment," the new pickup planter aged into a true Mississippi ride.

Cousin's Homegoing Sparks Search For Info About Black Women From Yalobusha County

By Dottie Chapman Reed



Dottie Chapman Reed is a native of Water Valley.

She graduated from Davidson High School in 1970 and from the University of Mississippi in 1974. She has worked in the Atlanta area since 1981.

She has launched a project to collect bios, pictures and other info about women in the county who made an impact in impact on the African American community.

and his baby sister, Mildred. George had told me where he was situated in the Quad City Area. It was not an easy trip for me. I was two days into a four-day conference at Clark Atlanta University.

I took a late-night flight to Chicago and after a few hours of sleep, drove the three hours to Rock Island, Ill., arriving with perfect timing for George's homegoing service.

When his son, George Adams, III, spoke, he talked of his father's love for our hometown, Water Valley, and how his dad never

ever missed an opportunity to travel home. I was a tad surprised since their early home had been in a neighboring county.

The next speaker, whose last name Bastrop sounded like a name I remembered from my home church, Miles CME, began by telling about he and George going to my mom's Sunday School Class.

I was astounded and flattered to hear that she always picked them up for Sunday School and there was a memory, a story, an experience that Mr. Bastrop remembered and felt appropriate, so many years later, to share with us on this occasion. Instantly, I realized there was more of a reason for my being there that day. I would have missed this tribute to my mom, Helen Chapman.

Later, I learned that a large van was chartered from Water Valley, and Water Villains came from across Mississippi, Memphis, Davenport, Milwaukee, Chicago etc. Sorry to say that I did not get to see everyone, but I did share with the congrega-

tion what George meant to me. This merging of home folks and families, coupled with George's love for Water Valley gave me an urge to hear more stories like the one that Mr. Bastrop shared.

Thus, I am soliciting biographies, stories and picture of black women of Yalobusha County, Mississippi - your mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, teachers, excreta who impacted your life and others in a positive way.

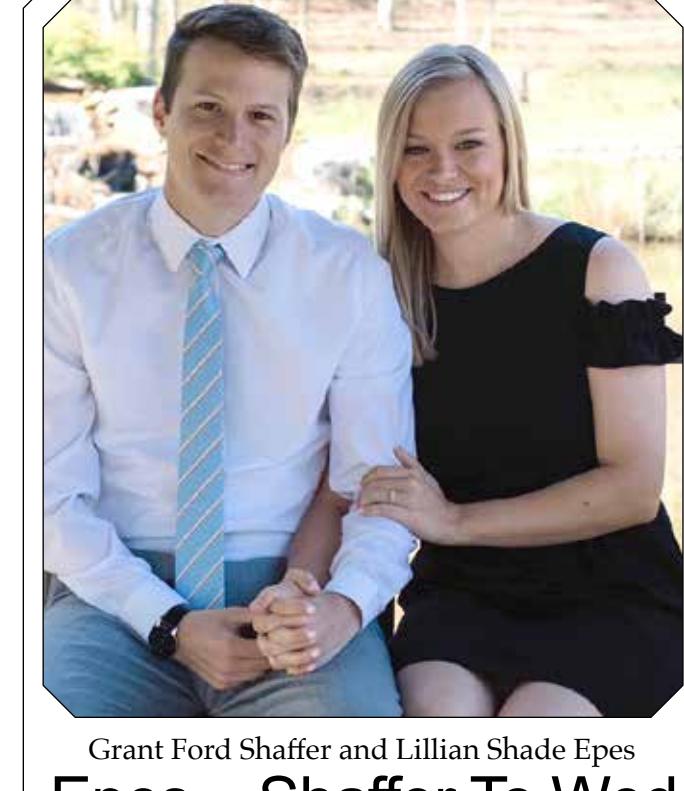
Please email to reed2318@bellsouth.net

or fax to Dottie Chapman Reed at 470.539.4954 or mail to 5398 Rosser Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

Please include: full name including maiden name, date of birth, date of death, occupation, employer and level of education.

All pictures will be returned upon request and special permission will be requested prior to publication.

Contact me with any questions 678.825.2356 and thanks in advance for making this a successful project.



Grant Ford Shaffer and Lillian Shade Epes

Epes – Shaffer To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierce Epes of Water Valley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lillian Shade to Grant Ford Shaffer of St. Louis, Missouri, son of Lori Ann Waggoner of St. Louis, Missouri, and Steven Grant Shaffer of Woodland, California.

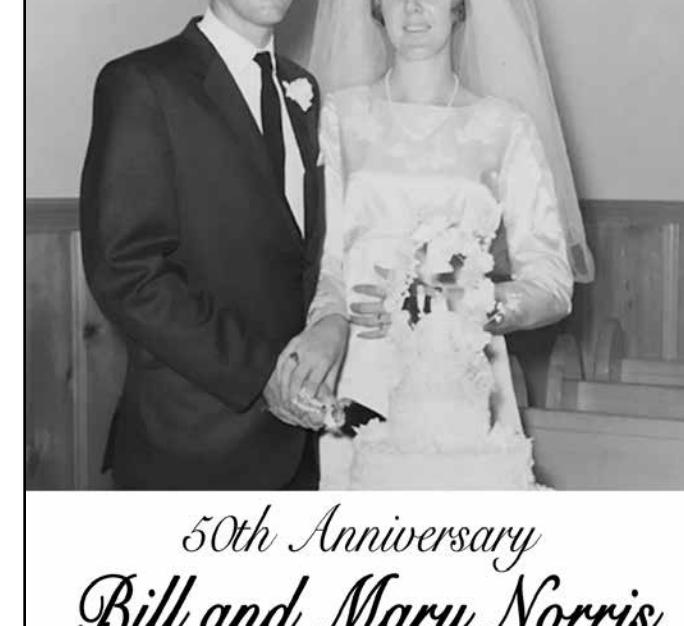
The bride-elect is the grand-daughter of Mr. John W. Skelton, Jr. and the late Sarah Dickerson Skelton of Carrollton, Mississippi and the late Mr. and Mrs. Theodoric Pryor Epes of Helena, Arkansas.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thomas Waggoner of Festus, Missouri and Mrs. Gloria Jean Shaffer and the late Ford Grant Shaffer of Woodland, California.

Miss Epes is a graduate of Water Valley High School and Covenant College where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Bio-Medical Biology. She was a member of the Covenant Softball team, USA South All-Academic Team, Tri-Beta Biology Club and the Dean's List six times.

Mr. Shaffer is a graduate of Heritage Classical Christian Academy, St. Louis, Missouri and Covenant College where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. At Covenant College, he was a member of the Covenant Basketball team and the Dean's List. He is currently employed as a manager at Manpower, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The couple will exchange vows on July 14 at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church of Water Valley. A reception will follow at The Old School Theater.



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~ bride-elect of Devin Smith

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~ bride-elect of Caden Copeland



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WVHS CLASS OF 1973

To all members of the WVHS Class of 1973. This May will be our 45th year since our graduation. To celebrate, we are planning a Class Reunion during the WMC in August 2018, specifically the days of Friday, August 3rd and Saturday, August 4th. Since I have lost touch with many of our members, I was hoping that this ad would reach out to you all and to ensure that you all are most welcome to attend. I will be glad to provide details, if you either (1) send me a Facebook friend request, (2) email me at judy-martin@yahoo.com (please add the S lol) or text me at (502) 457-1523.

Regards, Judy Martin



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Anglers Caught 52 Crappie During Afternoon Trip At Bynum Creek In '68

10 Years—June 19, 2008 – A Memphis native, Rev. Harold Spraberry, is now the full-time minister of First Presbyterian Church, after having preached at the church for a year.

Ethanol additive to gas was not an option anymore and it is reported that gasohol gives consumers less efficiency.

Businessman W. R. Newman appeared before the Water Valley Planning Commission regarding his plans to open a mobile home dealership on the Highway 7 By-Pass, south of the Highway 315 Intersection. The commissioners agreed that the business, First Place Homes, met the requirements.

Yalobusha County had been spared in church burglaries in recent weeks, but there had been a string of burglaries in the nine neighboring counties.

In a feature story about Mrs. Antonette Edrington, Lucia Holloway stated that even though Mrs. Edrington is approaching the century mark she continues to enjoy many of her passions, including gardening.

Tommy Latham of Water Valley was directing the upcoming production of "the Wizard of Oz" at Panola Playhouse in Sardis.

20 Years—June 18, 1998 – Kelley Pullen, a member of the Water Valley High School Band and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pullen, was selected as a member of the Mississippi Lions Club's All-State Band. The band was scheduled to perform at the Lions' International Convention later in the summer in England. Kelley was pictured accepting a check from the Pilot Club to help with expenses, presented by Mary Chandler.

Among state FFA officers for 1997-98 was Cameron Surrette of Water Valley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Surrette. He served as a Chaplain.

In a card of thanks in the Herald, employees of Bondafoam expressed their appreciation to Water Valley businesses for help following the recent fire at the plant.

Pictured at a planning meeting for an upcoming meeting of the District Garden Clubs, to be hostessed by the Water Valley garden clubs were: Dot Trusty, president of Town & County Garden Club; Amy McMinn, Project Chairman of Southern Living Garden Club; Mary Lou (Harold) Williams, past president of Garden Clubs of Mississippi; and Betty Harris, president of The Garden Club of Water Valley.

Regina Turner received a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies from Alcorn State University.

The Lady Troopers, coached by Freddie Folson, were in First Place in the Batesville Women's League.

Jason Goodwin and Chad Kimmett earned degrees at Delta State University.

30 years—June 16, 1988 – Rip Van Winkle and Vera Brower were pictured with some of the work they were preparing for sale at the Watermelon Carnival.

Jackson Pierce was pictured with her husband, James, at her retirement party. She had worked for Big Yank Corporation for 34 years.

A plaque testifying to Holley Automotive Division's Water Valley Plant's safe working record was acknowledged during a ceremony. The plaque was accepted by Tommy Latham, Plant Safety Representative, and Don Townsend, Plant Safety Director.

A community theatre was being formed in Water Valley. "Main Street Players" opened on August 13 with "They Run in Our Family", a comedy. Spearheading the organizing of the theatre were Jerry Holloway, Bonnie McGehee and Connie Shelly.

