



Emma Gooch and Dottie Reed standing in the front door of their former elementary school building hoping it could be restored for community use.

DES Honor Student Lists

Davidson Elementary School released honor student lists for the first term. Students who earned all A's are listed on the Principal's List and students who earned A's and B's are listed on the Teacher's Honor Roll.

Principal's List

First grade: Ethan H. Battles, Olan Reed Blakeley, Je'la R. Buford, Marley L. Core, Malia E. Curtis, Marian C. Edwards, Brady C. Gardner, Jakailah R. Hervey, Keija D. Jones, Jacob D. Ledford, Ansley C. Melton, Kamaree L. Merritt, Tionna S. Ragland, Gavin M. Robbins, Hadley R. Sherwood, Kanaudia N. Smith, Isaac O. Stokes, Isaiah O. Stokes, Shayden R. Sykes, William C. Thomas, Aubree Tucker, Ja'yanna M. Woodard and Emma R. York.

Second grade: Emalee S. Chapman, Knox P. Golson, Brayleigh A. Higdon, Layton E. Lee, Lucian Q. Lindsey, Alexandra K. Lyle, Adalynn M. McCluskey and Savannah N. Potts.

Third grade: Austin L. Davis, Braxton Abel Ferguson and Dariuz J. Hicks.

Fourth grade: Cooper L. Lyle and Summer Joy Pryor.

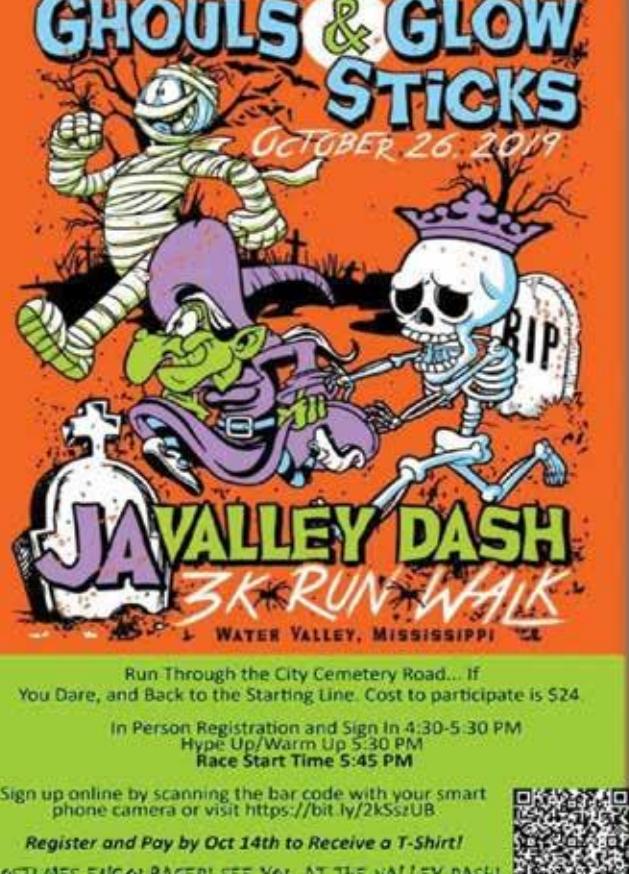
Fifth grade: Amelia Katherine Thomas.

Sixth grade: Parker R. Avant.

Teacher's Honor Roll

First grade: Bradford J. Barton, Jr., Armani M. Caldwell, Caleb R. Camp, Damarius D. Craft, Emmanuel D. Crowder, Bryant P. Curtis, Daniel J. Evtuch, II, Charlee S. Golson, Malayia N. Gooch, Jason K. Green, Nicholas T. Harris, Arianna G. Hattaway, Adalyn G. Johnson, Braylee D. Joyner, Tom O. Kirkpatrick, Rashad E. Kurtz, Jayceon D. Lee, Autumn Ivyunna Malone, Anabel R. Martin, Wyatt E. Tedford, Chaun J. Thomas, Raylon V. Vanwinkle, Nyomi D. Walton, Benjamin B. White, Kayden L. White and Malan A. White.

Second grade: Carson G. Boyle, Bradford A. Brooks, Fisher G. Camp, Mallie J. Gordon, Keevin T. Hicks, Hayden A. Holly, Anna F. Irby, Landon M.



Outstanding Black Women of Yalobusha County: The Project Continues From The Students Preparing To Collect The Untold Stories

Keon Burns

Upon entering Water Valley, we were embraced by the community and held so close that I honestly did not want to leave. The Water Valley community has a rich history that its members embrace and cherish with such fervor. I am ecstatic to learn more about the heart of the Black Community of Water Valley, THE BLOCK! I am so thankful to Ms. Dottie Chapman Reed for allowing me the opportunity to collaborate with the community and immortalize their history.

Rhondalyn Peairs

Though I had not been to Water Valley frequently since I returned to Mississippi eleven years ago, my most recent visit showed me that the more things change, the more they stay the same. The main street area stands revitalized with stores, cafes and even an art gallery. Those changes are good. As we entered the first missionary baptist church, a modern building on "The Block," the past rang out in the call and response of the deacons leading worship. It instantly reminded me of the Sunday service and revivals in Black Baptist and Methodist churches throughout the state of Mississippi in my youth. The comforting, participatory and communal nature of the worship was comforting. The traditions continue and I was home.

Colton L. Babbitt

Although I have lived in Water Valley for several months now, the day we spent in Water Valley allowed me to see this town in a new way. I expected and assumed our tour would take us down Main Street, where the First Baptist Church looks down the hill at recently restored store fronts that house new boutiques and restaurants. Instead, I learned about "the block," the historic hub of the black community, and had the privilege to worship at Spring Hill M.B. Church and Mt. Moriah. I am so thankful for the welcome we received at 5th Sunday and to have met so many of my Yalobusha County neighbors. The stories I heard were better than any assumptions I could make, and I look forward to hearing and preserving them through this oral history project.

Brittany Brown

I appreciate the Water Valley and Yalobusha County communities for welcoming us with open arms. Attending church service at Spring Hill North M.B. Church and Mt. Moriah Baptist Association reminded me of my own upbringing in the Missionary Baptist Church. The tour of Water Valley, especially learning about Davidson School and The Block, made me think about my own small hometown of Quitman, MS. What stories, people, and histories are going untold? I'm looking forward to having the chance to highlight the rich history that exists in Water Valley and want to do so with honor, creativity, and integrity.



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