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Saturday planned for county clean-up. See section C.

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# Mounds crossing gets OK

### By John Howell

Railway Logistics Services got the go-ahead Tuesday to build the rail crossing to Batesville Mounds for \$180,140.

Aldermen voted to proceed with the project after several delays, including advertising for bids for the project before they learned that Railway Logistics Services has the sole right to build crossings for Iowa Pacific railroads.

"I think we have a public safety issue out there," City Engineer Blake Mendrop said, prefacing his reading of a letter to the mayor and aldermen. The letter cited the city's agreement to provide a protected crossing at the site, the partial completion of the approaches to the crossing and the pending grant-funded work to build a concrete walking trail through the Mounds area and a

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Members of the Panola County Humane Society and local police officers look over the new pens recently provided by the city at its pound facility. Checking out the upgrade are (from left) PCHS member Kim Strickland, assistant police chief Kerry Pittman, animal control officer Benji Caine, police chief Jimmy McCloud and PCHS member Margaret Eubanks.

As spokesman for the PCHS, Eubanks said, "Thanks to the mayor and city board of aldermen. The news pens were greatly needed and appreciated. A special thanks to Ben for putting everything together and taking care of the dogs."

# Sardis board makes commitment to Panola Partnership

### By Rupert Howell

Sardis city officials pledged 15 percent of the town's tourism tax to support Panola Partnership, the county's economic development organization, but tabled a request for an additional 35 percent of the tax to fund a new position as the Sardis' Main Street/retail and tourism coordinator during Monday's monthly meeting.

Sardis currently receives approximately \$100,000 annually from a three percent tourism tax on restaurants and lodging.

Newly appointed Partnership director Joe Azar made the request with Partnership board member and former Sardis Chamber of Commerce President Dale Hart at

Hart told the board of mayor and aldermen the Chamber is only able to do a few tourism events as

Mayor Billy Russell was for both proposals stating that he knew how hard it was to recruit business and industry.

"I know how hard I've worked to bring retail business to town. One person can't do it alone. We don't have the assets that Panola Partnership has and I'm in favor of giving the Partnership a try."

Roy Scallorn serves as alderman-at-large and vice mayor and stated, "I believe Sardis will benefit. We are in dire need of improvements and this can do more for us than we can do for ourselves . . . We win by their (Panola Partnership's) relationships."

Without explanation Azar mentioned a new education center and repeated his thoughts on recreational development on Corps property at Sardis Lake leased by Sardis as a good place to put a bike

He also noted the best shooting

range in the state will be located nearby with a Sardis address.

He said that Batesville Main Street Director Colleen Clark would be available to advise on developing a successful Sardis Main Street program pointing to Batesville's revitalized Downtown

Azar stated he would make a similar request of the Town of

Although Alderman Bonnie Smith was voted with the board on the 15 percent request, she asked that the additional 35 percent request to fund the Sardis position

be tabled.

"I need time to process (the proposal)," Smith said.

She seconded the motion to pay the 15 percent tourism tax proposal and Azar would later say, "I feel great about it."

Hart noted that with other municipalities making sizable contri-

"We can truly have the partnership we need. The entire county has to come together to compete globally."



At the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Awards Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson Thursday, Keep Panola County Beautiful and the City of Batesville's Downtown Square Enhancement Project were awarded second and first place, respectively, in the Local Government Awards category. Pictured here (from left) are Rosemary Whatley and Jennifer Jackson with Panola County, KMB Director Sarah Kountouris, Meredith Fleming with Panola Partnership, and Koby Wofford with City of Batesville's engineers, Mendrop Engineering Resources.

Tomorrow is Keep Panola Beauitiful Day. See details in Section C.

## Flood insurance rates go up April 16

## By John Howell

Many Batesville residents have little more than a week to buy flood insurance for first year coverage at rates well under the pending costs.

After April 15, rates will increase dramatically for property that is be reclassified, with the adoption of the new Flood Insurance Rate Map

(FIRM) to be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

A Georgia Street homeowner said this week that he purchased coverage on his home for a \$350 annual premium, saving \$1,150 over the price of his premium after April 15. When the homeowner renews the coverage next year, he will pay the \$1,500 premium.

A story in the March 17 edition, "New flood plain residents discount ends May 15," was incorrect. City officials, including City Flood Plain Manager John McCollum clarified the date at a public hearing Tuesday during the meeting of the city's board of

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# Como man named Fulbright U.S. Student

Holloway

## By Rita Howell

Mathew Holloway of Como received word last month that he has been selected to participate in the prestigious Fulbright educational

exchange program. As a Fulbright U.S. Student, he will represent the U.S. State Department as an English teacher in Panama next year.

Holloway, son of Gaylor Holloway and grandson of Josephine Cleveland, is a 2012 graduate of North Panola High School and a 2016 graduate of Loyola University in New Orleans, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology.

The Fulbright program, funded by the federal government, sends students to 140 countries for the "promotion of in-

ternational good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science," according to the program's Web

Acceptance in the highly competitive program is just the latest of Holloway's achievements.

He served as the president of



In Jamaica he volunteered at the Home for the Destitute and Dying, a home for the elderly run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

Already Holloway has visited nine countries, including Cuba, where he is this

week. In New Orleans he works for a nonprofit, Cafe Rec-

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"Camping: nature's way of promoting the motel industry." ~Dave Barry



oncile, a life skills and job training



Winners in North Delta's Beauty Revue April 1 were (from left) second alternate Maggie Noah with handsome Russ Lewis; third alternate Taylor Barton with handsome Joe Cox; Most Beautiful Kendall Alexander with Most Handsome Will Kidder; first alternate Kendall Alexander with handsome John Haga Lewis; fourth alternate Anne Jordan Gentry with handsome Harris Cole.

Photo provided



Winners of the 2017 Little Miss Batesville Pageant on Sunday were (from left) Lily Adams, first alternate; Little Miss Batesville, Adie Ware; Ava Maples, second alternate, and Caroline Montgomery, third alternate. The pageant is sponsored annually as a fundraiser by the Batesville Junior Woman's League.

## **CROSSING**

paved parking lot that will be accessed via the crossing. "People will be trying

to start using the crossing; there's nothing to stop them now," he said.

## **HOLLOWAY**

program for young people in at-risk communities. Participating students actually work in the program's restaurant.

In an interview last week with The Panolian, he talked about his love for Como and the family and friends who have encouraged him.

"The small town boy always comes home," he laughed.

"I know who I am. I don't forget who I am."

When he was in the eleventh grade, a mission trip to Panama with the Como Church of Christ changed his life, he said.

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"I was introduced to the Latin American culture and the Spanish language. It made me realize that I am a global citizen."

And it was the catalyst for his desire to take advantage of opportunities to travel and experience and understand different cultures.

So when he applied for the Fulbright program, he asked to go back to Panama, where he is headed in Janu-

See page A4 for a commentary he wrote for The Panolian.



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# SpringFest seeks art vendors

By Rita Howell Batesville's SpringFest is expanding to include art and crafts this year, according to Colleen Clark, manager of Batesville's Main Street program, organizer of the festival.

Vendors of hand-made art are invited to apply to display and sell their work at the festival on Saturday, May 20.

"We are eager to enlarge the arts and crafts category with artisans sharing their diverse styles and creativity," arts and crafts vendor chair Sue Womble said.

Art must be created by hand either partially or totally, she said.

Also eligible to be sold at SpringFest are antiques, live potted plants and collectibles.

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accessories &

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Pottery artist Lisa Gant is among the vendors approved to participate in the SpringFest Arts and Crafts section on Saturday, May 20.

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tion and applications. Batesville SpringFest is in its 19th year, offering two in Downtown Batesville, with a carnival, a variety of foods for sale, and, this year,

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## **Obituaries**

## Wilsie Lee Brooks

SARDIS—Wilsie Lee Brooks, 91, died Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Merit Health Hospital.

Visitation is Friday, April 7 from 3-6 p.m. at Henderson Funeral Home in Sardis. Funeral services are Satur-

day, April 8 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church in Sardis. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Sardis.

Ms. Brooks was born December 13, 1925 to the late Josper and Olive Mea Dandridge of Como.

## Dr. Marshall Page Meacham

Marshall Page Meacham, DDS, age 96, passed away at the Veteran's Home in Oxford Sunday, April 2. 2017. He is the widower of Jean Hartzell Meacham.

Funeral services for Dr. Meacham were held Tuesday, April 4 at the First United Methodist Church in Batesville. Interment was at Magnolia Cemetery. Rev. Ed Temple, Rev. Ed Woodall, and Rev. Martin Case officiated the service. Wells Funeral Home had charge.

Marshall Page Meacham was born May 26, 1920, to Harold and Sadie Page Meacham in the Garrison community near Franklin, Tennessee.

For eight years he attended a one room school house with his neighbors, brothers, and sister before attending Battle Ground Academy in Franklin. After graduation he attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In 1944 he completed a degree in dentistry at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in Memphis where he met and married Jean Hartzell.

Dr. Meacham was commissioned to serve in the U.S. Navy and honorably discharged in 1953.

The M. P. Meacham family made their permanent home in Batesville, where he practiced dentistry for 54

He is survived by his three children: Robert (Carolyn) Meacham of Senatobia, Carolyn (Hal) Ferrell of Batesville, Marsha

six grandchildren: Jana Buckler, Jeana (John) Burchfield, Joann (Kerry) Davis, David (Stephanie) Meacham, Jared (Heather) Petry, and Natalie (Charles) Wright; 10 great-grandchildren: Emme Buckler, Chris

Burchfield, Matt Burchfield, Mary Grace Dickerson, Will Davis, Samuel Davis, Aaron Meacham, Caleb Meacham, Andrew Wright, and Joseph Wright; and brother, Wendell G. Meacham of Raymond.

Dr. Meacham was active and supportive of the United Methodist Church where he taught 8th grade Sunday School and was a member of the Jim Bates Sunday School class.

He supported numerous community activities, schools, and both professional and civic organizations, including the Batesville Lions Club, of which he was a charter member; American Dental Association, Rotary Club, with 20 years perfect attendance. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow, and Junior Auxiliary 1982 Charity Ball King.

His family and many former patients and friends were recipients of his fish, photographs, written tales "Hills and Hollows," vegetables, wood-crafted products-and his friendly whis-

Memorials may be made to Batesville First United Methodist Church, 119 Panola Ave. Batesville, MS 38606 or the charity of your choice.

## Two eateries plan to locate in Downtown Batesville

By John Howell Happy Foods vendor Robbie Pollard is still waiting on an answer to his request to be allowed to park his food truck on the east side of the Batesville Public Square each Wednesday.

Batesville city officials during their March 21 meeting took Pollard's request under advisement to determine what fee he

should pay for a permit. During Tuesday's meeting, the mayor and aldermen were unclear about whether he wanted to sell food only during the Square Market season and if that is his request, should it be decided by Batesville Main Street, which sponsors the farmers market from June through

October.

Pollard told city officials at the March meeting that he wants to locate his truck there each Wednesday "from now on." He requested a special Mayor and Board of Aldermen Permit (MBAP) for the privilege. No action was taken Tuesday.

Aldermen approved by unanimous vote the request for an MBAP from Paul Phillips who plans to open Doe's Grill in the building that formerly housed the Veranda and, years before, the Bankery.