Airman Robert E. Farris, son of Nancy Neely of Water Valley and grandson of Johnnie Farris of Route Two, Water Valley, completed Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

40 Years—June 15, 1978 – Cindi Pittman was named Water Valley's "Miss Hospitality" and represented the City at the State Pageant. She is the daughter of Mrs. Patsy Bell Suratt and the late Paul Pittman of Coffeeville.

Rev. Frank Burton was assigned as pastor of Water Valley First United Methodist Church. Rev. Robert

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OPINION & REMINISCENCE

'Six Oh' Is A Big Main Street Milestone



Street
Talk
By Mickey
Howley
WVMSA Director

There's a party this Friday afternoon at the North Mississippi Herald office for Betty Shearer. It is a celebration of 60 years of Betty at this newspaper and working on this Main Street. Her front-page column, "Betty's Week," is only a small smidge of the effort and impact, a mere glimmer of significance, Betty has had citywide for the last 60 years.

When we speak of downtown resilience and sustainability, we in the business of downtown re-development often speak of "anchor businesses." This town is lucky with three anchor businesses over 100 years old, the North Mississippi Herald, Mechanics Bank, and Turgeon Drugs. You can go to each business and there are anchor persons, working there now or in the past, who have put in over half a century of service downtown. It is those individuals and their often altruistic efforts that have kept this Main Street going.

Betty is one in that few number. She could have bailed any number of times, retired and moved on, and no one would have faulted

There is a strange footnote in my relationship with Betty. My son in Louisiana admires her son in New Mexico. It is a tuba thing, her son Jim is a music professor and tuba pro extraordinaire and my son Ben is professional tuba musician.

Please drop by the Herald office on Friday and say hello. Join the Six-Oh. Be in that number. It is not often we get to celebrate such a

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With six decades at the Herald, Betty Shearer's commitment to the newspaper has helped one of the town's anchor businesses survive and thrive for almost half of its 130-year history. The Herald was founded in 1888 and Shearer came to work in 1958.

Cousin Wagner Enjoyed Arlington Opening

Hill Country Living



By
Coulter
Fussell

a big banquet & ball. I had a fine time, then the next night I went to the bicycle banquet. Alexe Payne invited me, there were only a few there who did not belong to the bicycle company. That banquet was huge, you bet!

There are two young ladies visiting at Marables & you may be sure we have lots of fun. I think they are flip but too old for me etc.

Doc has two horses out here & I get to ride one sometimes.

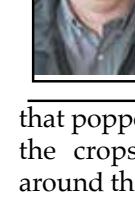
I have something to tell you that will surprise you. And that is that Miss Carrie is in a family way. She goes out seldom now etc.

I have not seen any of the girls lately but am going over to see Miss Janie this eve and will until nine when I return. Miss J was absent. I like to have for

Spotty Showers Were Good For Crops, Deluge In Other Areas May Not Be Good

Kyle's News & Reviews

In Agriculture



By Kyle
Jeffreys
Mississippi State
Extension Service
ANR Agent

that popped up and helped the crops in some areas around the county and also possibly hurt others with some flash flooding.

Several areas in the eastern part of the county received up to five inches of rain. On Wednesday morning I was out and about looking at crops and saw several places that flash flooding has caused water to cover sweet potatoes, that is not good. On the other side of that story I saw some corn around the Water Valley area that looked pretty good and is benefiting from all of this rain.

Over the last week we had several spotty showers

The rest of the week this

week I will be in Jackson for the State 4-H Horse show. For the first year in a long time Yalobusha county does not have any participants at the state show. As a whole state wide Horse show participant numbers are way down than what they were several years ago. There is much speculation about the reasoning for the decline but the argument always ends on there is just so many other things to compete for kids and parents time now. All I can say is any kid is welcome to come join and ride with the Yalobusha county 4-H horse club.

Help pollinators with a few simple steps

By Susan M.
Collins-Smith

Pollinators are important to flowering plants and the food supply, but dwindling numbers of some of these creatures, including

monarch butterflies and bees, have captured the public's attention. Many people want to help. But what can homeowners do to support these important pollinators? Jennifer Buchanan, senior curator at the Mississippi State University Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, shared her top three tips for creating a pollinator-friendly garden.

First, include plants for all life stages. Gardens and landscapes should have host plants suitable for insects to lay eggs, nectar plants for adults to feed on and other plants to provide shelter. Only a few host plants are compatible with some species, such as butterflies and moths, so make sure to choose ones that support the target pollinator.

Second, avoid using pesticides whenever possible. Instead, use natural

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Davidson High School Class of 1958 Celebrates 60th Reunion

Members of the Davidson High School Class of 1958 held their 60th Class Reunion May 25 and 26. The reunion was sponsored by Willie Mae Turner, Modine Willingham, Martha Nell White, and W. F. Hawkins. Pictured is the class (top photo) as graduating eighth graders that included (from left, seated) Cozy Hoskins Smith, Modine Bobo Willingham, Lorraine Moore White, Martha Nell Tyler White, Ruby Lois Polk, Edna Martin Booker, Carrie Mae Steen, Bernice White Daniels Georgia Mae Riley, and Annie Margaret Folson Campbell; Standing: Hazel Hoskins Crowder, Lee Cass, Earline Wright Hawkins, Albert Moore, Willie Mae Jeffers Turner, Har-

ry Campbell, unknown, Joe Willie Moore, Inez Buford, Ella Quay Chatman, Eugene Jenkins, Mary Lynn White Hairston, Edward Earl Flemming, Prentis Haywood, Mary Francis Joseph, Joe Fred Haywood, and J. B. Harley. Class members (bottom photo) attending the 60th class reunion: (from left) Willie Mae Jeffers Turner, Water Valley; Modine Bobo Willingham, Oxford; Edna Martin Booker, Kent, Wash.; W. F. Hawkins, Water Valley; Margaret Ragland Goff, Oxford; Martha Nell Tyler White, Water Valley; and Cozy Hoskins Smith, Ohio.



Look Back

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Godbold, current pastor of the church, will go to FUMC in Charleston.

Water Valley Jaycees and Jaycettes earned the Mississippi Multiple Sclerosis Key Award at the State Jaycee Convention held in Jackson.

The swimming pool in Community Park was open for the summer. It was under the sponsorship of the Water Valley Jaycees.

Carothers and Carothers received the contract for constructing recreational facilities at Wallace Creek on Enid Dam.

Several Backyard Bible Clubs were sponsored by First Baptist Church. Mrs. Judy Sartain led the club which met in the home of Mrs. Ester Bryan. The largest of these clubs met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wright and was directed by Mrs. Janice Avant. Another club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Peacock and was directed by Linda White.

A talented young dancer, Jerry Anne Burke, age 6, created her own routine and won Overall Best Talent in the Under 11 Age Division at the Memphis Cotton Carnival. She is the daughter of Dianne and Jodie Burke of Water Valley.

50 Years—June 20, 1968

—Hubert Sanders and C.E. Patterson of Hattiesburg caught 52 crappie, some weighing two and a half pounds, and five catfish, in an afternoon fishing trip in the Bynum Creek Area.

Water Valley Route Two had the largest number of

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methods, such as hand picking, to control harmful insects. If pesticides cannot be avoided, apply them carefully and do not let them

improved mailboxes of the five Water Valley Postal Routes.

Mechanics Savings Bank moved into its temporary quarters in Railroad Park and pictured were bank employees Iris Clark, Martha McMillan, and Vickie Ferguson at their stations in the temporary building. Work will soon begin on the new building.

Buddy Carter's yard was chosen "Yard of the Month" by The Garden Club of Water Valley.

The Farmers Home Administration approved the installation of the O'Tuckalofa Water System along with funding in the amount of \$80,000.

N. L. Joseph, son of Mrs. Clinton Joseph, was promoted to Specialist Four, U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany.

Captain Ronald Pass, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pass, contributed to the successful rescue of a pilot downed 20 miles northwest of Phu Cat AB, Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Johnson Cooper of Jackson, Tenn. were pictured boarding a train for a trip to Canbondale, Ill. where he received a gold pass for 50 years of service to the IC Railroad. Mr. Cooper is the son of Mrs. John Cooper of Water Valley.

60 Years—June 19, 1958

—Highway Commissioner Roy Adams said that contracts were being let for improvements to a section of Highway 315, east of Water Valley in Yalobusha and Lafayette counties.

A groundbreaking ceremony for a poultry pro-

cessing plant in Water Valley will be held on Tuesday. Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin was the speaker.

Chennell Hatchery is planning to locate a branch hatchery in Water Valley in the near future.

Joe Pegram, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pegram, was awarded a graduate fellowship for the study of mathematics at the University of Mississippi.

The Mollie Durden Brown Chapter of the U.D.C. held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Henry Stewart. The hostess served lemonade and cookies for refreshments.

70 Years—June 1, 1948 —Dr. Jerrel W. Benson, was recognized as a recent graduate of renowned John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy B. Benson of Oakland.

Mrs. Earl Bell, president of the Water Valley School P.T.A., received a certificate from the National Congress of Parents and Teachers for the local organization having been rated "Superior" for work done in the 1947-48 school year.

Pvt. First Class James L. Chapman of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea was promoted. He was serving with the "Hourglass" Division's 32nd Infantry Regent "D" Company as a Gunner.

Mrs. Spencer Sissell and Mrs. Jesse Elkin were hostesses of a meeting of their Rook Club. Beth Bell and Polly Martin entertained friends with a scavenger hunt.

drift into areas where target pollinators visit or live.

Third, choose a safe area to install pollinator plants and gardens. Plant as far away from the road as possible to help pollinators

Think Savings!

Beat the Heat

When temperatures start to soar this summer, these tips will help you keep cool.

- Keep windows and doors closed when cooling equipment is operating.
- If possible, locate air conditioning units on the shady side of the house.
- Clean filters regularly on air conditioning units.
- Install awnings or other shading devices over windows exposed to direct sunlight.
- Unplug unnecessary lamps, televisions, and small appliances when not in use.
- Turn off ceiling fans when the room is unoccupied.
- Use your microwave and/or grill instead of the oven for meal preparation.
- Use your clothing dryer at night instead of peak hours during the daytime.
- LED bulbs produce less heat as compared to incandescent bulbs.



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Blackmur Library Summer Program Is Going To Rock

This summer the Blackmur Memorial Library summer library program is going to rock! The theme this year is Libraries Rock! and the exciting lineup includes music crafts, games and other fun activities. The remaining dates for the program are:

Wednesday, June 27 - 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11 - 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18 - 3 - 4:30 p.m.

