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WEDNESDAY 9/23	THURSDAY 9/24	FRIDAY 9/25	SATURDAY 9/26	SUNDAY 9/27	MONDAY 9/28	TUESDAY 9/29
 86° 61° Afternoon Storm POP: 55%	 84° 61° Plenty of Sunshine POP: 2%	 84° 63° Mostly Sunny POP: 9%	 83° 60° Sunny to Partly Cloudy POP: 14%	 83° 59° Clouds and Sunshine POP: 24%	 84° 59° Mostly Cloudy, Rain POP: 55%	 84° 60° Morning Shower, Sunny POP: 49%

FNB Water Valley Announces Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

WATER VALLEY — FNB Water Valley, a branch of FNB Oxford Bank, invites the community to celebrate the grand reopening and ribbon cutting of its Water Valley branch at 400 N. Main St.

The event will be held Friday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m., beginning with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted in partnership with the Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce at 2 p.m.

Following the ceremony, community members are invited to enjoy refreshments, tour the branch and meet the FNB team.

Earlier this year, FNB Water Valley underwent major renovations to enhance the appearance and functionality of the branch. Updates included a renovated lobby, new offices and a conference room on the second floor and new brickwork on the exterior of the building.

The renovations also added the branch's first drive-thru, iTM (Interactive Teller Machine) and ATM. Renovations were completed in late August.

As a full-service branch, FNB Water Valley offers consumer banking, personal and commercial lending, mortgages and a variety of business services. The addition of the drive-thru and iTM provides customers with greater convenience and expanded access to banking services.

The iTM allows customers to complete many traditional transactions, such as withdrawals, deposits, check cashing, account transfers and loan payments, with the assistance of a live teller beyond



The newly renovated FNB Water Valley branch on North Main Street is pictured at dusk. The bank will hold a grand reopening and ribbon cutting Friday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.

traditional banking hours. It is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

"We're excited to welcome the Water Valley community back to a branch that has been thoughtfully

updated with our customers in mind," said Leshon Polk, vice president and Water Valley market manager. "These renovations allow us to offer a more convenient banking experience while continuing to provide the friendly, personal service our customers are used to. We're proud to be a part of Water Valley and look forward to celebrating this next chapter with the community."

"This building has been a landmark in the heart of downtown Water Valley for many years," said Johnny Barrett, president and CEO. "We're proud to be able to update the space, and we hope this renovation reflects our commitment to Water Valley and to the families and businesses that call it home."

Colom Makes Campaign Stop In Water Valley

WATER VALLEY — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Scott Colom brought his campaign to Water Valley Saturday, stopping at Bozarts Gallery following a program honoring some of Yalobusha County's Black voting pioneers.

Colom, the district attorney for Mississippi's 16th Circuit Court District, spoke with local residents and answered questions during a program hosted by Dottie Chapman Reed. He is challenging Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith in the Nov. 3 general election. Independent candidate Ty Pinkins is also seeking the seat.



Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Scott Colom speaks Saturday at Bozarts Gallery as a film crew documents his campaign stop.

The setting provided a backdrop for Colom's discussion of voting rights. The Emma Spencer Gooch Collection exhibit at Bozarts recognizes Gooch and other Yalobusha County residents involved in voter registration and education during the civil rights era. Reed wrote earlier this month that the exhibit was intended to recognize those who registered Black voters and the churches that hosted monthly meetings of the Yalobusha County Voters League.

Colom told the audience that the sacrifices made by those early voting-rights workers should not be taken for granted.

"Sometimes we gloss over the fact that people died for that right," Colom said, referring to voting.

Colom said protecting voting rights would be a priority for him if elected and criticized political efforts that he said allow elected officials to choose their voters rather than voters choosing their representatives.

"We need to empower voters to pick leaders

and not let leaders pick voters," Colom said.

Colom also used the appearance to outline issues at the center of his campaign, including health care, wages and the cost of living. He said he supports raising the federal minimum wage and has made protecting health coverage and Mississippi hospitals a major part of his campaign.

Health care generated one of the questions from the audience. Colom criticized reductions in federal Medicaid

spending and said Mississippi's failure to expand Medicaid has put additional pressure on rural hospitals. He said he would seek bipartisan support in Washington for measures aimed at protecting Medicaid coverage.

Colom said that emphasis on personal contact has shaped his Senate campaign. He told the Bozarts audience that traveling to festivals, community events and small towns has shown him that many voters feel disconnected from

statewide and national politics.

"If you don't listen, you don't learn," Colom said.

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