"We'll be filling a vacant building on the Square and we'll be hiring local people," said Phillips, who also said that he was a BPD officer from 1990 to 2003.

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## Juldine Chambers Robertson

BATESVILLE—Juldine Chambers Robertson, 62, died Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi.

Visitation will be today at Cooley's Mortuary from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Batesville Jr. High School. Interment will follow at Shiloh M.B. Church.

Juldine was born July 8, 1954, to the late Leo Chambers and the late Georgia Ella Cosby Chambers John-

She confessed Christ at an early age and united with the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Robert Lee Jones. She later united with the Shiloh M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Eugene Marizette, and served faithfully in the Mothers' Ministry.

Juldine attended school in the South Panola School District and graduated with the Class of 1974.

On June 19, 1976, she married the love of her life, Coach Will Earnest "Pete" Robertson. And, the two became one! It was not often (outside of work) that you saw one without the other! His family became her family and her family became his.

She was employed with Parker Automotive for 38 years.

Juldine lived life well, laughed often and loved much. She never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it.

Juldine was proud to be the oldest sister and always looked for the best in others. Without hesitation, she encouraged good deeds and would chasten wrong

doings. She leaves a legacy of joy, pride and pleasure, a loving lasting memory our grateful hearts will forever

treasure.

Celebrating her well lived life are her loving and devoted husband of 41 years, Pete, and their two children, Emmanuel **Jevon Robertson** and Kierra Shanta' (Tred) Hines; her

grandchildren, Alycia, Malarie, Trelyah, Emmanuel Jr., and Trenton; brothers Ulysee (Genetta) Cosby, Will (Dorris) Bradford, Charles (Charity) Chambers, Pastor William (Linda) Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Keith (Wanda) Johnson, James Earl Johnson and Otis T. Iohnson, Donnell (Pamela) Tenner and Alex Tenner; sisters, Janie White, Annie Jenkins, Shirley (Steve) Simpson, Marilyn Brooks, Robbie (Leslie) Lantern, Gloria (Marcell) Walls, Alecia (Irvin) Hines, and Bonita (Earnest) Hayes; motherin-law, Birdia Robertson; sisters-in-law, Elnora (Dennis) Briggs, Gloria (Donald) Thomas, and Kassandra Fave Robertson; an uncle, Shelby (Catherine) Houston and first cousin, Bernard Cosby Jr., whom she considered her brother; she also leaves a host of additional family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Rosie LeElla Robertson; stepfather, James William Johnson; brothers, Melvin Chambers, Maurice Chambers, Willie Lee Johnson, Robert Lewis Johnson and Wayne Edward Johnson; father-in-law, Will Earnest Robertson Sr.; sisterin-law, Birdia Robertson Ellis; niece, Lashonda Ellis; and nephew, Donnie Tenner.

## **Shirley Taylor Thomas**

GLENDORA—Shirley Taylor Thomas, 55, died Sunday, April 2, 2017 of injuries sustained when a tree fell onto her house during a storm.

Mrs. Thomas was the wife of Glendora mayor Johnny B. Thomas, and served as an at-large alderwoman on the Glendora City Board.

She was a longtime radio dispatcher for the Tallahatchie County Sheriff's

Office.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m. at Persimmon Hill M.B. Church in Enid, where she was a member.

Rev. Riley Suggs will officiate the service. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Clark-Williams Funeral Home has charge.

Mrs. Thomas was born September 29, 1961 to Bonnie Taylor and Lucinda Taylor of Oakland.

## **Doyle Eugene Willingham**

BATESVILLE—Doyle Eugene Willingham, 78, died Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at his residence.

Visitation will be today, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cooley's Mortuary. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at New Bethlehem M.B. Church where he was

a member. Pastor Travis Willingham will officiate the service. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Willingham was born March 30, 1939 to Ernest Willingham and Eva Mae Pugh Willingham of Batesville. He was a mechanic and U.S. Army veteran.

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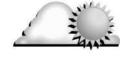
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# WEATHER

Friday, April 7

High Low 41°



A mainly sunny sky. Winds NNW at 10-15 mph.



## Saturday, April 8

High 74° Low



Sunny. Winds S at 10-15 mph.



## Sunday, April 9

High 80° Low 55°



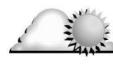
Sunshine and some clouds. Winds S at 10-20 mph.



## Monday, April 10

High Low

60°



Partly cloudy. Winds SSW at 10-20 mph.



## Tuesday, April 11

High 71° 54° Low



Mixed clouds & sun with scattered thunderstorms. Winds SW at 5-10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

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## **Editorial**

# There's plenty to do; please make litter a priority Saturday

It's up to Panolians, especially those of us who live in rural areas, to keep Panola County Beautiful.

The groundwork has been done. The schools are now putting out the message about recycling versus littering. Every house has a receptacle for weekly pickup; there are rubbish and recycling bins about the county for almost every thing that needs disposing.

Saturday is Keep Panola Beautiful Day and residents have the opportunity to clean their roads and frontage and be a part of a sustained movement, finally, to do something

A committee of "doers" is overseeing the project but Panola County's Solid Waste Department Director, Jennifer lackson, is leading the effort. Assistance is also coming from Panola County's Sheriff Department whose state inmates stay busy picking up roadsides. But they can't do it all.

Those crews will also be available to pick up bagged garbage for those participating in Saturday's cleanup who don't want to bring it to the courthouse.

## "It's up to Panolians... to keep **Panola County** Beautiful ..."

Section C of today's Panolian is a 12-page tabloid devoted entirely to Panola's beautification. It was written and photographed by Ole Miss Journalism students who have no connection to

Panola. They interviewed officials and citizens alike to get to the bottom of Panola's trashy problem—mostly litter and derelict buildings. Several advertisers supported our effort by placing advertisements in the section. They include: Bill Dugger, Eddie Nabors, Tallahatchie Valley EPA, Cooperative Energy, Guaranty Bank, and Panola Co. Solid

We thank them and hope you enjoy the special section.



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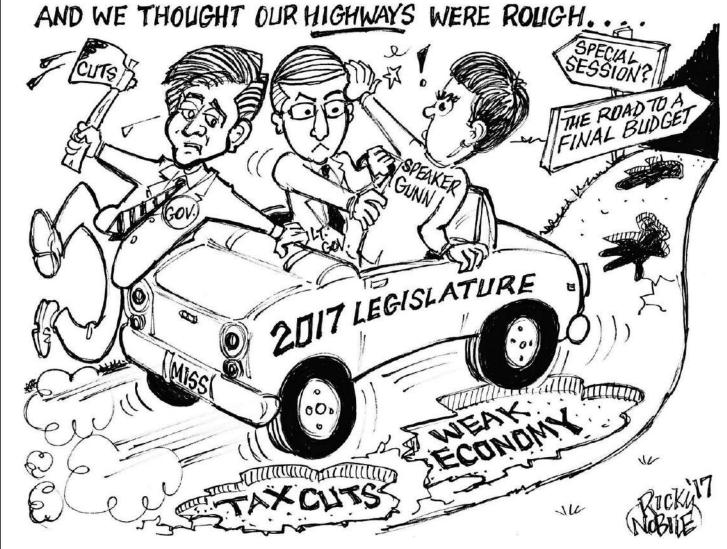
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# Final Four: MSU's women took us on a journey of pride, hope and joy

DALLAS – I've been a Mississippi State Bulldog all of my life. Old Main Dormitory burned six days after I was born in 1959.

We never set foot on the MSU cam-

pus that my father didn't mention Old Main. He was among the estimated 40,000 State alums who lived in Old Main and cherished the stories of "Polecat Alley" and the legendary students like John Stennis, Sonny Montgomery, Jim Buck Ross, and others who lived there.

After the devastating fire claimed the venerable old building and took the life of one student, the university marshalled some key donors to design and construct the Chapel of Memories on

the campus utilizing bricks salvaged from the Old Main dormitory fire that was dedicated on Oct. 8, 1965.

The old building and the chapel it spawned became symbolic of the university — old and new, rising from tragedies and evolving into something newer, better and more enduring.

My father, my mother, both my sisters, my daughter and most of my extended family are all MSU alumni. The first of his family to earn a college education, my dad swept floors in Lee Hall and worked in the stables on South Farm to pay his way through State during the Depression.

I worked and studied in that building in the 1970s. My daughter taught English there after earning her masters degree at MSU.

Over the years, MSU has seen more struggles that success in athletics. To be sure, there were great exceptions. There was the great football victory

over Army in 1935 and an Orange Bowl bid in 1937 under Major Ralph

Allyn McKeen brought State an undefeated season and an Orange

> Bowl win in 1940 and an SEC title in 1941. Emory Bellard led the Bulldogs to the historic 6-3 win over Alabama in Jackson in 1980. Jackie Sherrill led the Bulldogs to a 1998 SEC West title.

Dan Mullen's Bulldogs rose to No. 1 in the nation behind Dak Prescott in 2014 and a string of seven straight bowl games.

In basketball, Babe McCarthy led MSU to dominate SEC men's basketball in the late 1950s and early 1960s,

along with four outright or shared SEC championships. Richard Williams took the MSU men to the Final Four in New York in 1996.

Columnist

MSU baseball? Well, we've had nine College World Series appearances, 12 NCAA regional titles, and 17 SEC titles. All that and the Left Field Lounge

But for my money, there has been no single moment in our history that electrified Mississippi State fans quite to the degree than Friday's real-life David-and-Goliath basketball victory by MSU's women over the mighty University of Connecticut women with their gaudy 111-0 record. When "Itty Bitty" Morgan William's dagger of a clutch buzzer beater went through the net at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, it was a moment of pure, unadulterated joy.

As I said, being a State fan is a character building experience. The victory over UConn and the euphoria it cast on our fan base and over much of the nation on Friday represented uncharted waters. I wasn't sure just how to feel. Laughter. Tears. Shouts of triumph. Pride. Wishes that my parents were still with us - Dad would have loved it.

For so many years, the last shot never went in for MSU. The miracle never came. Some other university in some other state was doing the celebrating. But not this night. This night belonged to the people in Maroon and White and it was wrapped as tight as Jack Cristil used to tell us it should be.

Two days later, the magic run for MSU's women and Coach Vic Schaefer ended against a fine South Carolina team. That night, the Gamecocks were

"The victory over UConn and the euphoria it cast on our fan base and over much of the nation on Friday represented uncharted waters."

On Twitter, I said: "I hate losing and particularly on this Final Four stage. But I love this hustling MSU team, this fine coach, and our great

simply the

better team.

university."

And that's the truth. But like the charred bricks from Old Main, these young ladies will rise. The memory of their historic win over UConn captivated the nation and will endure. And in Dallas, those MSU women felt the support of people all over Mississippi and the nation who don't normally root for the Bulldogs – and they appre-

Sid Salter is a syndicated columnist. Contact him sidsalter@sidsalter.com.

# Mosby: Still grieving dog that up and died

"A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he does himself."— Josh Billings

ROLLING FORK—I was going through some old papers last weekend when I came something that figuratively knocked the wind out of me.