The program is for kindergarteners who have completed at least one year of school through rising sixth graders. Registration before the program is encouraged, but not required. Parents who wish to sign their children up for the program can come by the library and fill out a registration form. All children participating must have a registration form completed by a parent or guardian on file in order to attend.

If you have any questions about the program or would like to volunteer to help, please give us a call at (662)473-2444 or email as blackmurlibrary@gmail.com.

Ag, Forestry, Economic Development Are Topics In Two Day Summit

A two-day Sustainable Agricultural/Forestry/Economic Development Summit is scheduled in Water Valley and Oxford.

The event kicks off at Brown's Farm, 1632 CR 92, Water Valley, on Friday, June 22, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The following day, Saturday, June 23, the summit continues at Kingdom of God Ministries (located behind Learner's Playhouse) 36c Highway 334, Oxford, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is free, with a suggested donation of \$25. RSVP: Vickie Roberts-Ratliff, Shelton Roberts Properties, LLC, mvickieroberts@gmain.com or call (662) 392-0548.

Speakers and participants include local landowners from Oxford/Lafayette County and surrounding areas, property owners in city/county areas having clear title to 10 or more acres of land, Mis-

sissippi Forestry Commission, USDA Farm Service Agency, Leonard Brown (Brown's Farm), Winston County Self-Help Cooperative, Mid-South Progressive Agricultural Group, Janice Carr (JFC Legal), Vickie Roberts Ratliff (Shelton Roberts Properties), Dr. Nicholas Gardner (civil engineer), Tom Jones (developer), and other "seasoned" experts.

Topics to be discussed are: Technical support through local, state and federal agencies; Understanding heir property and estate planning; Importance of an agricultural management plan; Benefits of developing a forest management plan; Making rural housing programs work for you; Community/economic development plans; Basic facets about property zoning; Sustainability—why and how it affects your property; and Development capital/funds.

Betty's Week

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didn't sleep Monday night. Took an Advil PM Tuesday night and almost overslept—a loud clap of thunder awakened me. Quick shower and dressed, but still waited about 30 minutes before leaving the house. It was raining so hard I could not see the van, so knew that I could not load papers without getting them completely soaked. Got to the office and did the paperwork needed to deliver and it had slacked to a drizzle—made the delivers without any more hard rain.

Got to WV Food and Gas Mart and as I entered the store Linda says, "I don't want to see anymore snake pictures or hear any snake stories."

Knew I had not mentioned mine, so though there must have been more snake sighting—had heard several at church. So I says, "Guess you don't want to hear my story."

She answered, "Go ahead, I know you are going to tell it anyway."

So I did.

My plan to escape snakes at the house had always been, get to the van and sleep there—thought for sure they could not get into it. Well, the first story Jimmie told when she got to Mom's room at the nursing home on Friday night was that a snake had gotten into a friend's SUV. Said they come through the motor, AC, or some way. She said that after hearing this story she had to go out to her car, parked on the carport where they've killed numerous snakes, to get papers.

Her car is junker than my van—and that's really bad. Said she looked in and thought there could be a den of snakes in this

thing, or even a bear. Then next day, the report was that a family member, while riding around the pasture looking at the cows on the family farm, had spotted a black bear. Said that they rode right near it and it just look at them and then ambled off—was not a bit scared of humans. Does seem as if we're getting infested with critters. I've always been afraid that one morning, probably my early Wednesday when it's still dark, I will find an alligator on the porch.

Enjoyed a visit from

Tommy Latham and his little granddaughter, Hazel, Wednesday morning. Hazel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Latham. Eight months old, she was so cute and one of the happiest babies I've ever seen. Brought back memories of when I first met the Latham boys.

Their Dad, Ed, was a barber in the building next door to the Herald. First time I saw them Bit was a tiny baby and Tommy and Don were only a few years older. It was fun to watch these youngsters grow up, then we got to enjoy Leigh and Tim, and now to get to see a third generation is truly a blessing.

Brothers Bo and Rance came in Saturday morning to cut the grass. Rance runs the riding mower while Bo does the weed eating. Rance is always getting the mower going in the wrong direction (throwing the grass and rock at the house) and Bo turns him around, with the info that he's going to break a win-

dow or door.

Bo is so careful, always standing behind the weed-eater to protect the glass. Well Saturday, with him this careful, a rock got by him and into one of the sunroom doors. Of course he was devastated. I explained that it was no big deal, that the door had a solid piece of glass and that the multi-paned effect was only inserts.

He says, "I wondered how I managed to break all those panes with one blow." The shattered glass kinda makes a mirrored effect—sorta pretty, so may just leave it broken.

While they were there I went out and cleaned out the flower pots, again, found three hostas that the deer have missed. Several gardeners have told me that deer will not eat Marigolds and they protect other surrounding plants. So, I set off to O'Tuck to get Marigolds. I've been going to get plants for about six weeks and just had not gotten there, so they were just about out of everything.

They had no Marigolds, but Debbie Fly said that basil would also deter deer, so I got several plants, which I planted in the pots around my hosta—hope it works. Even if it doesn't, I'll have plenty of basil for anyone who cooks with it. Also found one beautiful color and several white bloomers (that you don't have to dead-head, according to Rance) that I don't know the names of—but they are so pretty. Rance has these plants at his hour, but couldn't remember their name.

We all had to stop occa-

sionally, sit under the carport and drink ice water. It was very hot and humid Saturday. My eyes are still burning from having sweat drip into them all morning and when I washed my hair that night it felt like it had been concreted—it's a wonder we all are not sodium deficient.

I warmed up all left overs from the week's lunches and they seemed to enjoy the meal I put on the table—said it sure beat that bologna sandwich they were looking forward to.

Have had more fun visiting with friends last week and this week. On Monday afternoon, while completing the column (we had no electricity for a spell so I was running late), Jennifer Norris McMinn and her youngest child came in to put an announcement for her parent's 50th anniversary. The celebration for Bill and Mary Norris is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sylva Rena Baptist Church.

It's hard to believe that Jennifer's and Lee's oldest child is now 12. Seems like she and Lee should be 12 or younger. Have loved all of these folks for many years. Lee is another of our Main Street kids and he has actually stayed, as have Bobby Turnage and Alice Shields Henderson. All of these children seem like family—I just claim them all as part mine.

My biological Main Street Kid and his wife will arrive Wednesday and it will be so great to see them. They are on their way for a summer vacation in Canada.

"NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR 2019 WATER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT"

The Water Valley School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2019 on July 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Water Valley School District's Administration Office. The Water Valley School District is now operating with a projected total budget of \$9,251,033. (17 percent) or \$1,575,768 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$9,242,163. Of that amount, (17 percent) or \$1,579,301, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Water Valley School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of Water Valley School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2019 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.



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Winner Of Pink Lady Raffle

Charles Bennett was the winner of an Afghan after purchasing the first ticket sold in the raffle. Bennett purchased the ticket from Elsie Harrison, member of the Pink Ladies of the Yalobusha General Nursing Home. She is pictured with Charles. The afghan was knitted by Vivian Gilley and Sue Hughes, Pink Lady members.



OBITUARIES

Brent O'Neal Gray

UTICA – Brent O'Neal Gray of Utica, MS went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 14th, 2018. He was 57 years old.

The funeral service was held Saturday, June 16, at Salem Baptist Church and graveside was at the church cemetery.

Brent was born in Jackson on October 11, 1960 to the late Charles and Shannon Gray of Utica, MS. He attended REBUL Academy. He continued his education at Mississippi State University, where he received both a Bachelor's and Master's degree. He owned a landscaping company for many years and later worked as the Yalobusha County Extension Agent. His life came full circle when he returned to REBUL, where he held many jobs through the years, including teacher, coach, and most recently headmaster. This position was more than just a job for him. He truly loved the school, the kids, and the community. He lived life to the fullest, and never met a stranger. He loved to laugh, and never passed on an opportunity to bless someone with a solo. As a teenager, he enjoyed playing football, and he was involved with horses and rodeo throughout his life.

Family was also a very important part of his life, and he had many lifelong friends. He is survived by two daughters: Lydia (Ben) and Heather, two brothers: Jeff (Barbara) and Michael (Cheryl), three nephews: John, Eli, and Tucker, as well as many aunts, uncles, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to REBUL Academy to help continue the Agriculture program, as well as many other programs and visions that Brent had for the students there.

William 'Bill' Lester Shultice

 BATESVILLE—William "Bill" Lester Shultice, age 67, passed away Sunday morning, June 10, 2018, in Baptist Memorial Hospital—North Mississippi at Oxford.

A memorial service, honoring Bill, was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, in Martin Willingham Memorial Chapel of Wells Funeral Home in Batesville, with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Dr. Paul Middleton officiated the service.

Born February 14, 1951 in Agana, Guam, Bill was a son of the late Rollin A. and Dolores Cruz Shultice. He was a quality control engineer at BorgWarner in Water Valley for 30 years. Bill served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed fixing things, working in his yard, fishing, grilling for his family, and camping. He also loved traveling and riding his motorcycles. Most of all, Bill enjoyed teasing and making his grandchildren laugh.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Nancy Webster Shultice of Batesville; two sons, Wade Lester Shultice (Amber) of Starkville and Wesley Adam Shultice (Tonya) of Batesville; one sister, Dorothy Ruth Shultice of Sinajana, Guam; four grandchildren, Madison and Kamden Shultice, Ava Quay and Alivia Jolee (A.J.) Shultice.

Doy L. Palmer

McCOMB—Doy L. Palmer, 81, of McComb passed away June 9, 2018 in the Southwest Regional Medical Center at McComb. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Hartman-Jones Funeral Home of McComb is in charge of arrangements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Board Meeting Scheduled June 25

The Water Valley School Board of Trustees have scheduled a school board meeting Monday, June 25th at 6:30 in the central office. The public is invited to attend.

First Baptist Church Is Accepting Applications For Preschool

Water Valley First Baptist Church Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year's Pre-K Program. A class for children who are four years old by September 1, 2017 is being offered. Class will be held each week, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. A registration fee of \$100, along with a completed form, is required to complete the application process. Tuition will be \$100 per month.

Applications are available for pick-up at the church office. If you have any questions, call (662) 473-2230.

Weekend Music Planned At The Pickin' Shed

The Pickin' Shed will host live music this weekend, starting Friday night, June 22, at 7 p.m. with the Ellis Family, Cathy Rowsey-Vaughn and Ron Sessum, the House Band and a new trio. The action continues Saturday night at 7 p.m. with Karaoke night. Singers are invited to participate.

