



Dottie Chapman Reed presented a powerpoint presentation chronicling her journey to record the history of outstanding black women in Yalobusha County during the Art Crawl Saturday night. Reed (standing, left) was set up in the Main Street Association building and is pictured with some of the ladies featured in her book, "Outstanding Black Women of Water Valley." The ladies are (from left) Dorothy White, Bettie Milledge, Ethel Morgan, Katherine Matthews Pollard, Lillie Roberts, Dorothy Smith Kee and Emma Faye Gooch.

## Reed Shares Details From Journey To Preserve History

Water Valley native Dottie Chapman Reed shared a powerpoint presentation during the Art Crawl that documented her five-year journey to preserve the rich history of black women of Yalobusha County. The discussion showcasing Reed was sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council and moderated by Alyia Steele, Journalism and New Media Associate Professor at the University of Mississippi.

Reed's journey as a historian started with a column in the Herald published in June, 2018, as she solicited biographies, stories and pictures of black women of Yalobusha County. That initial column spawned a total of 55 articles in the Herald about influential matriarchs and others in the community who impacted countless



Water Valley High School students Natalie Phillips (left) and Christian Lewis (right) posed with author Dottie Chapman Reed. Both students are the grandchildren of Ora Lee Phillips, who was featured in Reed's book.

lives including Reed..

The first 45 articles, Phase I of the project, were ultimately compiled for a book, "Outstanding Black Women of Yalobusha County."

"I call it from column to book to collection and

an oral history project that preserved African American history in the county.

Last year her extensive collection of papers were displayed at the University of Mississippi as the school celebrated 60 years of integration. Her papers and keepsakes displayed at UM Libraries' Department of Archives and Special Collections started with her time as a student and extended into her first job as the first black admissions counselor at the University of Mississippi in 1974.

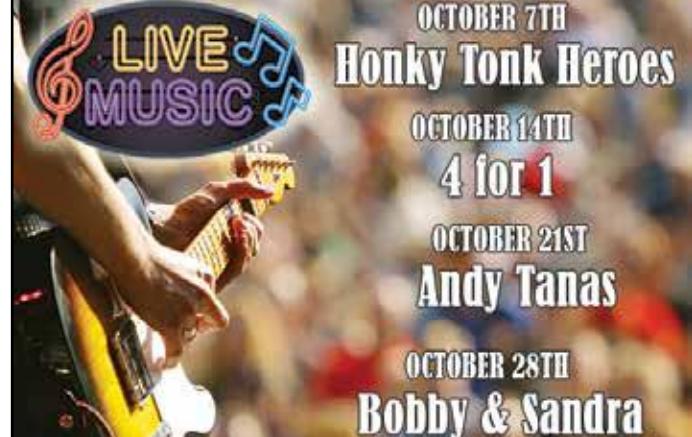
Reed, who resides in Atlanta, reports work continues with a new documentary featuring the black matriarchs of the county. The documentary is expected to be completed next year. A trailer can be viewed on her website, <https://blackwomenofyalobusha.com>.

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Local artist Dane Noonan enjoyed his first public showing for his paintings at during the Water Valley Art Crawl Saturday night. Noonan, who is from Florida, moved to Water Valley in 2017. Noonan's work was featured at Bozarts.

## 2023 POLITICAL LISTING

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

#### SHERIFF



Jerimaine Gooch

#### CORONER



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#### DISTRICT 2

##### JUSTICE COURT JUDGE



Janet Caulder



Trent Howell

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Brad Willingham

#### TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR



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Cayce Washington

#### DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR



Kenny Rogers

#### DISTRICT 3 SUPERVISOR



Kenny Harmon

#### DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR



Gaylon Gray

## 'Fun'draiser

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Tyler Hill, who were caught red-handed in the bank's

vault. Officer Brian Willhite "arrested" his father-in-law, Chuck Tatum, creating a family feud just in time for Thanksgiving.



Water Valley police officer Chris Pullen "arrested" Kentrell Walker for speeding around the stadium during the football game.

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