Almost exactly 11 years ago this week, I lost a dear friend and memories of him flooded across my mind like a ship's deck awash in an intemperate sea. There's a picture on my wall of my grandson when he was 10 or so, sitting on my deck, and behind him in the chair,

head resting on his shoulder, is the

Ray Mosby

**Guest Columnist** 

great big, beautiful, stupid old Golden Retriever that dwarfed him both in that

photo and in real life. I felt anew the not properly describable ache that we humans associate with loss and the sometimes stereo system of my mind chose to play perhaps the best lyric from "Mr. Bojangles" that was appropriately perfect: "...his dog up and died. Yeah, up and died. After 20 years he still grieves."

I am not a man who lends himself easily to emotions, having spent quite a few years training myself to be such. I am told that the only one I express with any real

vigor is anger and that, not as much, I think, as in years past. I've mellowed, I

guess, but the fact is that the number of things left that I truly love in this life is not a particularly long one.

But I loved that dog. He was a puppy when I got him, a gangly, floppyeared bundle of fur-coated energy with great big feet and a healthy appetite for furniture and anything that smelled like me.

When my best pair of loafers was consumed, there was a beating. But he grew to his feet. Full grown he was every bit of 130 pounds, without an ounce of fat to be found. Shoot, for most of our lives, my dog was as big or bigger than I was.

I named him Ranger, thinking myself oh, so clever in doing so. You know, Mosby's Ranger, like my Confederate ancestor. Everybody else

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# Fulbright Scholar grateful for community who invested in him

(Editor's Note: Mathew Holloway of Como has been selected as a Fulbright U.S. Student. See the story on page

One morning, I awoke to an email that would change the course of my future from a recent college graduate to an international fellow. Immediately, I opened it and to my surprise, I had been selected as a recipient of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship.

Thousands of the U.S. brightest students, graduates, artists, and professionals all competed for the opportunity to teach English or conduct research aboard, all the while bearing the responsibility of serving as a cultural ambassador for the United States. After frantically calling and texting everyone I knew, I began to reflect on the experiences and



Mathew Holloway **Guest Columnist** 

individuals who helped me arrive to this victory.

What has made it possible to become a Fulbright scholar is not only my individual merits but a community of unsung heroes who invested in my potential. Thus, my charge is this: investment matters. Stories like mine reaffirm that when students are empowered by their community, the sky's the

Every child deserves the rights and resources necessary to foster their success and growth. It is as simple as teaching children to read and providing them with literature to explore their imagination, or sponsoring after school programs for extracurricular ventures. Our children are the building blocks of a better community tomorrow, thus investing in our youth is an investment in ourselves.

Our children live in a global world; not only are they competing with neighboring schools, they are competing with students from as far as Asia to as close as Canada. Thus, we must prepare our students for their role in the global community and ensure they

will be able to excel on the leveled playing field.

It is possible for a child of a small town, with humble beginnings and limited resources, to grow into a burgeoning scholar and

"Stories like mine reaffirm that when students are empowered by their community, the sky's the limit."

humanitarian with the right amount of guidance and investment. Let us continue to invest. We, as a community, can make our dreamers become doers. We can pursue the depths of their human minds to reach the far corners of their potential. We can

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adopted, a homeowner who believes her or his home to have been incorrectly reclassified has the option of proving the structure stands at a higher elevation with an elevation certificate from an engineer, according to Mendrop.

"There's still opportunity for them to check and make sure," Mendrop said. "It'll cost a little money. They just have to make that effort after the fact."

"Do you know how much the elevation usually runs for a normal, average residence," asked Chris Smith, who attended the meeting.

"\$650, \$700, something like that," Mendrop said.

challenge them to redefine the boundaries, only to watch our children step out of them when they learn that "standing out" matters more than "fitting in."



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## INSURANCE

mayor and aldermen. After the hearing aldermen voted unanimously to adopt the 2017 City of Batesville Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

City officials are required to adopt the ordinance under the new map by April 15 for Batesville to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program that allows property owners to be eligible to purchase flood insurance from their insurance agencies through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"I thought I would have a whole lot more phone calls and interest from citizens or property owners on who's in and who's out," McCollum said. "I've probably had about 25 people from the

thought I had named my

Now, I have been around

a lot of really smart dogs in

ever-loving heart, was not

one of them. Lassie or Rin

Tin Tin he wasn't. He didn't

mind particularly well; more

often than not, he would just look at you with those big,

baleful eyes of his and flop

down at your feet or amble

over to lick you. And, the

better the clothes you had

their being licked. Ladies'

vulnerable.

on, the greater the chance of

dress attire was particularly

my life, but Ranger, bless his

dog after a Ford pickup

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whole city call."

"They're going to be calling after the fact," Mayor Jerry Autrey said.

"When you get the letter from the mortgagee, that's when they're going to call," City Engineer Blake Mendrop said.

Alderman Teddy Morrow asked McCollum if he could give an estimate of the number of homes or commercial buildings that will be effected.

"Basically, it's everything along Sand Creek," McCollum replied, and "... the south side of (Highway) 6 West, up (Highway) 35 South."

"All loans individuals obtain from Federally regulated, supervised, or insured lending institutions that are secured by improved real estate located in SFHAs (Special Flood Hazard Areas) are also contingent upon the borrower obtaining flood insurance coverage on the building," FEMA Floodplain Management Division Director Rachel Sears stated in a certified letter Mayor Autrey received March 31. The regulations also apply to all existing loans connected with federal sources.

Following public hearings in 2010, when a preliminary new map was first revealed, the city hired its engineer to establish elevations along city streets in low-lying ares.

"We surveyed a lot of this area to reduce what that planned flood plain was, down to about half," Mendrop said.

Once the new map is

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dogs, let him know there was no threat. Truth be known, there were only three things that Ranger did really wellslobber, listen and love me. From this time of year until uncomfortable, I tend to spend a lot of time on the deck, ostensibly "cooking out," but in those days it creating a reason to spend with that old dog. That was his heavy-duty listening time. I'd tell him about the foibles of politics or the latest crazy person to call me

It's a good thing that there wasn't a mean bone in his body. As big as he was, and as strong—really strong—as he was, he could have done a lot of damage to somebody. But he liked people, at least most people, although I noticed and came to appreciate that he would

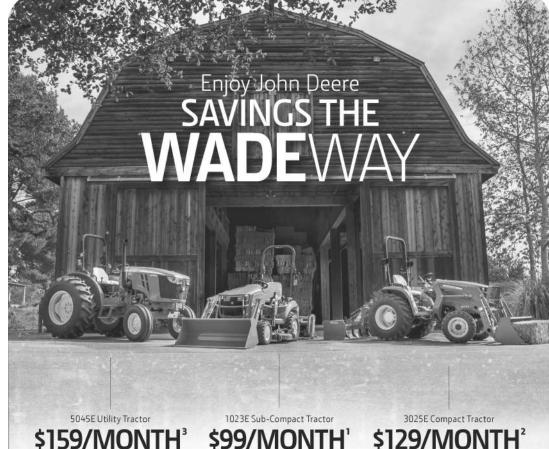
always position himself between me and a stranger until I, in the myriad subtle, non-verbal ways that humans communicate with

the crispness of fall becomes was more than anything else up with something crazy or how the 24-hour news channels were corrupting society.

He'd take it all in and usually wait for the proper pause for the slobbering to begin. What I shall always remember most about Mosby's Ranger though, is the night I found out in my own back yard just exactly how many truly sharp teeth are in a "possum's" mouth. Long story, but it was dark; the thing had my hand in his mouth and I wasn't real sure what I was going to do next. And then Ranger had the possum in his mouth and when he bit down something crunched and the possum wasn't biting me anymore and the dog flung it across the yard.

I was bleeding quite a lot and the old dog hesitated, couldn't decide what to do-tend to the man that was his special human or finish killing the thing that had hurt him. And in that moment, it occurred to me that no one or no thing had ever loved me more.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE INITIAL HEARING**

The Town of Sardis, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Small Cities Community Development Grant of up to \$450,000.00 for Sewer Improvements.

The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$23,315,139 that will be made available to cities, towns, and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of public facilities and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at Town of Sardis Town Hall; 114 West Lee Street; Sardis, MS 38666 on Monday April 24, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. The location for this hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Granville Sherman at 662-561-4100 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting in an effort to accommodate this request. The Town of Sardis does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.

All comments are welcome and must be submitted in writing. For those unable to attend this meeting, written comments will be considered until the close of business on May 1, 2017. Written comments should be mailed to the Town of Sardis to the c/o Mayor Billy Russell at Post Office Box 306, Sardis, MS 38666.

# Coming Events

Friday, April 7 North Delta School will host a Grandparents' Day program at 1 p.m. in the ND Gym.

Friday-Saturday, April 7-8
Horse and burro adoption at Arena One on
Cutting Horse Lane west of Batesville. See ad for details.

Saturday, April 8
Bake Sale at Save-a-lot,
8 - 12, benefitting Batesville Safe Shelter.

Junior Auxiliary's Girl **Talk**, fun-filled workshop for 7th and 8th grade girls, will teach the importance of making healthy choices for a brighter future. Girls will participate in Zumba, discussion groups, an etiquette class with a catered lunch, and much more. The workshop will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Batesville Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Madison Drake at 662-934-6595 or madisonkdrake@ yahoo.com.

Mt. Olivet Fire Dept. Yard Sale has booth space available. Call 609-2657 for information. A concession stand will be open.

BlackJack Community Club will host family karaoke at 6 p.m. There will be a \$5 cover and concessions will be available.

Monday, April 10 American Sign Language class is offered at the Batesville Public Library at 5:30.

Insructor Vera Edwards offers the free class every other week, with students meeting to practice in the off-week. Class will meet again April 24, May 8 and May 22. Participants will learn basic skills and gain cultural understanding of the language. No experience is necessary.

Tuesday, April 11
The Town of Sardis will hold Poll Workers Training at 2 p.m. at Sardis City Hall.

Wednesday, April 12
The South Panola Parent Center will host a
workshop for parents in
sessions at 10 a.m. and 5
p.m. Ashley Fonte, District
Curriculum Coordinator,
will give an overview of
the i-Ready diagnostic program used by the district
to pinpoint student needs
and provide personalized
instruction.

Contact Mrs. Dianne Wiley, coordinator, at 563-6044.for additional information.

Thursday, April 13-Sunday, April 16 Multimedia production by Hosanna Family Worship Center of The Mes**siah** shown 7 p.m. nightly Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. Sunday. 587 Hentz Road, Pope.

Thursday, April 13
Poll workers' training
will be held at the Emily
Pointer Library in Como at
6 p.m.

Friday, April 14
Batesville Public
Library presents Game

Con! at 3 p.m. Families are invited for fun games and crafts at the library.

Saturday, April 15
Courtland Baptist
Church and Dream Riders
Biking for Children Chapter A will be providing
an egg hunt at 11 a.m. at
Courtland Baptist Church.
Bring your Easter Basket.
Lunch will be provided after the egg hunt, all are invited to stay.

A community egg hunt for those in the Curtis community will be hosted at 6422 Curtis Road from 1-3 p.m. There will be food and door prizes. Anyone who would like to help with donations may call 563-9800.

The South Panola Horticulture Department will have a plant sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, April 17 Chocolate and Chick Lit Book Club meets at 5 p.m. at the Batesville Library.