A potluck meal will be served both nights at 6 p.m., bring your favorite dish and join in the fellowship. Donations accepted on Friday night and there is a \$5 cover charge on Saturday night. Alcohol is prohibited.

Long Branch Cemetery Association Schedules Meeting, Workday

The Long Branch Cemetery Association will have a meeting Saturday, June 23, beginning at 9 a.m., to discuss raising funds for the cemetery, as well as the repairing of monuments and graves. The cemetery is located between Oakland and Water Valley.

Everyone who has family buried there, as well as interested individuals, are encouraged to attend. You will need to bring water to drink and a chair. For further information contact Sharon Bell Hamilton at (479) 970-3652.

Registration Continues At Water Valley Schools

Registration at Water Valley High School and Junior High and Davidson Elementary School continues during the month of June. At the high school, parents/guardians can register at the office Monday to Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Report cards may also be picked up during those hours. At the elementary school, office hours for registration are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Annual Stewart Reunion Is Scheduled July 7

The annual Stewart reunion is scheduled Saturday, July 7, in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, located at 1020 N. Main and S. Court Street in Water Valley. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Those attending are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share at noon. If you have questions, please contact Patricia Pratt at 473-4788 or 473-6529.

Weekend Events At VFW Include

Friday Bingo, Saturday Dance

Bingo will be played at VFW Post 4100 on Friday night, June 22. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7. Providing music for the Saturday Night Dance June 23 will be the Bobby Hood Band. Everyone is invited to attend these events. Post 4100's home is located at 11535, Highway 315, west of Water Valley.

Deadline To Register For Homebuyer Class Is July 2

A homebuyer education class is scheduled at the Yalobusha County Extension Building on Thursday, July 12th, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This certified program will allow homebuyers to receive a certificate for credit toward various potential home buying loan agencies. Lunch will not be provided at the class; however, participants will take lunch from 12-1 p.m.

There will be a \$40 dollar fee for the class. Payments may be received through money order only. To receive a registration form for this course, please contact Allyson Coleman at 662-675-2730. Participants must register by Monday, July 2nd at 5 p.m.

Woodland Hills Baptist Church Schedules VBS June 24 - 28

Vacation Bible School is scheduled at Woodland Hills Baptist Church June 24-28, 6-8 p.m each night. The theme of VBS this year will be "Game On." The school will begin each night with an opening worship rally, which will include a skit, mission study, music, pledges to the Bible, Christian, and U.S. Flags, and an offering. The offering will go to World Hungry. There will also be bible study classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten, grades 1-3 and grades

4-6. There will be a nursery. Additional activities will be recreation, crafts and food.

"All children in these age groups are invited to attend," stated Margie Pilcher, VBS Director. The closing ceremony of the school will be held Thursday night, June 28, when parents, other relatives, and friends are invited to attend and see what the children have learned. A finger food fellowship will follow this program.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

Yoga May Reduce Depression

The breathing and relaxation practices of yoga may help to reduce the symptoms of depression, according to new research.

Participants with mild to moderate depression were randomly put into one of two groups. The first group did two 90-minute sessions of yoga a week.

The other, a control group, learned about the philosophy and history of yoga, but didn't do it. After 8 weeks, the yoga group had greater reduction in symptoms and were more likely to achieve remission of their depression.

The breathing techniques, relaxation, mindfulness and physical activity may help trigger the benefits in mood.

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Make The Most Out Of Your Shopping Trip

Living Well
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By Pamela Redwine
County Coordinator
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for day three included: easy cheesy lasagna, steamed broccoli, Caesar salad, herb bread sticks and death by chocolate. A special

thanks to all of the volunteers that helped out during the week! Master Chef's School would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers, Dena Platt, Marsha Morgan, Joyce Martin, Becky Crow and Patsy Edwards.

Make the Most of Your Shopping Trip

When grocery shopping, the goal is to stay within your budget and still get everything you need to provide healthy foods for your family. Following these tips will help you to spend less and eat better.

Understand the Store Layout

In most markets, you'll find produce (fruits and vegetables), meat, and dairy foods around the edges of the store. These are the

healthiest foods because they are the least processed. They haven't had salt, sugar, fat or colors added to them. When you walk into the store remember "shop the perimeter", meaning that if you shop closer to the walls of the store, you'll get the best health value for your food dollars.

Don't Shop When You're Hungry

This is a common tip and so true. There are a lot of tempting things to buy when you're in a food store. Shopping when you're not hungry will help you resist the temptation of convenience foods and snacks.

Stick to Your List

Before you go to the market, take the time to make a shopping list. And when you get there, stick to it! Exceptions can be made if pantry items that you use regularly or fruits and vegetables are deeply discounted.

Add Frozen Food to Your Cart at the End

If you make frozen foods your last purchase, they will stay frozen longer.

Check, Check, Check

Spend a little time now and you will save time and money later.

• Your refrigerator and pantry.

Before you shop, make sure you check out what you still have at home so you don't buy anything you don't need.

• Produce.

Look at bagged greens carefully and avoid any that contain brown or slimy leaves. Make sure that fruit is not bruised. Check that onions and potatoes aren't sprouting.

• Sell-by date.

MSU Extension Service

Save The Date

We have a couple more spots available for the youth 4-H Sewing Workshop, where we will be making a pillowcase on Monday, July 2 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Extension Office. This workshop is offered for youth ages 8-15. The cost of the workshop is \$10 which will cover all supplies and machine maintenance fee. Checks should be made payable to Yalobusha County 4-H. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Refrigeration and microwave are available. Space is limited. Must pay fee to be considered registered. Deadline to register is Tuesday, June 26th.

Learn how to use a pressure canner to can most vegetables, meats and sauces in our Green Bean Canning Class. The class will be offered on Monday, June 25, at 5 p.m. The cost of the class is \$5 and participants will take home a jar or green beans canned in class. The deadline to register is Friday June 22 or when class is full. Space is limited. Come by the Extension Office to register. Your fee should be paid to be considered registered for class.

Crochet MHV will meet on Thursday, June 21st at 10 a.m. The group is led by volunteer Karol Jarman. You will need a crochet hook and yarn. The Crochet MHV is open to the public.

A 4-H Family & Consumer Science Club Meeting is scheduled Thursday, June 21 at 4 p.m. Our program topic is photography. Participants will need to bring a digital camera – an iPhone, iPod or iPad will also work. The program is free and is open to the public-youth ages 8-18.

Healthy You exercise class will meet on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Extension Office. The classes are free. Make sure to wear cool comfortable clothes, good walking shoes and bring some water to drink.

Look for the package with the latest expiration or "sell by" date, especially on dairy items. That means it's fresher and you have more time to use it.

(Article Source: Adapted from Chop Chop Sprout newsletter)



Participants in the Master Chef Program last week included Leetavious Coffey, Takesi Hervey, Labrashia Caldwell, Katie Edwards, Riley Redwine, Lindsey King, Abby Edwards, Jacob Loftin, and Lora Brooke Morgan.

Fathers Recognized At Sunday's Service

Father's Day has come and gone, Fourth of July is right around the corner, Labor Day then Thanksgiving and a month later, Christmas. Does anyone else feel like life is passing by faster since we have gotten older?

At the Father's Day service at Tillatoba Baptist Church we honored the oldest father, Milton Harper Sr. and the youngest father, Jacob Young. They each received an insulated travel mug. All fathers were given a token with a Bible verse on it. Fellowship was held before worship with coffee, juice, donuts, fruit and a veggie tray.

Vacation Bible School ended Wednesday night with every class singing songs they had learned during VBS. We all had a great four days singing, crafting, and learning more about Jesus.

All three of Milton and Sadie Harpers' children, Sheila O'Bryant, Mit and Ed Harper, were in attendance at church Sunday for Milton Harper Sr. Ed drove down last night and will be here till Thursday.

Peggy was on cloud nine Monday morning when she got the call that she was a great grandma again.



TILLATOBIA NEWS
By Patcie Deck

Little Bailey James Deveney was born early Monday morning in Mobile, Ala. to Mac and Angela Deveney. Angela is the granddaughter to Eugene and Peggy Bailey.

David and I spent the day in Madison with Logan and Brandy Deck and little Mills Deck. Logan and Brandy prepared a delicious meal honoring David for Father's Day.

Sunday, our granddaughter, Frankie Holliday fixed a wonderful lunch honoring Brad Holliday and her granddaddy, David Deck for Father's Day. We enjoyed apple pie and ice cream for dessert. Donna Garripoli and Tim Sullivan also joined us for lunch. It was awesome, Frankie.

Thank you!

A beautiful wedding was held at Coffeeville Baptist Church Saturday afternoon as Destiny Kilpatrick and Jimmy Dukes were united in marriage. A reception followed in the FBC Family Life Center. Congratulations to you two sweet people!

Happy birthday wishes go out to Bro. Jimmy Martin on the 21st; Sherri Harris on the 24th; Carolyn Ward on the 24th (special request from Bradley Fred Holliday, Jr., great-great grandson); to Lauralee Beardain Russell on the 25th and Bubba Dukes and John Adam Robinson share a birthday on the 27th. I hope you all have a great day of celebrating!

Saturday night, the widow women of Trudy Schmitz Simmons' graduating class ate at Country Catfish. Those attending were Linda Harrison, Connie Groner, Barbara Brower and Kathleen Rowsey. They saw a classmate E.O. Boyle and wife, Eleanor Ann eating while they were there.

Thought for the day... Authority makes some people grow and others just swell.

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Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2016*	.0265	.0175 - .0265	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2016*	1.3	6 - 1.3	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride	N	2016*	.886	.796 - .886	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
19. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	2017	.6	.49 - .6	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2017	3.6	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	N	2017	.8	6 - 1	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2017.