Tuesday, April 18
Mt. Olivet Fire Department will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
Everyone invited.

Wednesday, April 19 AARP Driver's Safety Class will be held 9 a.m.-1p.m. in the First Security Bank Training Room, 295 Hwy 6 West, Batesville.

Cost: \$15 AARP Member \$20 Non-Member.
Call 662-563-9311 ext 1130 to register.

Sunday, April 23
The Spring Chocolate
Fantasy will be hosted by
the Friends of the Batesville Public Library from
1:30-3 p.m. Tickets are
\$4 each or three for \$10
and may be purchased in
advance at the library or
at the door. Guests will
be treated to an array of
chocolate confections and
a display of art by local
students.

Tuesday, April 25
Panola County Cancer
Survivor Dinner will be
held at 6 p.m. at the Batesville Church of Christ.
Any Panola County cancer
survivors should call 662934-1177 if they would
like to attend. There is no
charge for the dinner.

ServSafe Food Certification Class will be taught at 7:30 a.m. The certification exam will begin around 4 p.m. and should be completed by 6 p.m. The class will be held at the Yalobusha County Extension Office in Coffeeville. Cost is \$140. The deadline to register is March 31. Call Pamela Redwine at the Extension Office at 662-675-2730 for additional details and to register.

Quiz On The Square, a Youth Financial Awareness Competition, will be sponsored at the Batesville Public Library by First Security Bank at 4 p.m.

Financial Wellness class will be sponsored at 5:30 p.m. by First Security Bank The class is free.

Saturday, April 29 Volunteers are needed for Como Cleanup Day. Volunteers will meet at Como Methodist Church between 7:30 and 8 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship and assignments. Garbage bags and all materials provided. Rain date is May 6.

The Sixteenth Annual Marvin Hayes Scholarship Fund Banquet will be held at the Batesville Lions Club at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Dorothy Burdette, author of "The Trio Kids." The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Barbara Madlock Lumpkin. Price of admission is \$30 per person. For ticket information, call 662-487-1348.

Friday, May 5
Batesville Public Library will host Game
On! Families are invited for fun games and crafts at the library at 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 6
The 2017 Miss SpringFest Pageant will be held
at the Batesville Junior
High Auditorium beginning at 10 a.m. Entry
deadline is March 24.
This pageant is open to
Panola County residents
only, ages 0-18. Entry fee
is \$50. Call 563-3126 for
information.

Wednesday, May 10 Batesville Public Library will host a program, Tobacco 101, to be presented by Justin Pope at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16
North Panola Mobile
Food Pantry will distribute groceries from 1-3 p.m. at Cistern Hill Church in Como. Food is available to those who present vouchers. Screenings for vouchers will be at Cistern Hill May 6, 8-12, and May 10, 2-6; at Sardis Public

Library May 2, 12-4; at Crenshaw Public Library May 8, 11-3.

May 19-20
Batesvile SpringFest
annual music festival, with
carnival, music, arts and
crafts, and food.The festival is on Friday from to 5
to 10 p.m. and on Saturday
from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m.
There is no admission

from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. There is no admission charge. Junior Auxiliary of Batesville members provide complimentary activities at the Kids Area at Memorial Park.

A favorite race of many area runners, the **Racing for Paws** 5K will be sponsored by the Panola County Humane Society hosts on Saturday morning. See racesonline to register for the race.

June 16-18 Resurrection Rat Rod and Bike Show, Sleepy Bend Campground, Sardis Lake. Call 662-937-0029 for info.

June 19 -23
Batesville Fire Department Fire Academy for Kids, for ages 6-12, Fire Station #2. Deadline to apply is May 3. Pick up applications at city hall or Fire Station #2.

June 21-23
DARE summer camp
for ages 10-14, sponsored
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May 31.

July 26-28
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for ages 10-14, sponsored
by the Batesville Police Department and the Panola
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May 31.

Ongoing meetings

Monday through Friday Panola County Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at Batesville First United Methodist Church at noon daily during the week. For information call 662-234-8585.

## 2017 Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized their listing in the Political Announcement Column for the

## Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Municipal Primary Election



Bill Dugger
Republican Candidate for
Alderman, Ward 1
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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE INITIAL HEARING

The Town of Crenshaw, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant of up to \$450,000.00 for Water Improvements.

The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$23,315,139 that will be made available to cities, towns, and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income per-

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of public facilities and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at Town of Crenshaw Town Hall, 600 Broad Street, Crenshaw, MS 38621 on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 3.00 PM. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

The location for this hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If a translator is needed for non-English speaking persons, please contact Granville Sherman at 662-561-4100 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting in an effort to accommodate this request. The Town of Crenshaw does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions or access to or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.

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# PANOLA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY'S 2017 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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# Sheriff's Report: family disputes keep deputies busy

By Ashley Crutcher

On March 29, Lieutenant Chuck Tucker spoke to a Terza Road resident who reported her brother got mad after he was told he could not sleep with his brother's wife in his mother's house.

According to the report, the suspect took a bottle of floor cleaner and poured it in the resident's gas tank and then kicked the doors on another vehicle, damaging both

Lieutenant Tucker spoke to a Eureka Rd. resident who reported cashing a \$100 bill at a store as he was getting

According to the report, the resident stated he realized one of the twenties he got in change from the store was fake. Investigator Bryan Arnold will continue the investigation.

### March 23

- Freeman Rd., Como resident reported to Deputy Jeremy Hailey she left for spring break and upon returning home she noticed some items missing from her shop. The resident will compile a list of items taken.
- Deputy Hunter Lawrence spoke to a Dishman Rd., Como resident who reported he ordered a wiring harness for his car and paid \$600 for it, but believes someone stole it from his property.

March 24

 Crouch Rd. resident reported to Deputy Darryl House an unknown subject kicked the front door into the residence and entered.

According to the report, some items were taken from the property and the resident stated he had a old record, table saw, gas heater and air conditioner stolen a while back. The investigation is on-

• Lieutenant Tucker responded to Waldrup Rd. for reports of a fire out of control causing property damage.

According to the report, the resident reported his neighbor was burning a ditch between his property and the neighbor's field and stated the fire got into his yard and caught his landlord's truck

The resident reported this is the third time they have set a fire and caused damage to the property.

• Riverview Rd., Sardis resident reported to Lieutenant Tucker her boyfriend called and stated his exwife, who has been told not to come onto the property, pulled into their driveway and sat there.

According to the report, the suspect reported she was in the driveway because her lawyer told her to get the ad-

• Cove Road, Pope resident reported to Deputy Hunter Lawrence she received a call from her stepdaughter's mother, but was unable to answer the phone. According to the report, the suspect began to send ugly text messages. The suspect called and used foul language not realizing her daughter was the one to answer the phone, according to the report.

### March 25

• Shiloh Rd., Courland resident reported his nephew and mother got into an

According to the report, the nephew hit the resident in the face and the resident responded by hitting his nephew back and throwing him to the ground.

### March 26

• Mallard Point Rd. resident reported to Deputy John Still she and her husband are in the process of getting a divorce and advised her husband threatened to kill her.

The resident was advised to seek other living arrangements until custody of the property could be deter-

• Lieutenant Tucker was dispatched to Hwy. 35 North in reference to threats being

The resident stated his ex-girlfriend showed up at his grandmother's house in Courtland and started hollering at him and threatening him.

According to the report, the suspect threatened to beat up the resident's girl-

### March 27

 Deputy George Renfroe, along with other deputies, responded to Orwood Rd. for reports of an individual threatening suicide.

No contact was made during the initial investigation, but another call sent deputies back to the residence.

Deputies searched the area and were advised the suspect was seen coming from the woods. According to the report, a shot was fired and deputies raced back to the residence to find the suspect on the ground.

Deputy Rob Roberson deployed his taser before the suspect fired the shot to cause self inflicted injuries. MedStat and AirEvac were

• Shiloh Rd., Courtland resident reported to Investigator Danny Beavers her grandson ran away from home again and stated he will not listen to her.

According to the report, Investigator Terry Smith has picked up the subject for running away.

• Deputy Lawrence spoke

to a Coles Point Rd. resident who stated he arrived home and noticed a limb cut down and lying in the yard. The resident stated he

walked to the back door and noticed it had been tampered with. According to the report, the resident was missing \$3,164 and an HP laptop.

• Investigator Beavers responded to a Crowder store where an individual advised his High Point 9mm gun was stolen from his vehicle.

• Herron Rd., Courtland resident reported to Deputy Renfroe her daughter and the daughter's boyfriend were at her residence using drugs.

According to the report, both suspects were gone prior to Deputy Renfroe's arrival. The daughter returned to the residence and handed over some marijuana pipes from her bedroom to Deputy

### March 28

• Deputy Lawrence responded to Curtis Locke Station Rd. where the resident reported she has been having problems with the suspect who was stalking her on Facebook and sending her inappropriate messages.

According to the report, the resident advised the suspect threatened to hurt and kill her. The resident stated she and her boyfriend feel threatened and want it to come to a stop.

### March 29

- •Liberty Hill Rd., Pope resident reported to Deputy Hailey he noticed his electric fence sparking and went to check it out and noticed someone had run over the fence and stolen his trailer.
- Pope Water Valley Rd., Pope resident reported to Deputy Still she is having problems with the suspect getting intoxicated threatening her.

According to the report, the suspect came to the residence and broke the glass out of the door and threatened the resident.

- Mt. Olivet resident reported to Deputy Hailey she was running on Hunt Rd. when she was bitten by a dark colored dog. According to the report, the resident had to go to Merit Health for
- Curtis Road resident reported to Deputy Bill Furniss

she and the suspect got into an altercation over a child and advised the suspect pushed her mother down and threatened her, her child, mother and grandmother.

The suspect called the resident in Deputy Furniss' presence. Deputy Furniss stated he answered the first couple of times telling the suspect to stop. According to the report, the suspect advised Deputy Furniss he could not stop him from contacting the resident. The resident called back later stating the suspect was not threatening to kill the resident and her family. The resident was advised to call 911 if she saw the suspect around her property.

• Old Panola Rd., Sardis resident reported to Deputy Still the suspect has an easment across his property and as part of the agreement the suspect is supposed to close all gates that he opens.

According to the report, the resident stated the suspect continually leaves the gates open.

### **Motor Vehicle Accident Report**

- March 24, vehicle hit a pole on Chapel Hill Rd. • March 25, vehicle ran
- off of Waldrup Rd. An injury was reported. • March 25, vehicle
- flipped on Terza Rd. An injury was reported.
- March 28, private property accident occured on Westdale Drive.
- March 29, Car hit a deer on Highway 315

# City court judge orders 'pay the fine or do the time'

By Ashley Crutcher

Tyler J. Willie of 102 Martinez St., Batesville, pleaded guilty to simple assault stating, "if you got the tape then I'm guilty" during Wednesday's session of Batesville Municipal Court.

"Well, did you do it or not? That's what I need to know," said Judge William McKenzie.

Willie changed his plea to not guilty and the case is set to go to trial April 19.

Javorius Vaughn of 102 Latitia St., Batesville, pleaded guilty to providing false information, driving while license suspended, no proof of insurance and improper equipment.

Vaughn was chargted with providing false information after he gave law enforcement officer's his brother's name and information.

Judge McKenzie dismissed the improper equip-

ment charge as Vaughn has proof that he has since fixed the broken headlight. He has 30 days to pay the \$1,633

Arnetta N. Vaughn of 107 Hoskins Rd., Batesville, was Luther St., Ox-

pleaded "...if you got the guilty to simple possession of marijuana and not guilty to driving with a

suspended license.

The Judge ordered the license to be checked again. The license check revealed that Vaughn's Tenn. driver's license was not suspended. She was fined \$443 for the possession charge and has 30

days to pay. Jayunn D. Whitten of 117 Hoskins Rd., Batesville, pleaded guilty to DUI refusal, improper equipment and open container.

Whitten originally pled not guilty to charges of DUI

refusal but changed his mind stating, "I can't miss anymore work". Whitten is scheduled to attend driving school.

tape then I'm

guilty."

Levest Echols, Jr. of 111

found guilty of contempt of court failure to pay old fines of \$1,257 from --Willie December of

When asked by the judge what he was going to do about his old fines, Echols replied "I'll pay it today. I won't be able to pay my bills,

but". "It'll keep you out of jail, because you're either going to pay it or serve it," said Judge McKenzie.

Demontra Boyd, Sr. of 225 Vance St., Batesville, was found guilty of contempt of court failure to pay \$1,401 in old fines from April 2016.

"I talked to someone and they told me I was clean," said Boyd.

"You'll leave today knowing what you owe. We're gonna take away all excuses. It's time to take care of business," said Judge McKenzie. Boyd has until May 5 by 5 p.m. to pay the fine.

Derrick Brown of 107 Armstrong St., Batesville, failed to appear to answer charges for simple possession of marijuana

Jarmarvis Banks of 1668 Woodruff Rd., Batesville, was charged with simple domestic violence. The case was dismissed for lack of prosecution.

Derrick D. Turner of 686 Herron Rd., Courtland, failed to appear to answer charges for DUI first, no driver's license and loud music. A warrant has been issued for his arrest

Terry Callicut of 2700

Hwy. 51 North, Sardis, failed to appear to answer charged for contempt of court failure to pay old fines.

John D. McGill of 2422 Barnacre Rd., Batesville, was given credit for time served for an old fine of \$332 from November of 2014.

Xavier G. Hines of 445 Sanders Rd., Sardis, failed to appear for contempt of court

failure to pay old fines in the amount of \$1,137 from September 2015.

Shannon Earby of 11 Ellzey Rd., Sardis, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, trespassing and disturbing the peace. The case has been bound of to the Grand Jury.

# **Marriage Licenses**

During the month of December the following people applied for a marriage licenses in the Panola County Circuit Clerk's of-

Travonta Brown, 19, and Ilisa Mesha Boyd, 23; Terrance Rodarius Echols, 31, and Kadeshia Shaunquell Ellis, 38; Anthony Carter, 31, and Maia Mala Myers, 37; Ben Allen Anderson, 28, and Taylor Layne McDan-

## **Divorces**

The following divorces were granted during the February term of Chancery Court. They are recorded in the Panola County Chancery Clerk's Office.

February divorces include: Christopher Lamar Morris vs. Kimberly Land Morris; Susan Price Neese

iel, 25; Timothy Ray Harris, 56, and Jacqueline Soloman, 50; Justin Michael Sprague, 26, and Melissa Ann Hall, 30; J. W. Shaw, 32, and April Nicole Davis, 26; John Jasper Bryant, III, 26, and Miranda Blair Little, 25; Montrell Deandera Jones, 31, and Maelindy

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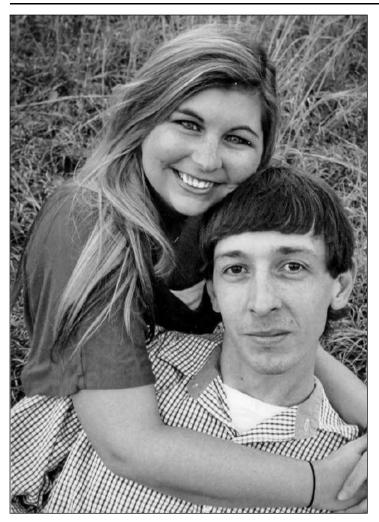
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## **Weeks-Moore**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Weeks of Charleston announce the engagement of their daughter, Madelyn Mabus Weeks, to Dustin James Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy R. Moore of Batesville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. "Buddy" Mabus of Macel and Ms. Shirley Weeks and the late Leon Weeks of Charleston and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Montgomery of Water Valley.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs R. J. Moore of Molten, Ala. and Ms. Shirley Morrow Sullenger of Crowder.

The bride-elect graduated

from North Delta High School and Northwest Mississippi Community College. She earned a phlebotomy certificate from Career Plus Institute. The bride-elect is currently employed with REM Mississippi in Oxford as a direct support professional.

The prospective groom graduated from South Panola High School and is currently employed with Reed's Piggly Wiggly as a produce manager.

The wedding is to take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Care Building in Charleston. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Wednesday, April 12 Lenten Lunch will be held at Batesville First United Methodist Church at noon.

### Sunday, April 9

Rock Hill M. B. Church will sponsor a Love Celebration at 2:30 p.m. in honor of its pastor, Rev. Irving Bishop and his wife, Pamela. Dr. Zannie Leland and the Macedonia Church will be the special guests.

April 9-12

Bethany Baptist Church will host its annual Missions Conference Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday - Wednesday evening services are at 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday morning services at 10 a.m.

Liberty Hill Baptist **Church** will hold revival services with Billy Smith, evangelist, and John Kilpatrick, music minister. Sunday services will include Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services will begin at 7. A nursery will be provided.

### **April 11-13**

Passion Week revival services will be held at Macedonia M.B. Church at 7 nightly. Speakers will be Barbara Bledsoe, Francis Harris and Clarence Powell.

Saturday, April 15 **Shady Grove Baptist Church** will host an Easter Kids Carnival from 10 until 2 for children through fifth grade. Each child should bring a dozen candy-filled plastic eggs.

**University of Life** Church in Oakland will host a free Community Easter Egg Hunt, with activities from noon until 4 p.m. at the Jenkins Farm on Highway 51. Pastors of the church are Dedrick and Deona Benson.

## **Church News**

### Sunday, April 16 Sardis Lake Baptist

Church will hold Sunrise Service Easter morning at 6:30 a.m. The play "Lord, is it I? Is it I?" will be presented. Contact Betty Young for more information, 609-0546.

**Shady Grove Baptist Church** will hold Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. with breakfast following. Sunday School will be at 9:45 and worship at 11. There will be no evening service.

Macedonia M.B. Church will celebrate Easter at the 11 a.m. service.

### April 18-20 Mt. Pleasant M.B.

Church will have its spring revival at 7 nightly. The speakers are: Rev. Kevin Anderson of Taylor Chapel C.M.E Charleston; Rev. Fred I. Butts of Nelson Chapel M.B. Church Pope; Dr. Ethel Scurlock of Alvis Grove M.B. amd First United M.B. Churches. Rev. William Johnson Sr. is the host pas-

Wednesday, April 19 Food for the Body and Soul ministry will offer free food and fellowship at the Patton Lane Community Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The ministry is sponsored by the Sardis District Missionary Baptist Association.

Sunday, April 23 Crowder Baptist Church will celebrate 100 years in a special service at 10:30 a.m.

Pope A.M.E. Zion Church will have their Annual Choir Day at 3 p.m. Rev. Nehemiah Martin is pastor.

In special service at Eureka A.M.E. Zion Church the offices of elder and adult ministries coordinator will be conferred on Courtney Dillard. The service begins at 4 p.m. Speakers will be Alexander Sanford, Courtney Dillard and Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell. Bobbi Willis is pastor.

## April 23-26 **Shady Grove Baptist**

Church will hold its Spring Revival. Services on Sunday will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 6:30 p.m. Speaker will be Bro. Rickey Blythe, Director of Stewardship/Cooperative Program at Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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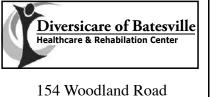
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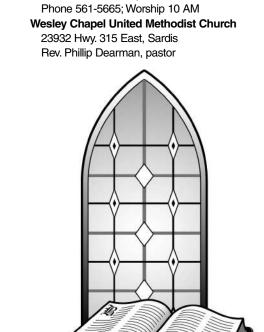
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FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 **A11** 



# Friday

By Peggy Walker, R.D.

## When you're done reading Panolian, here's what to do

Just a couple of weeks ago I renewed my children's online subscriptions to The Panolian. A somewhat late Christmas gift for each of them but I do like to keep it going for them. Seems the younger set prefers the e-versions. I like mine in print. DW reads The Clarion Ledger online for Mississippi news and sports and because we couldn't get it delivered. But he prefers the paper edition of The Panolian because he likes to work the crossword puzzle. Make that loves to... looks forward to it...and is disappointed when it's not in the Tuesday paper.

The only problem with having two newspapers delivered every week is having two newspapers every week to do something with. My solution for 30-plus years now has been to stack Panolians, neatly, on a rack in the bottom of

the coat closet at the back door, where we keep our jackets, yard shoes, and the cans we take to Zachary for recycling.

I read in the paper last week that clean-up day is tomorrow, April 8, and started thinking about my stack of alreadyread newspapers and wondered what everyone else does with theirs. So, I made a list of good things

"You can roll up a section of newspaper to swat at bugs and critters. I think I even remember being swatted by my grandmother."

- to do with newspapers in case you've been wondering: Recycle: If nothing else, it's most important to take newspapers to a recycling center, complete with all the circulars, ads, and magazines. That will certainly reduce the total amount of waste that goes to the landfill and keep paper from blowing all over our roads.
- Start a fire: Rolled or crumpled up and placed in a fire place, outdoor fire pit or a burn pile, (when legal to do so, of course) newspapers can get the kindling going and the fire burning.
- Use as packing material for breakable items when moving things from here to there.
- To insulate hot foods: place a pan of hot food on top of several layers of paper covered by a towel. It will help hold the heat in for a short wait or transport.
- To finish homemade ice cream. My grandmother always placed a thick stack of newsprint on top of a freezer of churned of ice cream and wrapped the whole thing with a big towel which helped it to "ripen" and harden. Perfect ice cream was the result, but waiting was hard.

See PEGGY, page A12

## Recipe of the week Good and Good for You **Oatmeal Pancakes**

Shared by John Howell

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked regular oatmeal
- 34 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon oil 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

Place oatmeal in food processor or blender; process until it reaches the consistency of all-purpose flour. Remove oat flour from

processor; place all other ingredients in processor in order listed, adding oat flour last. Cover; process until smooth. Let stand for 5 minutes to allow flour particles to absorb the liquid. When pancake batter is ready, ladle



onto preheated griddle over medium heat. When bubbles form and burst, flip each pancake over and let cook for 1 – 2 minutes longer. Makes 12 4-inch pancakes. Options: add ½ cup chopped pecans, 1/2 cup finely chopped apples, ½ cup blueberries or your favorite berry or fruit to batter. Serving suggestion: John recommends topping pancakes with a dollop of peanut butter!