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To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies", the CITY OF WATER VALLEY is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.6-1.3 ppm was 10. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.6-1.3 ppm was 87%.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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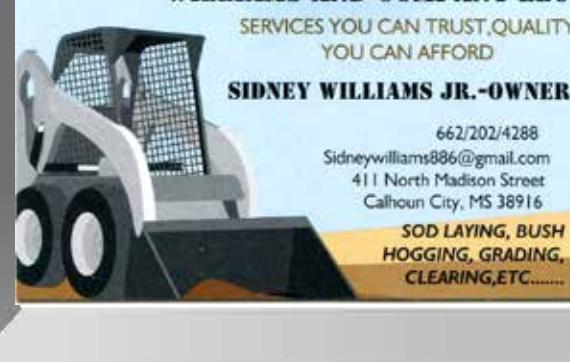
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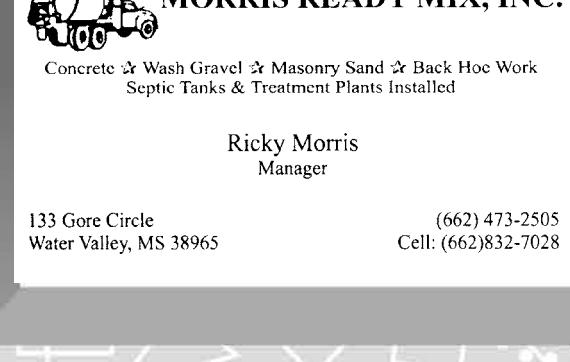
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Church Calendar of Events

June 22-24

The public is invited to the annual meeting at **Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church**, at Water Valley, June 22-24. Services start Friday night, June 22, beginning at 7 p.m., On Saturday morning the service will begin at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by lunch, with no afternoon services. Elder James Hall will minister Sunday morning, June 24, at 10:30 a.m., and the service will be followed by lunch. Elder Larry Wise is the invited minister. Elder Jams Hall is pastor of the church.

Sunday, June 23

The church family at United M.B. Church is having their Choir Day Sunday, June 23, beginning at 6 p.m.

"All choirs and soloists are cordially invited to come out and make a joyful noise to the Lord," says Rev. Calvin Hawkins, pastor.

June 24 - 26

Pastor Amos Sims and the **Bayson Chapel M.B. Church** family are pleased to announce the annual summer revival beginning Sunday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 26. Speakers include Pastor Bobby Baker of Divine Faith M.B. Church of Memphis on Sunday at 6 p.m.; Pastor Jerome Battle of Chapel Hill M.B. Church of Water Valley on Monday at 7 p.m.; and Pastor Jerry Malone of Springfield M.B. Church of Abbeville on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

June 24 - 28

Saddle up your horses, or hop in your car, truck, SUV, or van and come to the Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School at **First Christian Church** in Water Valley! Join us June 24-28 from 6:30 - 8:30 to take a wild ride through God's word! There will be exciting Bible stories, Peppy Songs, Fun

Crafts, and Delicious Refreshments for youth age four through high school.

Don't miss visiting The Bunk House, The Corral, The Ranch House, The Campfire, and The Barn! First Christian Church is located at the corner of North Main and South Court Street. If you have any questions, feel free to call David Freeman, VBS Director, at 473-2884.

Sunday, July 15

Oak Grove C.M.E. Church, located at 2445 CR 121, Water Valley, will have their annual Pastor and Wife Love Day Sunday, July 15, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The morning speaker will be Oak Grove's own, Minister Donna Blake. Rev. Kenneth E. Rogers will be the speaker for the afternoon, accompanied by his Mt. Comfort Church family from Waterford. Rev. Michael Phillips serves as pastor of Oak Grove.



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AUCTION: 1st and 3rd Friday nights at 6:30. SPECIAL AUCTIONS on Saturday mornings. Rent-to-Own Buildings—paid for in 3 years. Mini-Storage Units available. New Mattress Sets—You can lose sleep trying to find a better deal!! 82 Front Street, Coffeeville, 417-1256. 9-tfc

For Sale

FREE HEAT AND HOT WATER: Eliminate monthly heating bills with OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE from Central Boiler. Dual Fuel models and 25 year warranty available. Call today, BROWN'S CLASSICS EDGE, (662) 473-3576. 42-tfc

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY: Off North Main, located at 104 Martin Street. Building and land are for sale. \$80,000. Please call or text Betty Appleton, ERA Advantage Real Estate, (662) 607-1131. 26-tfc

FOR SALE: Double-wide Trailer, including the property. 3 Storage Buildings behind and one Storm Cellar. \$49,000, or Best Offer. Located at 1313 Boyd St. Ph. (815) 641-2872. 23-10p

FOR SALE: Small cabin on the banks of Six Mile Lake in LeFlore County, about 20 minutes from Greenwood, \$35,000. For pictures and/or to discuss, call (601) 270-6388. 8-tfc

FOR SALE: 3 Year Old Electric Range, \$75. Call 473-4901, if interested. 13-1tp

PIERCED: The New Testament is a brand New Edition of the easy-to read International Version New Testament geared to Young People, Young Adults, and Young-at-Heart folks. The Chapters and Verses have been left out! In the 1300's the chapters were inserted and by the 1600's the verses were added. By omitting the Chapters and Verses, it reads like books (which is the way it was intended to be). The 27 books of the New Testament are arranged chronologically so that they are believed to be in the order that it actually happened.

Pierced: The New Testament Retail Price is \$16.99 + tax (\$18.18) + shipping charges. We have made them available for a total price of \$12.50! We can be reached at www.circleiauction.com or (662) 417-1256. 11-4tc

LAND FOR SALE: 178 acres in Water Valley, off Hwy. 220. Good hunting. \$1,300 per acre. Call 225-571-0479. If no answer leave message. 13-4tp

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath (1040 sq. ft.), located at 1211 Jones St., Situated on 1/3 acre double-lot near elementary school and city park. This house has recently been redone and is in excellent condition. Everything looks new. For more information, please call (662) 473-2244 after 4 p.m. 11-4tp

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FREE: Six Kittens, weaned and ready to go. Ph. (662) 607-0725 or 473-7637. 11-2tp

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FREE: Six Kittens, weaned and ready to go. Ph. (662) 607-0725 or 473-7637. 11-2tp

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POSTED: All land owned by me, or leased and managed by me, in the Boat-landing Area, is Posted against hunting, fishing, riding of 4-wheelers, and running of dogs. Violators will be prosecuted by me, Nelco Enterprises. (662) 607-1131. 30-tfc

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Avant Plays In Fast-Pitch All-Star Game

Anna Mills Avant represented Water Valley High School in the Mississippi Association of Coaches fastpitch all-star game hosted by Jones County Junior College in Ellisville June 1-2. Twelve girls were selected from 1A, 2A and 3A schools in the north divisions and 12 were selected from the south. There were also a north and south team consisting of 4A, 5A and 6A players.

Avant played on the North Team, squaring off against the South Team with a Friday night game and a Saturday morning game. The north team won 8-0 on Friday night and 5-2 on Saturday. This was only the third time since the games began in 2002 that the north won both games. Anna Mills started both games at shortstop for the

north and drove in the first run in each of the games. Other teams members on the North Team included Gara Beth Self, Ingomar; Mycah Hall, Nettleton; Katie Grace Payne, Nettleton; Ali Settlemires, Biggersville; Caroline Gross, Belmont; Raelee Bell, East Union; MyCala Helms, Winona; Lexie Ward, South Pontotoc; and Tyesha Cole, Philadelphia.

Students Named To Honor Rolls At DES For Second Semester

Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll at Davidson Elementary School (DES) for the second semester include:

First Grade

Kerigan Nicole Buford, Braxton Abel Ferguson, Carolyn Rose Floyd, Jamie N Morgan, Aaliyah D Scott, Kyndal Z Spencer and Anthony M Telford.

Second Grade

Khloe Machelle Brown, Elizabeth S Chapman, Ellie C Chinault, Jaxon Kade Craven, Corbin A Gegenheimer, Leiton C Griffin, James B Harvey, Natalie Kay Hernandez, Cooper L Lyle, Ellissa J Murphree, Summer Joy Pryor, Alyssa R Sansing, Timothy E Story, Jr., Cadence R Tutor and Mason T Williams.

Third Grade

Luke P Bynum, Caspian Pierce Coughlin, Payton Grace Darby, Cohen A Hart, Eden Grace Henderson, John David Johnston, Jake W McMinn and Amelia Katherine Thomas.

Fourth Grade

Parker R Avant, Madison L Bryant, Annaliese L Coughlin, Matthew C Surrette and Parker W Turnage.

Fifth Grade

Molly C Embry, Sean W Ennis, Jackson K Herrera, Maggie E Hill, Jenna E Trusty and Joshua H Wrenn.

Sixth Grade

William Bradley Embry

Students named to the Teacher's Honor Roll for the second semester include:

First Grade

Jada S Benson, Gracie N Bishop, Ryan Cole Blackwood, Selena M Boedecker, Zaylan K Booker, Cooper Bryan Burrowes, Aliyah Marie Cobb, Colton Bryan Crumley, Jose G Guzman, Joslyn A Hammond, Jeremiah D Harris, Zairia Dasha'nakeel Harris, Jiyah A Jenkins, Majesty A Judson, Jamiracle L Kuykendall, Makenzie L Kuykendall, Zachary Slade Lee, Rojereon L Lumas, Jonathan R, Malone, Jr., Katherine A Martin, Dailyn T Morgan, Jonathan C Parrish, Kuepper W Sobrero, Benjamin R Surrette, Hance K Tisdale, Reese G Trice, Rylee K Tucker, Joy A Walton, Jonah I Ware, Taylor E Weekly, Akera A White and Trinity N White.

Second Grade

Bethany Alane Adams, Khelaifah K Alkendi, Lauren A Benson, Hunter J Bishop, Jordan Dean Blackburn, Aaliyah J Bounds, Royeshun K Brown, Xa

Niyah Z Brown, Peyton G Chandler, Leah Grace Cleverger, Martin Hayes Coburn, Jesse Elizabeth Crenshaw, Doyle George Ray Easley, Blaine A Gilley, Elijah I Hampton, Aeriellyunna T Hawkins, Liam M Olson, Joshua Wayne Potts, Chanryia A Roberson, Riley M Rogers, Gavin G Rose, Susan M Schroyer, Bentlee M Tucker, Faith Y'Keriya Walton, Robert L Webb, Roxanne Alessia White and Kaylin S Wood.

Third Grade

Da'marion Trevon Adams, Kimora L Anderson, A'riyah Zakia Benson, Kara Adalee Boyle, Nehemiah O Brown, Miles Logan Buford, Xavier Lee Burks, Eikiesha Jaleel Burt, Baleigh Lyn Camp, Quincy T Carper, Kimberly H Combs, Kamren C Daniels, Drew Sartain Dean, Adeline Jean Douglas, Kameron Gene Folsom, William Thomas Higdon, Jalylah Shakira Horton, Franklin Eugene King, Zamayiah Armoni Kuykendall, Parker L Logan, Emma G Moyers, K'morah D Myers, Mary Taylor Nutt, Chequilla Aiesha Owens, Isabelle C Page, Christian Demont Paten, Haydon Debrale Quarles, Kamariois L Ragland, David Graham Tatum, Randell Edward Taylor, Connor Daxton Waites, Jordyn Michelle Wier Williams, Alyssa Mahaleh and Makenzie Niariyai Willingham.