# Regional Science Fair

By Rita Howell

Hundreds of students from various Northwest Mississippi middle and high schools converged at Ole Miss last week to compete in the annual Mississippi Region 7 Science and Engineering Fair held at the Tad Smith Coliseum. Attending were top winners from local school science fairs in a 16-county region.

Twenty-four students from South Panola High School placed in the competition.

Taking home

third place in

h

Microbiology

division was

Kamiya Ford

and Janninah

Miller both of

South Panola

High.

Regional winners will

advance to the state competition that will take place in Starkville on April 6.

Finalists from the state competition will be eligible to participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair May 14-19 in Los Angeles.

Students in seventh and eighth grades made up the Class Three participants, ninth and tenth grade students are in Class Four, while students in 11th and 12th grades compete in Class Five.



South Panola High School student Andrea Berryhill took a first place award at the Mississippi Region 7 Science and Engineering Fair March 22 at the University of Mississippi. Berryhill placed first in the Inorganic Chemistry

graders. Right: Taking home the first place award in the Class Four Engineering category was Spencer Davis from South Panola High School.

division among ninth and tenth

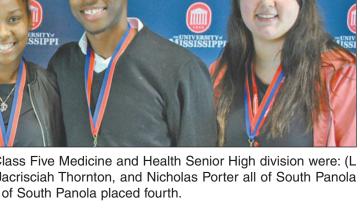


Taking home the first place award in the Class Five Behavioral Science division was Aubrianna Craven of South Panola High.





Taking home awards in the Class Five Medicine and Health Senior High division were: (L to R) the team of Jada Jones, Jacrisciah Thornton, and Nicholas Porter all of South Panola placed third. Cameron Hawkins of South Panola placed fourth.



Taking home the first place award in the Class Four Robotics category was Xavier Lofton from South Panola High School. Left: Taking home the first place award in the Botany



Taking fourth place in the Class Four Behavioral and Social Sciences division was Sidney Medina of South Panola High.



Taking home the first place award in the Class 5 Inorganic Chemistry division was Presley Ford of South Panola High.



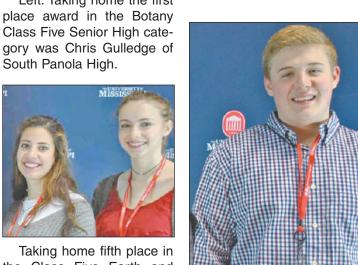
Taking home third place in the Class Four Organic Chemistry division was Reiss Farris of South Panola.



Taking home fifth place in the Class Five Earth and Science Senior High division were: (L to R) Clara Sanchez-Garcia and Ericka Smith from South

Class Five Senior High cate-

South Panola High.



Taking home fourth place in the Class Four Physics and Astronomy division was Luke Ellis of South Panola High.



Taking home awards in the Class Five Engineering Senior High division were: (L to R) Quentin Perkins- first place and Kyndall Hentz- second place, both of South Panola High.



Left: Award winners in the Class Five Physics and Astronomy Division included: Jeremiah French (right) second place and Mia Bass (left) first place, both from South Panola High in Batesville.



Taking home awards in the Animal Sciences Senior High division were: Justin Gammill, Cia Moore, and Katelyn Kennedy all of South Panola High School won second place as a team.

# Scenes from Sardis Aprilfest, Saturday, April 1



Hundreds visited Main Street Sardis last Saturday for the Chamber of Commerce/City of Sardis sponsored Aprilfest where they saw a multitude of autos competing for plaques and trophies. Delta Street Rods is the host club for the spring event also hosting other events during the year throughout the area.



Sara Ann Geeslin of Senatobia brought her own wheels to Aprilfest.

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The Panolian photos by Glennie Pou



What codger wouldn't be red with envy for this red 1955 Ford Thunderbird that was among the autos that converged on the Sardis Aprilfest and Open Car Show last Saturday on Main

## **PEGGY**

To sit on. In Girl Scouts, I remember making a "sit-upon" out of a 2-inch stack of newspapers, folded in half and wrapped in a piece of vinyl and glued together. Perfect for sitting on when you didn't have anything else to sit on. Especially when sitting 'round the campfire.

7. To kill bugs: You can roll up a section of newspaper to swat at bugs and critters. I think I even remember being swatted by my grandmother. Maybe I got a little too anxious for the ice cream.

8. To clean your windshield: This came from a tug boat operator on the Mississippi River, where river spray, bugs, dirt and grime made window washing a non-stop chore on the river. Spray glass cleaner on your windshield, crumple up a page or two of newsprint in your hand and wipe away. No streaks, no smudges, just ink all over your hands, so designate a pair of latex or dishwashing gloves for this chore. Actually works on any window, land or sea.

9. As a boot tree: Roll up a couple of sections of paper, tightly, and secure with a piece of twine or ribbon. Stick a roll in each of your boots. Keeps boots from flopping over as well as dry. Even removes stinky foot odors too. Newspaper is

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10. Mulch a flower bed: My favorite, the trifecta of recycling, because it reuses, reduces, and recycles. Use newspaper as you would a landscape fabric; place a couple of layers of newspaper down, around flowers and shrubs and top with mulch. DW adds that this also works in the garden. Layer paper around vegetable plants and cover with wheat straw. Holds moisture in and keeps weeds out. Reduces work! Oh yeah!

And, of course you can read your newspaper and pass it on! That's the goal of recycling, pass it on, or use it up.





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# Sports & Outdoors

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 **B1** 

## Locals perform for NFL scouts at Pro Day

By Ike House

Ole Miss held its pro day Monday for 20 former college athletes to showcase their talents in front of every NFL team.

Three past participants were from Panola County and all played at South Panola as teammates. Now all three will be hoping to join the NFL together.

Temario Strong, Issac Gross and Tony Conner all had decent numbers. Gross is coming off of a season that was post-injury where he was a highly sought out talent headed in the post season last year but after being injured after the second game he came back in 2016 and had a good year.

Gross weighed 254 and measured at 6'0". On bench press he maxed out at 22 reps with 225 pounds, jumped a 29.5 vertical and a 9-8 broad. He ran a 5.1 40-yard dash and a 4.75 short shuttle and finished with a 7.8 L-drill. Gross worked out at defensive tackle and at linebacker.

Conner is in the same boat with Gross with torn ACL in the 2015 season where he was predicted to be the second safety coming off of



Ole Miss' Tony Conner of Batesville participated in the annual Pro Day at Ole Miss on Monday. He went through some throwing and catching

The Panolian photo by Ike House

the board behind Karl Joseph of West Virginia. But the injury kept in him at Ole Miss for one more season and he had a slow start to his

senior season.

Conner went out to prove the

See PRO DAY, Page B3



Ole Miss' Issac Gross (right) of Batesville participated in the annual Pro Day at Ole Miss on Monday. He worked with a Tennessee Titans scout in tackling drills.

# Lady Tigers take out Tupelo 6-4

By Myra Bean

Taylor Utz used her power drive to single three of four times at bat against Tupelo Tuesday night. Tupelo got a hint her fourth at bat and gave her an intentional walk.

Utz hit a line drive down left, a line drive up the center and one to the right to be the second leading hitter for the Lady Tigers in the 6-4 district opening win.

Mallory Myers led at the plate going 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and one RBI.

Both teams put up three-run innings to tie the score 3-3 going into the bottom of the fourth. South Panola scored its three runs in bottom of the second while Tupelo's came in the fourth.

In bottom of the second, Utz singled and Sydney Morgan was hit by the pitch to get on base. Morgan Parker walked to load the bases. Utz was out at the plate on Madison Morgan's fielder's choice.

With two outs, Nautica Edwards singled, driving home Sydney Morgan. Myers' single RBI drove home Parker and Chloe Morgan's single RBI drove home Madison Morgan

for the 3-0 lead. The score was tied at three for

just a little while until Myers doubled and then scored when Ali Cummins grounded out to third in



Mallory Myers fields a ball at the shortstop position for South Panola against Tupelo Tuesday.

The Panolian photo by Andy Young

bottom of the fourth.

Tupelo answered in top of the fifth on a single RBI to tie the game

In bottom of the fifth, Utz singled. Tra'Meisha Toliver came in as

pinch runner and scored on Khalena Hentz's single RBI.

Myers scored an insurance run in top of the sixth. She doubled to get on base and then scored when Cummins reached first on an error.

Kaitlyn Tidwell pitched the complete game in seven innings and got the win. She allowed seven hits and two walks.

The Jr. Varsity Lady Tigers lost to Tupelo 7-0.

Rebekah Cook pitched 1.1 innings and Tyler Hamby relieved her in bottom of the second.

The Lady Tigers will honor seniors tonight in the district doubleheader against Columbus. The Strikeout For Cancer sponsors will also be honored again. Games are at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Due to the weather over the past weeks, some chang-

es had to be made to the schedule. See the revised middle school and varsity schedule on page B3.



Temario Strong of Batesville participated in the annual Pro Day at Ole Miss on Monday. He went through some catching drills.

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Running on either end for South Panola are Temaya Williams (far left) and Janarria Sanford (far right) in the 100-yard dash.

# SP clinches playoff berth after three-game sweep of Columbus

By Brad Greer

The South Panola baseball team clinched playoff berth with a threegame sweep of Columbus.

The Tigers opened the series by taking a double header from the Falcons 13-3 and 14-3 Tuesday at home before completing the sweep

15-1 rout in three innings.

South Panola improved its record to 6-11 on the year and 4-3 in district play, one game behind second place Hernando who lost 3-0 to district leader Tupelo Tuesday.

Tupelo is currently undefeated

Wednesday at Columbus with a in district play with a 6-0 record and 13-7 overall while Hernando is 11-9 and 4-2 in league play. The top three teams in each division of Class 6A advance to the post season.

South Panola-13 Columbus-3 (3

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Evy Rowsey battles her Clarksdale Lee opponent and the wind in North Delta's district tennis match on Tuesday.

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Jordan Strong (middle) of South Panola, placed second in his heat but placed seventh overall on the 100 meter dash.

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# SP tracksters fare well in Hernando

By Ike House

The South Panola boys and girls brought home several awards placing in different areas last Thursday.

They ran with large schools and with experience winning state track meets.

Oxford and Senatobia may not be 6A but run with the best of them.

Olive Branch, Southaven, Hernado and Horn Lake.

Earning placements for the girls runners were:

Janarria Sanford, Kiersten Clark, Crystal Mayes and

TeMaye Williams placed second in the 4x200 meter relay, 1:51.84, 4x100, 53.18;

Janarria Sanford placed third in the 100 meter dash, 13.34 and in 200 meter dash, 27.83;

Gracie Holloway placed third in the 400 meter dash, 1:13.15;

Sidney Medina placed Also participating were fourth in the 3200 meter, 15:04.30;

Keirsten Clark placed fourth in the 200 meter dash, 29.81.

Earning placements for 18.76.

the boys runners were:

Nicholas Porter placed first place in 300 meter hurdles, 42.20 and also placed third in the 110 meter hurdles, 16.43;

Nicholas Porter, Jordan Strong, James Johnson and Jerome Porter placed second in the 4x200 meter relay, 1:35.65;

Tyler Riley Xaver Lofton, Gabriel Bibbs and Micheal Bibbs placed fourth in the 4x800 meter relay, 9:32;

Montray Blackburn placed fifth in the 110 meter hurdles,

# College Roundup

By Brad Greer

run in Northwest Commu-

Kyle Weaver scored a run as No.10 ranked Itawamba (20-4) edged Pearl River 7-6.

Chance Whitten batted .500 (6-for-12) with two runs scored and two RBI's as Mississippi College swept a weekend se-

4-3 12-inning victory over Amber Helmes scored a No.8 Southern Arkansas.

Anna Lloyd singled and nity College's 14-0 win over scored a run in Meridian's 7-4 loss to Mississippi Gulf Coast

Caroline Dickins improved her pitching record to 6-3 on the season as Itawamba (21-9) defeated East Central 9-1. Dickins scattered three hits with seven strikeouts and ries at Valdosta State. Whitten two walks over six innings. also singled and scored the Haley Reid also scored a run winning run in the Choctaws in the Lady Indians victory.

Amanda Ivy singled in Mississippi State's 7-2 loss at No.10 LSU. Ivy also singled and drove in a run in the Lady Bulldogs 14-0 rout of Jackson

DeShawn Lindsey scored a run in Maryville (Mo.) 4-0 win over Rockhurst (Ill.) University.

Chris Felix ran a 10.78 100 meters for Jackson State at the University of Texas relays. Felix also ran the third leg of the Tigers 4x100 relay team that ran a time of 42.50.

Chase Durham homered and singled in Coahoma's 15-3 loss to Hinds. Durham also tossed 3.1 innings of relief while striking out three and giving up two runs in the Tigers 9-6 loss to Northwest Community College.

Devonta Brassell placed third in the long jump with a leap of 21'11" at the Southern Mississippi Invitational. Brassell captured first place in the triple jump at 48'8.75".



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**OXFORD** – Fans can get an early glimpse of the 2017 Ole Miss football team this Saturday at the Regions Bank Grove Bowl.

Admission is free for the Rebels' annual spring game, which will kick off at 11 a.m. CT at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. It will also be televised by SEC Network with a broadcast team of Joe Tessitore, Greg McElroy and Laura Rutledge.

Free parking will be available at the garage adjacent to The Pavilion, as well as the Tad Smith Coliseum and Ole Miss Track lots.

Normal baseball parking lots will be reserved for those with baseball parking

Fan Fest will open at 10 a.m. in front of The Pavil-

Fans are encouraged to sit on the east side of Vaught-Hemingway Stadi-

um, where concessions and restrooms will be available.

The Regions Bank Grove Bowl format will feature the Ole Miss offense (wearing red) against the defense (wearing blue).

The defense will be spotted a 27-0 lead as the offense tries to score enough to overtake them.

The defense may increase its point total through turnovers that lead directly to scores, whether

by returns for touchdowns (6 points + PAT) or returns into field-goal range (3 points if FG made). In the latter, the field goal will be kicked on the next play after the return.

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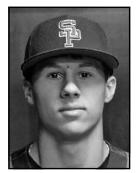




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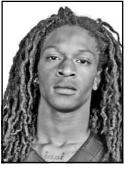
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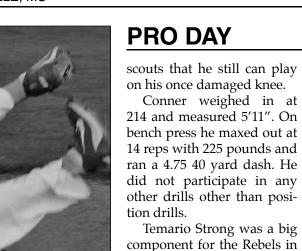


Colin Hartman



**Nelson** Howell

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the Rebels in the 2015-16 seasons. Strong is looking for an South Pnaola's Gehrig Griffin tries to get reach back to third base for safety before being tagged by the Columbus player Tuesday evening.

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## **SP TIGERS**

The Tigers spotted Columbus a 1-0 lead in game one of the twinbill before a sevenrun second inning blew the game open.

Blaine Ware gave the home team a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first with a two-run double that scored Noah Willis and Gehrig Griffin.

South Panola took advantage of three Columbus errors and collected five hits while sending ten batters to the plate in the seven-run frame to take a 9-3 lead.

Tripp Still led the hit parade with a two-run double followed by run producing singles from Brayden Locke, Nathan Herron and Braydyn Lee along with an RBI double from Bowen Williams.

Columbus added two runs in the top of the third before South Panola ended the game with four runs on four hits in the bottom half of the inning.

James Kyle Browning and Locke walked before Herron doubled to drive in Browning. Williams followed with

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Tupelo

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Opponent

Lafayette

Senatobia

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Grenada SOFC

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**APRIL 10 - 14** 

**BATESVILLE** 

**ELEMENTARY** 

**MONDAY, APR 10** 

Turkey & Cheese on Flatbread,

Steamed Fresh Broccoli,

Chilled Peach Slices, Milk

**TUESDAY, APR 11** 

Beef Taco w/Soft Tortilla,

Mexicali Corn, Apricots, Milk

WEDNESDAY, APR 12

Cheesy Chicken Over Rice,

Lemon-Glazed Carrots,

Green Peas, Sliced

Apples & Grapes, Milk

**THURSDAY, APR 13** 

Hamburger Steak w/Gravy,, Yeast

Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green

Beans, Fresh Kiwi Wedges, Milk

FRIDAY, APR 14

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY!** 

PLAY IN

1st Round

2nd Round

North State

State Championship

Grenada SOFC

Date

4/7

4/11

4/12

4/13

4/18

4/19

4/20

4/21-22

4/25,27

5/11-13

\* District

5/1,2

5/5-6

Date

4/8

4/10

4/12

4/13

4/15

2017 South Panola Fastpitch Revised

**Schedule** 

**South Panola Varsity** 

5/6

5

South Panola Jr. High Softball

Place

Away

Away

Home

Away

Away

Columbus \* (DH) 4:30/6:30

Lake Cormorant 5:30/7:30

Time

4:30/5:30

a two-run single up the middle to produce two runs for a 12-3 South Panola lead.

After Willis lined into a double play, Griffin blooped a single into left then scored the final run on Ware's second double of the game.

Anderson Wilder tossed three innings on the mound to earn the pitching win. The junior right-hander gave up three runs (two earned) on five hits while striking out four and walking two.

South Panola-14 Columbus-3 (four innings)

The second game was much of the same for South Panola as all nine position players scored one run in the

## **North Delta** Golf **Schedule**

**Date Opponent** H/A 4/10 Panola CC Н 4/17 Clarksdale Lee A 4/24 Indianola **TBA** 5/1 North State

Place

JV/V

JV/V

JV/V

JV/V

Time

9/10

4/5

TBA

**APRIL 10 - 14** 

BIS, BMS, BJH,

POPE SCHOOL

MONDAY, APR 10

Turkey & Cheese on Flatbread,

Fruit & Cottage Cheese Salad.

Steamed Fresh Broccoli, Crispy

Sweet Potato Cubes, Chilled

each Slices, Fresh Orange Smiles

Milk, Graham Crackers

TUESDAY, APR 11

Cheesy Burger Bake, Chicken

Salad w/Crackers, Yeast Roll,

Green Beans, Carrots & Red

Peppers w/Dip, Applesauce,

Banana, Milk

WEDNESDAY, APR 12

Chicken Fajita Wrap, Fish Nuggets,

Tex Mex Style Beans, Whole Kerne

Corn, Sliced Apples & Grapes,

Sliced Strawberries, Milk

**THURSDAY, APR 13** 

Vegetable Lasagna, Grilled Chicker

Salad, Yeast Roll, Steamed Broccol

Florettes, Celery Sticks w/Dip,

Peach Slices, Nectarines, Milk

FRIDAY, APR 14

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY!** 

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Away

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The Tigers plated four runs in the first and two more in the second for a 6-0 lead. Columbus cut the deficit in half with three runs in the third before South Panola responded with eight runs in the fourth to end the contest.

Herron and Williams each doubled and singled while Browning drove in three runs with two singles. Herron keyed the fourth by unloading a bases-clearing double.

The Panolian photo by Glennie Pou

Chris Casiday, Locke and Wilder all registered RBI singles while Ware added his third double of the day in the second inning that drove in two runs. Ryan McCurdy scored in a pinch-running role in the fourth.

Herron earned the pitching win by going the distance with two earned runs on three hits and fanning six.

the 2016 season especially on

the goal line where he was

inserted at middle linebacker to stop the run. Strong was

also a special teams star for

South Panola visits Olive Branch tomorrow at noon before getting back into district play Tuesday at Tupelo beginning at 4 p.m with the Junior Varsity followed varsity at 6 p.m.

**By Brad Greer** 

Batesville scored four runs play.

The Tigers completed the sweep by taking a 5-1 decision in the second game.

Emerrion Boyd singled four times and scored four runs as Batesville pounded out 14 hits in the opening contest. Gunner Ward and Eli Russell each singled twice and scored three runs for the Tigers who improved to 7-5 on the season.

Dre Moore drove in four singles.

Hawk Aldison paced the North Delta offense with a double and two singles to go along with two runs scored. Austin Taylor added a pair of singles while Gavin Towles, Wailes Finke, Alton Lee and Ryan Gibson registered singles.

Towles and Finke scored two runs each while Aden Sykes, Martin Wolfe, Lee and Gibson all drove in runs.

Batesville-5 North Delta-1

# BJH sweeps ND in midweek contest

in the first three innings as the Tigers slipped past North Delta 13-6 in the first game of a doubleheader Wednesday night in Junior High baseball

Tate Anderson threw four on four walks.

(four innings)

**APRIL 10 - 14** 

**SOUTH PANOLA** 

**HIGH SCHOOL** 

MONDAY, APR 10

Cheesy Burger Bake, Turkey &

Cheese on Flatbread, Chef Salad,

Yeast Roll, Steamed Fresh Broccoli,

Criss Cut Sweet Potato Fries,

Banana, Apple, Milk

**TUESDAY, APR 11** 

Chicken Fajita Wrap, Fish Nuggets,

Cornbread, Tex Mex Style

Beans, Whole Kernel Corn,

Slliced Apples & Grapes.

Stliced Strawberries, Milk

WEDNESDAY, APR 12

Vegetable Lasagna, Grilled

Chicken Salad, Yeast Roll,

Seasoned Lima Beans, Celery

Sticks w/Dip, Chilled Peach

Slices, Nectarine, Milk

THURSDAY, APR 13

Chicken Tenders, Chicken

Tenders Salad, Mashed

Potatoes w/Cheese, Green Beans,

Yeast Roll, Fresh Kiwi Wedges,

Applesauce, Milk, Brownies

FRIDAY, APR 14

GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY!

runs with a triple and a tworun single in the first while Blaine Cosby singled and doubled and drove in three runs. Jensen Presley and Brett Goss chipped in with

innings on the mound for Batesville while surrendering nine runs with two strikeouts

complete game with four strikeouts and one run for the Tigers in the night cap. Boyd singled and drove in

two runs in a three-run third inning. Ward added a double in the first inning while Anderson and Moore contributed with singles. Zane Hopper and Tanner Jaudon plated runs. Taylor, Wolfe and Atkins

Elliot garnered singles for the Green Wave as Lee scored the lone run on a Gibson fielders' choice in the third inning. Batesville visits Tupelo

Monday while North Delta concludes their season today at home as they take on Bay-

Jensen Presley tossed a ou at 4 & 6 p.m.



opportunity to show that he can make an impact in the league.