Fourth Grade

Joniyah A Benson, Levi J Bryant, Jake M Griffin, Evelyn L Guzman, Jeremy D Hampton, Lailah M Harris, Robert Lee Ingram, Skylar D Jordan, Preston C Potts, Isabella M Romberger, Ethan Garrett Sossaman and Mariah E Wilson.

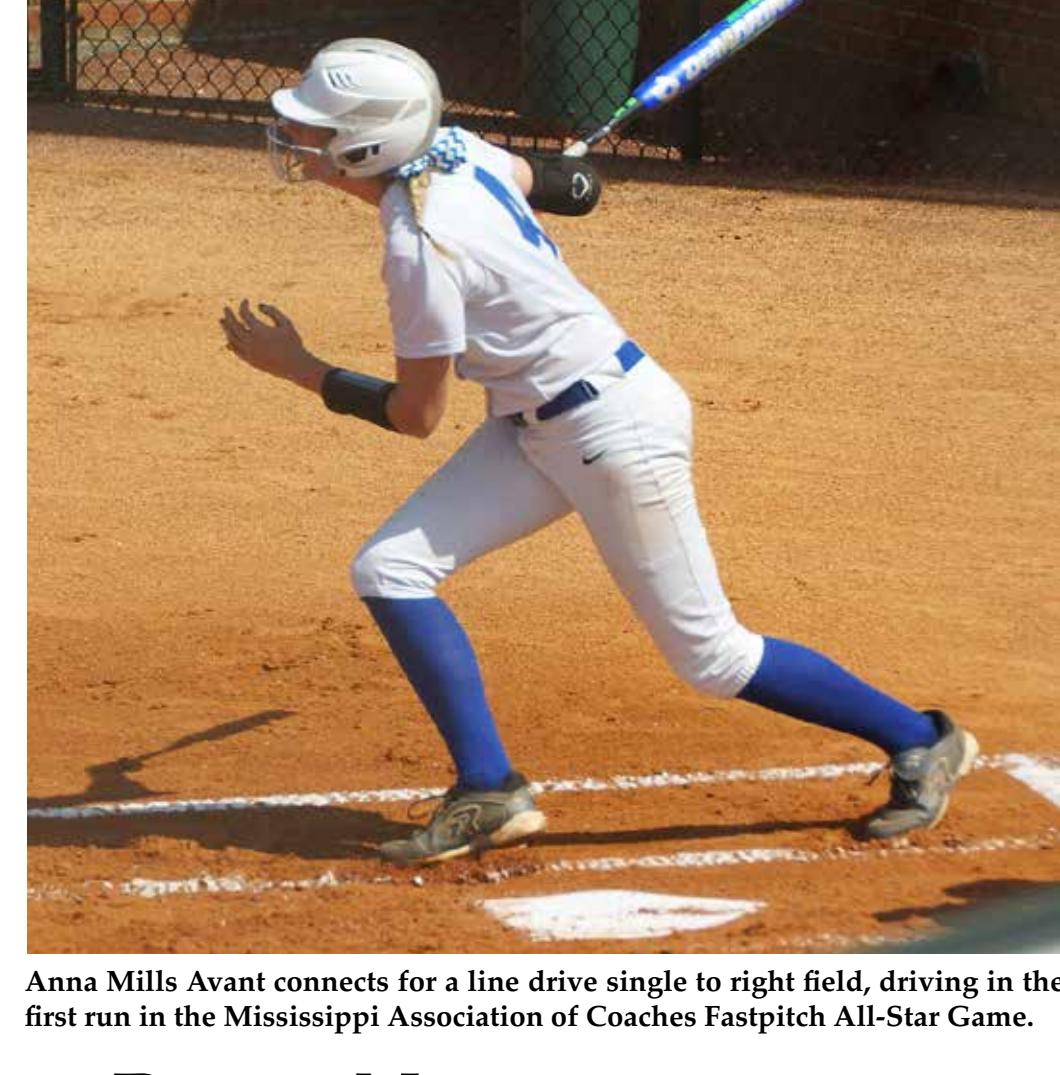
Fifth Grade

A'quarea K Berry, John G Boucher, Kaleb J Buford, Reid F Burress, Desmond C Campbell, Quinton N Cox, Presley W Defer, Hope Fondren, Amos H Harvey, Abigail Rose Hash, Alyssa J McCord, John Lee McMinn, III, Sarah Sien McNatt, Matthew D Osman, Marshall G Phillips, Laila M Pryor, Tyler N Richardson, Ezaryon Riley, Mandaryn M Smith, Deneesha B Spearman, Scarlet R Surrette, Baylie E Terry, Mallory J Tidwell, Elise Z Turner, Trynaidee' N Walton, Jaxon D Ward, Isaiah G Webb, Layla S Weekly, Kenariea L Willis and Mary L Woodall.

Sixth Grade

Alaina Claire Allen, Evelyn Jewel Brooks, Tiara

Ta'neal Brown, Jacob S Crawford, Ashlyn Kendall Darby, Nethanel Thomas Dunn, Emma Grace Hendricks, Diavionne Ja'asha Jackson, Jordan Makhi Morgan, Makayla Reese Purdy, Miah Elaine Robinson, Easton L Shields, Jazmin Nicole Stewart and Saddie Elise Swanner.



Anna Mills Avant connects for a line drive single to right field, driving in the first run in the Mississippi Association of Coaches Fastpitch All-Star Game.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NCPDD TO Hold Hearing On Aging Programs

The North Central Planning and Development District/Area Agency on Aging will hold a Public Hearing for Aging Programs on Friday, June 29, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Courtroom at Montgomery County Courthouse, Winona, Mississippi.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the Area Agency on Aging and the Mississippi Department of Human Services the opportunity to inform interested persons about programs and services available for senior citizens in Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery, and Yalobusha counties.

The goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2019 will be discussed and an update of current year activities will be presented. Comments from the public are welcomed.

Publish: June 14 & 21, 2018

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Yalobusha County, Mississippi, that a hearing will be held on July 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yalobusha County Courthouse in Coffeeville, Mississippi concerning the issuance of a second temporary stay prohibiting the issuance and/or approval of permits for construction of Multi-Family Developments. The Public is invited to attend and make any comments concerning the matter.

So Ordered, June 4, 2018.

Board of Supervisors of Yalobusha County, Mississippi

/s/ Amy F. McMinn

Amy F. McMinn, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Publish: June 21 & 28, 2018

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2017, Jessie Hilliard a/k/a Jessie Ray Hilliard, executed a Deed of Trust to Trent Howell PLLC, as trustee for the use and benefit of MECHANICS BANK, beneficiary, a Mississippi banking corporation, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2017 at pages 1322-1333 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Second Judicial District of Yalobusha County, at Water Valley, Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another trustee in the place of the trustee named in said Deed of Trust and Mechanics Bank, pursuant to said Deed of Trust, substituted Trent L. Howell as trustee in the place of Trent Howell PLLC by written instrument dated June 4, 2018, and duly recorded in Book 20182 at page 1938, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Second Judicial District of Yalobusha County, at Water Valley, Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations set out in the Deed of Trust and the said substituted trustee having been requested and directed by said Mechanics Bank to execute the trust; and in strict accordance with the Deed of Trust aforesaid and the laws of the State of Mississippi, the dates for publication of this Substituted Trustee's Notice of Sale in the North Mississippi Herald, a newspaper published in the City of Water Valley, Yalobusha County, Mississippi, having been set at the following, to wit: the 21st day of June, 2018; the 28th day of June, 2018; the 5th day of July, 2018; and the 12th day of July, 2018; I will on Friday, the 13th day of July, 2018, during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., before the main entrance on the south side of the courthouse for the Second Judicial District of Yalobusha County, in Water Valley, Mississippi, offer for sale, at public auction and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in the City of Water Valley, Second Judicial District of Yalobusha County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and the un-numbered half lot North of Lot 41, and also the un-numbered lots North of Lot 42; and also that lot un-numbered lying East of Lot No. 42 and to include that part running North of S. L. Bell's South boundary line, lying in the Shaw Addition to the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, and said lots being numbered according to, and this land being further described as beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 39, according to the Shaw Addition of the said City of Water Valley, Mississippi, at a point on Eckford Street and run thence North with said Eckford Street 175 feet to the Southwest corner of S. L. Bell's land; thence East with the South boundary line of S. L. Bell's land 375 feet, more or less to a point; thence Southeast with the line of S. L. Bell's land 300 feet more or less to a point 320 yards more or less due East of the point of beginning; thence West 320 yards, more or less to the point of beginning.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as substituted trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 15th day of June, 2018.

/s/ Trent L. Howell

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

TRENT L. HOWELL

P. O. BOX 947

WATER VALLEY, MS 38965

(662) 473-3307

Miss. Bar No. 2751

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5 & 12, 2018

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALMA FAYE CALDWELL, DECEASED

ROLANDA WARE, PETITIONER

NO. 18-CV-10

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The unknown heirs at law of Alma Faye Caldwell, deceased

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Rolanda Ware, Petitioner, seeking determination and adjudication of heirs of Alma Faye Caldwell, deceased. The other Respondents in this matter are Hugh Caldwell, Sr., Lula Hill, and Johnny Caldwell.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of July, 2018, in the courtroom of the Yalobusha County Court at Coffeeville, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of June, 2018.

/s/ Amy F. McMinn

By: Brenda K. Joiner, D.C.

Chancery Clerk of Yalobusha County, Mississippi

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF CAROLYN MILES, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 18-cv-58

JERRY MILES, EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned, by the Chancery Court of Yalobusha County, Mississippi, Second Judicial District in Cause No. 18-cv-58 on the 25th day of May 2018, and issued to the undersigned by the Clerk of said Court on the 5th day of June, 2018; you are hereby given notice that you must present your claim, or claims, against said estate to the Clerk of said Court, Yalobusha County Courthouse, Water Valley, Mississippi, for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice which is June 14, 2018, and you are further given notice that if your claim, or claims, is not registered and probated within said time, it will be forever barred.

This the 6th day of June, 2018.

/s/ Jerry Miles

JERRY MILES, EXECUTOR

Estate of Carolyn Miles

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Mississippi College Releases Honor Student Lists For Spring Semester

CLINTON - Austin King and Lauren Neely, both of Water Valley, were named to the President's List and Miriam Boxx of Coffeeville and Katelyn Stanford of Water Valley were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Mississippi College.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CAUSE NO.: 18-CV-38

MICHAEL WAYNE FLOWERS, EXECUTOR

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Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of May, 2018, by the Chancery Court of the Second Judicial District of Yalobusha County, Mississippi, to the undersigned for the Estate of TILLMAN J. FLOWERS, Deceased, in cause number 18-CV-38 in said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 30th day of May, 2018.

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Water Valley High School and Junior High cheerleaders attended cheer camp at the University of Mississippi last week. Both squads earned superior ratings during the camp. High school cheerleaders include (front row, from left) Larkin Gardiner Co-Captain, Carson Hervey, Mary Claire Kimzey Captain, Molly Todd Co-Captain, Sara Catherine

Brooks Co-Captain, Gracie Adams Co-Captain, Jayla Murphy; and (second row) Shannon Sparks, Tabby Dunn, Kaylynn Ferguson, Alexis Clark, Jade Bruce, Karly Bailey, Anna Claire Shaw, Caitlyn Green, LaDerica Pomerlee, Jumiah Jones, Zharia Harris and Tamea Gaston.



Junior High cheerleaders attending cheer camp last week include (front row, from left) Maggie Ward, Cloey Dempsey, Madison Adams and Miah Robinson; (back row) Bethany Pryor, Mya Harden, Tiara Brown, Angelina Whitten, Summer Webb, Geriyah Roberson and Evey Brooks.

Adams (right photo) was selected as an All American Junior High Cheerleader during tryouts held at last week's camp. Only 10 percent of cheerleaders are selected for this prestigious honor.



Frost Named President's Scholar At Hinds CC

RAYMOND — Hinds Community College President's Scholars have been named for the Spring 2018 semester. President's Scholars are those with a cumulative 4.0 grade point average.

Among those recognized as a Spring 2018 President's Scholars is Hikeen Frost of Tillatoba.

With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds enrolls about 12,000 students each fall semester. To learn more, visit www.hindsc.edu or call 1.800.HindsCC.

ICC Scholarship Recipients Include Moore Of Oakland

Students who have been offered scholarships at Itawamba Community College for 2018 include Cearra Moore of Oakland, Academic.

Moore is a 2018 honor graduate of Coffeeville High School where she was cheer manager, Beta Club treasurer, class officer and a member of Upward Bound. Her honors included Most Likely to Succeed, superintendent's list, principal's list and honor roll. She is the daughter of Mabelene Benson.



The BorgWarner team in the Magnolia League Baseball Program is the 11-13-Year-Old Champs, with a 10-2 record during the regular season. Team members include (top row, from left) Coach Joey

Joyner, Justin (J.P.) Williams, Aubrie Hardin, Que Carothers and Coach Robby Leard; (bottom) Nathaniel Dunn, Gabe Prior, Tyler Payne, Jy Williams and Geoni Cook. Not pictured is Mason Eubanks.

11th Annual Blue Devil Football Camp Is June 25 - 27

The 11th annual Water Valley Blue Devil youth football camp is scheduled Monday, June 25, through Wednesday, June 27, at the high school football field.

Students who will be fifth, sixth or seventh graders in the coming school year are eligible for this camp. The cost is \$40 for fifth and sixth graders and free for seventh graders.

Blue Devil coaches will teach offensive, defensive and weight room techniques that the high school team uses. Incoming seventh graders will get a jump on the 2018 football season by learning some of the positions and techniques that the team will use in the fall.

Camp starts at 7:45 a.m. at the field house each morning and pickup is 11:30 at the football field, except for Wednesday, when pickup is at noon at the high school gym.

The registration form is included below. For more info, contact Coach Brad Embry at (662) 523-0249.

(Please return this portion to the coaches the first day of camp)

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Birth Date: ____/____/____

Preferred Name: _____

Phone: _____

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4-Hers Participated In Project Achievement Day

Well our Dawgs pulled it out again!! With the 5th walk off of the post season, the MSU Bulldogs won over Washington in the bottom of the ninth inning. What a nail biter it was!! We are all very proud of our guys and their faith in each other as they take on Omaha with fierce and steadfast dedication.

Speaking of dedication, I have to say how happy I am for all our 4-Hers that participated in Project Achievement Day this past Friday in Verona. I personally had four great kids compete in the Robotics Contest and Share the Fun. Our kids have never competed in the judged robotics contest before and I am super proud of the effort and teamwork that they showed last week.

They placed fourth out of sixth; which in my opinion is great since we didn't really know what to expect. It leaves us room for improvement next year! Our very own Dalton Burney also won a rosette and blue ribbon for his performance of "Boondocks" by Little Big Town and "Amazing Grace" during the Share The Fun competition. He placed in the top four of the entire North East District.

Like I said, I am very proud of the work our kids have put into all their contest this year and I couldn't have asked for a better representation of our county during all the 4-H contests that has taken place over the last three weeks.

Attention all 4H Robotics club members! We will not have a monthly club meeting during the

NWCC Lists Spring Graduates

SENAUTOBIA – Northwest Mississippi Community College held its 102nd Commencement on Friday, May 11. This year, approximately 850 students participated in the graduation exercises, according to the Office of Admissions and Records. Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees as well as Career and Technical Certificates were awarded.

Dr. Jimmy W. Abraham, vice chairman of Client and Business Relations at Cadence Bank, and retired associate vice president of Development and Alumni and executive director at Mississippi State University (MSU) served as commencement speaker at all three ceremonies.

Among those receiving Associate of Arts degrees were:

Walker Gossett, Renalyn LaCook, Colton Waites, Suzanne Brooks, Colton Lee, Shelby Lee, Jake Mcphail, Samuel Rutherford, Sakia Townsend, Jackson Ward, Michael Watts, Keauana Farrow and Deidra Gibson, all of Water Valley; Shannon Moore and Sophie Birch, both of Coffeeville; Collin Cuykendall of Oakland; and Greleddrik Coffey of Tillatoba.

Among those receiving Associate of Applied Science degrees were:

Jalen Davis and Tammy Lloyd of Coffeeville; Micah Taylor of Oakland; Bethany Downs, Jeri Mcanally, Sabrina Sterczela, Charica Reed and Taylor Deal, all of Water Valley.

Among those receiving

Community Circle



By Allyson Coleman
MSU-ES Community Resource Development Agent

month of June. You have all worked so hard preparing for summer contest that I wanted to give you all a little well deserved break. I am so proud of all of your hard work and dedication to both Robotics and 4-H. We will resume meetings in July.

Don't forget our Coding Camp is approaching. This is a two-day technical program for youth ages 8-11. During the program, youth will learn what it means to be a 4-Hers through introduction to STEM concepts on the Scratch Jr. coding application. The youth will also be provided hands on activities that reinforce head, heart, hand, and health standards that 4-H represents.

The program will be held Tuesday, July 31st and Wednesday, August 1st from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. It will be held at the Extension Office located inside the Multi-Purpose Building in Coffeeville. The cost of the camp is \$15-supply fee; all checks should be made payable to Yalobusha County 4-H. Space is limited to seven participants.

La Fusion Strikes Back! ...With Soul

When Andreas, a Colombian-American living in Arizona with a PhD in Information Technology, and Monique, an accountant for Warner Brothers in Nashville who plays everything from violin to percussion, meet on stage, you know you're in for something out-of-this-world. I didn't expect it, unaware of their past visits to Water Valley, but I was absolutely floored by the quality of their performance last Thursday.

They are part of La Fusion, a Latin-influenced jazz-rock band that evoked everything in my mind from Pink Floyd to Santana and even the Beach Boys. Their concert this past Thursday was hosted by Foster Music and Arts at the old schoolhouse, and it was an entirely unexpected and beautiful experience. Never in my life had I imagined that our town could host something so special. Simply to hear Spanish and French sung here was a unique experience.

Their communication of ideas will certainly shape the way I approach music. Hypnotizing percussion, fusion of several languages and cultures, and the ability to effortlessly switch instruments captivated my imagination as to what I could do, what I could include in my own recordings and performances.

Events like these hold the imagination of all those in attendance: it's like a trip around the world, all from the comfort of a small town with a friendly atmosphere. And their chemistry as performers on stage was immaculate: it seemed like a personal message, a personal show, and they were having almost as much fun as I was. I don't know if it would be the same in Oxford—they may be that good at getting the audience engaged no matter where they perform—but as Andreas claimed on stage, there is something to our town; I'm sure being here with us helped.

Most of the eight players were from Oxford. A few of you, I'm sure, are familiar with the percussion professor, Ricky Burkhead, at Ole Miss: he played steel drums



Matthew Zediker is on stage with Ricky Burkhead after the show; he's holding a Surdo, a Brazilian marching drum, one of the many types of instruments on stage.

last Thursday, a form of Latin percussion, among other things (he is quite talented). I spoke with him after the show (pictured above), and he was proud to be a participant in something different, especially in Water Valley, agreeing that we are lucky indeed—lucky to have a wealth of great players in this area from which to draw. Our efforts must be directed to preserve that spark of creation and desire to make music in Yalobusha County.

Unfortunately, the turnout was not what was expected and wasn't particularly high. I spoke with Mari Foster, who helped put this program on, and she was not sure why there were no more than 40 people in a room that could easily hold 100. I couldn't conceive of a reason either: the music was great; it was

a Thursday night (which is available time for most folks); and admission was well within reason, with refreshments available for purchase. I do know that I had a blast and look forward to the next time La Fusion will be in town. I'll be there for sure.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend Don Puglisi's show hosted at the same venue, Foster Music and Arts' old schoolhouse, on July 12. He plays British invasion and classic rock music and will also play in Clarksdale at Ground Zero.

It would mean a lot if we could get as many people to attend as possible. It's understandable if there's something else going on for someone, but it must be acknowledged that musicians in Oxford, as I said before, recognize the power of a place like this: its

charm, comforts—everything—and come down to play. They believe in us. We should honor their commitment and support our town and its arts as the residents Water Valley deserves.



Guest Commentary
By Matthew Zediker

Mathew Zediker is a 20-year-old forever-resident of Water Valley. He is a student at Ole Miss studying mathematics



The Northwest Mississippi Community College Foundation is pleased to present students who are receiving scholarships for the first time from the Foundation. Since 1998, the Northwest Foundation has awarded \$5 million to approximately 7,000 students. In addition to the scholarships that have been awarded, an endowment valued at \$10.9 million exists that will provide scholarships in perpetuity. The endowment and scholarships awarded have been made possible through the generosity of alumni, friends, and corporate sponsors. Those receiving scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year are front row, (l-r) Jeryl Boxx of Walls, The Rick Oswalt Endowed Scholarship; Brionna Daniel of Sardis, The Inez Carter Fancher Endowed Scholarship; Eisha Burton of Sardis, The Freddie and Bertha Sanford Endowed Scholarship; Kallie Adair of Senatobia, The Marcus L. and Sue Cook Burks Endowed Scholarship; Meredith Tidwell of

Batesville, The Leonard Morris Endowed Scholarship; Timneisha Williams of Coldwater, The Sycamore Bank Endowed Scholarship; Lauren Pittman of Batesville, The Inez Carter Fancher Endowed Scholarship and Anita Hernandez of Water Valley, The John and Stelloise Basinger Endowed Scholarship. Back row, (l-r) Ben Van Cleve of Indianola, The Tony Roberson Endowed Scholarship; James Budrow of Coldwater, The Paul W. Lawrence, Jr. Endowed Scholarship; Paul Thacker of Olive Branch, The Jack Blanchard Endowed Scholarship; Tyler Allen of Pope, The First Security Bank/Larry Joe Pratt Endowed Scholarship; Wesley Bolden of Holly Springs, The Henry I. and Westelle M. Copeland Endowed Scholarship; Brian Wilkes of Courtland, The Toyota-Haley Barbour Annual Scholarship and Stephanie Young of Horn Lake, The First Tennessee Bank Endowed Scholarship. (Photo submitted)



The third class at Base Camp Coding Academy started their journey to learn to write software in 12 months. Class members include Timothy Bowling of Bruce, Cody van der Poel of Charleston, Dalton Cole Anderson of Charleston, Desma Hervey of Charleston, John Morgan of Charleston, Henry Moore of Coffeeville, Andrew Wheeler of Lafayette, Jakylan Standifer of Lafayette, Ginger Keys of Magee, Justice deLong Taylor of North Panola, Logan Harrell of Oxford, Myeisha Madkins of Oxford, Matthew Moses Lipsey of Pontotoc, Daniel O'Neal Peterson of Water Valley, Irma Patton of Water Valley and Ray Turner of Water Valley. The school is located upstairs above the B.T.C. Old Fashion Grocery.

Stanford Had An Impressive Sophomore Season As Member Of MC Archery Team

By David Howell
Editor

WATER VALLEY – Mississippi College student John Thomas Stanford is already looking forward to his junior season as a member of the college's archery team after putting a successful sophomore season in the books last month.

At the close of the 2017-18 season in May, Stanford was one of four Mississippi College archery team members named All American, an achievement that is earned based on scores from competitions the entire season in 3-D, indoor and outdoor shoots.

Stanford won the 2018 Southwest Regional Intercollegiate Archery Championship in Hattiesburg in April in the men's compound division. He also helped win a Bronze team medal in the National Championship outdoor shoot in Jackson in May as one of three of Mississippi College's top shooters facing competition from top shooters across the nation.

The recent accolades follow an already impressive season, including a fifth place finish in the nation in the 2018 U.S. Intercollegiate Indoor Archery Championship in Los Vegas back in February.

A 2016 graduate of Water Valley High School, Stanford made history two years ago when he signed a national letter of intent to attend MC as a member



of the archery team. It also marked a first for the MC archery team, as Stanford and a classmate were the first two in-state recruits.

Stanford plans to shoot in 3-D tournaments across the southeast this summer to stay in practice before collegiate play gets underway in the coming school year.

His goal as a junior is to place in the top three in the nation in both indoor and outdoor competition in his division.

Stanford is pursuing a marketing degree at MC and would like to go pro in archery, which could open an opportunity to work for an archery-related company in a marketing environment.

Every Shot Counts

John Thomas Stanford reports that one arrow outside of the 10 on the archery target can have a big impact on a top finish in national competition.



John Thomas Stanford had a successful sophomore season at Mississippi College as a member of the archery team. He shoots in the men's compound division and was named All American.

MDOT Protects Employees During Summer Operations

JACKSON – The summer months bring an increase in maintenance work for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). The longer days and hot sun increase the risk for heat-related injuries.

Almost 75 percent of MDOT employees work outside on Mississippi's highways. Safety is always MDOT's top priority, whether it's the traveling public in air-conditioned vehicles or highway workers laboring in the elements.

"On a daily basis, MDOT workers sacrifice their comfort and even risk their lives working to keep Mississippi roads safe for the traveling public," said Melinda McGrath, P.E., MDOT executive director. "MDOT has an intensive internal safety program and encourages workers to be safe and smart when working in the summer heat."

Each summer, MDOT crews across the state discuss heat-related safety with workers. Wearing appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) helps protect workers from injury and the sun's harmful rays. Workers are encouraged to dress sensibly by wearing a reflective t-shirt instead of a reflective vest on top of a shirt.

July and August are typically the warmest months in Mississippi, according to Weather-Channel.com. Average

temperatures hover around 92 degrees, and humidity makes it feel even warmer. With temperatures on asphalt over 60 percent hotter than the air temperature, MDOT workers are at greater risk for dehydration and heat-related illness.

Highway workers are trained to be "Brother's Keepers" by watching out for signs of potential heat injuries in co-workers.

Prevention of heat illness is important at MDOT. Gradual adaptation to working in hot weather is a start. As the weather heats up, workers are encouraged to take a few short breaks and stay hydrated during the day; and if possible, schedule heavy work before sunrise to catch the coolest part of the day.

"While summer temperatures are a concern for highway workers, the biggest safety threat is passing motorists," McGrath said. "No amount of safety gear or plastic cones will stop a vehicle crashing into a job site. Motorists should slow down and move over when highway workers are present."

For more information about how to navigate a highway work zone safely, visit GoMDOT.com/DriveSmartMS.

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Classmates of John Wister White (right) including Eddie Ray (left) and Joy Windham enjoyed reminiscing about old times during a recent visit. White

left Water Valley in 1959, dropping out of school to help support his family. Hard work helped him succeed in the oil field business.

From Floor Sweeper To Multi-Millionaire, No Luck In John Wister White's Journey

By Lucia Holloway
Herald Contributor

Cutting short his Water Valley High School days in the 10th grade in 1959, John Wister White (known locally by his middle name) moved to Memphis with his parents, Jesse and Myrtle White, and seven siblings. The family moved due to his parents illnesses.

Since then, his life's journey has experienced dramatic juncture that his Water Valley classmates have learned of each time he visits his home-town relatives. Recently, Joy Person Windham and Eddie Ray reminisced about old times with their friend.

Looking Back

Shortly after their relocation his father suffered a second heart attack, creating a financial crisis. Being an older child, Wister worked a day job to supplement the family finances, while attending night school to complete the 10th grade. Soon, Wister told his folks, "Y'all need more help than I need a high school diploma". He quit school, joined the Army National Guard, and completed six months basic training and MP School at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Still, Wister couldn't find a good paying job, so he moved to his sister's, Dorothy Shirey's, home in Houston, Texas. There he was night manger for a Mobile Oil Gas Station. "The Good Lord performs miracles and I'm living proof of that," he said. "One night at closing time, a car pulled in and a guy asked if we had a cigarette machine. A lady in the car hollered 'Are you a White?'" He replied, "Yes Ma'am" She then asked, Are you from Water Valley?" It turned out that she was Ann Anthony, a Water Valley cousin. She said to her friend, "Joe, you ought to hire him. I don't know him but I know his older brother and his folks are working fools." Joe asked, "Boy, do you want a job?" Wister said he replied, "Yeh, what do you pay?"

Wister joined the work force at Dressler Machine Co., staying 11 years. "I learned my trade with them. The company built Resept Compressors for pumping oil and gas for

off shore platforms located from Louisiana to Grand Rapids. Later, the company sent him to Norway to work in the North Sea for three months. After returning to the states, he quit his job and was hired by Blue Water Maintenance, Inc. as an independent contractor.

"I developed a control group division for them," he said. "Our first job was a million dollar project." After nine years with the company it was sold.

In 1983, the bottom dropped out of the oil industry. He and the former company CPA created W-Industries. This company designed, manufactured and installed control systems for large reciprocal natural gas engines.

"During those hard times in the oil industry, I moonlighted to feed my wife, Coleen, and our daughter, Gale. We nearly starved to death," he remembered. Bidding for jobs, the company often lost contracts to companies with union labor who had more expert credentials. However, these very competitors sometimes contacted White for his deep knowledge and skills. I truly loved my work, although it was a seven day a week job," he said. "I'm not just an instrument fitter, I'm an artist when it comes to design appearance and functions."

Referring to their big breakthrough in company earnings, he recalls a job that two union guys had worked two weeks designing a panel. It did not perform well, so the big company, that authorized

the job, approached White to see if he could improve the workmanship. He spent most of three days and nights, designing a solution.

The original contract had a clause penalizing the construction company \$10,000 for each day the job was not finished on schedule. When he was asked if he would accept the completion challenge, he offered a counter offer. For each day, White's company finished the job early, his group would receive a \$10,000 daily bonus. W-Industries completed the job 45 days early.

"During those days I was blessed by God," he said. "We were a unique company because we built the instrumentation for the biggest platform that BP put in the Gulf at that time. We designed the standard control panel for Shell Oil's first floating oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico. This control panel worked on all of Shell Oil's platforms in the Gulf. Our company also built the hydraulic controls to set the first floating oil platform Shell put in the gulf. This was in about 1,000 feet of water. We had 45 hands who could wire it up, tube it, and finish the job."

Looking back on his career he said, "The miracle of the whole thing was I started out sweeping doors for Dressler and ended up buying one of their companies. Now, that ain't luck. The Good Lord just blessed me."

His philosophy was "not to live out of the business but to build the

company up to sell, paying ourselves just enough to get by."

After 16 years of operation, the principal owners sold the company in 2000 for 21 million dollars.

On her death bed, his mother told Wister that she had prayed to the Good Lord, asking Him to watch over her son and bless him. She said that He does answer prayer. Wister said that he truly believed what his mother told him.

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