He weighed in at 235 and measured 6'0". On bench press he maxed out at 14 reps with 225 pounds, he jumped a 32.3 vertical and a 8-7 broad. He ran a 4.7 40 yard dash and a 4.53 short shuttle and finished with a 7.1 L-drill.

Watch to see if these players will be drafted on April 27 on ESPN, ESPN2 and NFL Network.

# NP LUNCH MENU

## **APRIL 10 - 14**

**MONDAY, APR 10** 

BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Fresh Vegetables w/Dip,

Chilled Peach Slices

**TUESDAY, APR 11** Turkey Sandwich w/Chips,

Whole Kernel Corn, Southern Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits

### **WEDNESDAY, APR 12**

Oven Roasted Cicken, Steamed Cabbage,

Sweet Potato Casserole. Southern Cornbread,

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Get Better.



North Delta's Ally Alford hustles after this ball in the ladies double match Tuesday against Clarksdale Lee.

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register, but are welcome

to register the morning of

the event.



Roydarius Jackson of North Panola, returns to his state form as he wins first place in the 110 meter hurdles at Marshall Academy on Wednesday.

The Panolian photo by like House

## Baddour preps for annual Fishing Rodeo

at www.baddour.org on

the calendar and special

are encouraged to pre-

events pages. Participants

**Senatobia** – The Baddour Center is gearing up to host its 9th Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo, slated for Saturday, April 22.

The annual event, which is for youth ages 15 and under and adults with special needs, is held at The Baddour Center's private lake, located at 3297 Hwy 51 South, Senatobia, Miss.

"We've added the special needs category, and it has continued to grow," Community Outreach Coordinator Jenny Hurt said. "We've enjoyed not just offering youth a chance to fish, but also providing people in our community with special needs a chance to fish in a fun, safe, and family friendly environment."

The first 40 participants who register for this year's Rodeo will not be required to pay the \$15 registration fee, compliments of Imerys Ceramics of Crenshaw.

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and event t-shirt.
Registration forms for the 9th Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo can be found

## MSU, Louisiana Tech set game Sept. 9

STARKVILLE – Mississippi State's Sept. 9 football game at Louisiana Tech will kick off at 6:30 p.m. CT live on CBS Sports Network from Joe Aillet Stadium, Conference USA announced on Thursday.

It will be the 13th battle

of the Bulldogs as MSU leads the all-time series, 9-3. MSU is making its second trip to Ruston, La., and first since the 2008 season. MSU won the last meeting by a score of 45-20 on Oct. 17, 2015 in Starkville.

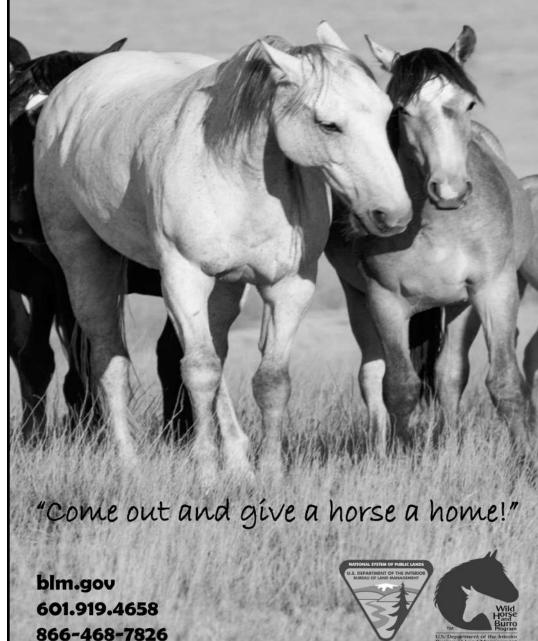
The Louisiana Tech contest will be MSU's second game of the year.

MSU opens the season against Charleston Southern on Sept. 2 in Davis Wade Stadium.

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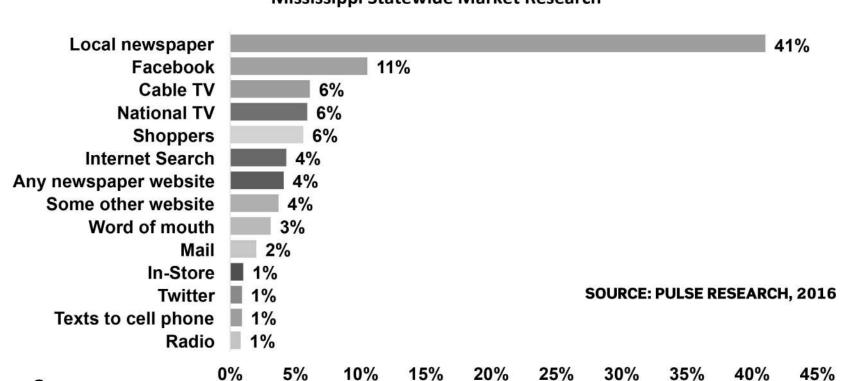
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**District** 

470 Highway 51 N

**Sardis. MS 38666** 

662-487-2305

**Advertised Bid No:** 

2017-410

School District will ac-

cept sealed bid pro-

posals until 12:00 p.m.

on Monday, April 10,

2017, in the district of-

fice at 470 Highway 51

N, Sardis, MS 38666

for the procurement of

networking equipment

E-Rate funding. A copy

of the Request for Pro-

posal (RFP) can ob-

Carla Malone at cma-

laschools.org or from

the district website at

laschools.org by click-

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curement link on the

district homepage. It is

the responsibility of the

bidder to contact Carla

within

662-934-4024

accepted.

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Panola School District

Office at 470 Highway

51 N, Sardis, MS

38666. Bids must be

submitted in a sealed

**Proposal Submitted** 

in Response to "Net-

working Equipment"

Advertised Bid No:

2017-410

April 10, 2017 at

12:00 PM

ATTENTION: Ms.

Carla W. Malone

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School District Board

of Trustees reserves

the right to reject any

and/or all bids and to

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**Technology Director** 

North Panola School

3/7, 3/10, 3/14, 3/17

PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby gives notice of

Poll Workers Training

to be held at 2:00pm

on Tuesday April 11 at

Sardis City Hall.

The Town of Sardis

3/28, 3/31, 3/4,

Carla Malone

District

3/7/2017

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IN RE: ESTATE OF MAUDIE MARIE AN-DERSON, DECEASED

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NOTICE OF SALE

makes notice of sale to

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to BERNARD POR-

has occurred in the

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will be held at 10:00

a.m. on April 18, 2017

at Storage Plus, 25475

Hwy 51, Como, MS

default

Cause No. 17-cv-12

Letters of Admin-

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

VEHICLE: 2014 Chev- istration were granted to the undersigned on the estate of Maudie Marie Anderson, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Panola Mississippi, The above vehicle will First Judicial District, be sold on May 4, on the 13th day of Feb-2017 at 8:00 a.m. at ruary, 2017, and notice 144 is hereby given to all Perkins Lane, Batespersons having claims against said estate to present the same to 4/7, 4/14/2017 the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration within ninety **North Panola School** (90) days from the date this Notice is first published or they will be

> Witness my signature, this the 28th day of March, 2017.

forever barred.

s/ Roy Neil Gray Roy Neil Gray

**BRIDGFORTH &** BUNTIN, PLLC Solicitors

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE **FIRST JUDICIAL** 

DISTRICT OF PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JOAN CAROL BROWN BUZBEE, Executrix

Estate of BILLYJOE BUZBEE, SR., De-

Cause No. 17CV54

### **NOTICE TO** CREDITORS

Malone at the phone number listed below if LETTERS TESTA-MENTARY over the they do not receive a estate of BILLY JOE response to their email BUZBEE. SR..Deceased, having been hours. Carla Malone granted to me on March 31, 2017, by the All interested bidders Chancery Court of the must schedule a man-First Judicial District of datory site visit during Panola County, Missisweek of March sippi, notice is hereby 20th-24th beginning at given all persons hav-10:00 am on the date ing claims against said scheduled. Bids from estate to have the vendors not attending same probated and the site visit will not be registered by the Clerk of said Court within Bill will be opened ninety (90) days from on April 10. 2017 at the date of the first 1:00 pm in the conferpublication hereof or ence room of the North

they will be barred. This the 31st day of March, 2017.

> JOAN CAROL **BROWN BUZBEE** Name

**Executrix** Title 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2017

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE **SECOND JUDICIAL** DISTRICT OF PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND **TESTAMENT** LADY C. EMBRY

16-cv-492 ELLEN EMBRY, **PETITIONER** 

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamenhaving been granted to the undersigned by the Chancerv Court of the Second Judicial District of Panola County, Mississippi, on the 28th day of December, 2016, in the above styled and numbered cause, all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified and directed to present the same to the Clerk of

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registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This the 3rd day of April. 2017.

> /s/ Ellen Embry ELLEN EMBRY, Executrix

SMITH, PHILLIPS, 4/7/2017 MITCHELL, SCOTT & NOWAK, LLP Attorneys At Law P. O. Drawer 1586 Batesville, MS 38606 Ph: (662) 563-4613 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2017

> IN THE CHANCERY **COURT OF PANOLA** COUNTY. **MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL** DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA HAMILTON. DECEASED

BRUCE SWIGER, JR., **PETITIONER** 

CAUSE NO.: 16-483

### NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 12th of December. 2016, by the Chancery Court for the Second Judicial District of Panola County, Mississippi, to Bruce Swiger the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Wanda Lee Hamilton, Deceased, notice is hereby given all entities having claims against said estate, to present the same, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, to the clerk of this Court for probate and registration according 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/ 2017

> forever barred. MY WITNESS HAND, this the 4th day of January, 2017.

> to law or they will be

/s/ Bruce Swiger Jr. BRUCE SWIGER JR., Administrator of the Estate of Wanda Lee Hamilton, Deceased

James R. Pitcock, Chancery Clerk Panola County /s/ Ashley Parrish, D. C.

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY: PRESTON RAY GAR-

RETT Attorney for the Estate of Wanda Lee Hamilton, Deceased Garrett Friday Garner PLLC, 1205 Office Park Drive, Suite B Oxford, Mississippi

Telephone: 662-281-0438 Facsimile: 662-281-0439 Email: prgarrett@garrettfridayandgarner.co

Mississippi State Bar No.: 10186 3/24, 3/31, 4/7,

4/14/2017 IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICTOF

PANOLA COUNTY,

MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PE-

TER LEMASTER **HARPER** 

NO. 17-CV-77

SAMANTHA HARPER MACY, PETITIONER

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of the Second Judicial District of Panola County, Mississippi, on the 13th day of March, 2017, in the above styled and numbered cause, all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified and directed to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from

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ever barred. This the 7th day of April, 2017.

> By: /s/Samantha Harper Macv

SMITH, PHILLIPS, MITCHELL & SCOTT, HP Attorneys At Law P. O. Drawer 1586 Batesville, MS 38606

Ph: (662) 563-4613

4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2017 IN THE CHANCERY **COURT OF PANOLA** COUNTY, **MISSISSIPPI** FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**GJ TAX SALE PROP-ERTIES, LLC PLAINTIFF** CIVIL ACTION NO. 16CV244

ROLANDO CURTIS

FOODS MS, INC.; TAX COLLECTOR OF PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI: TAX ASSESSOR OF PA-NOLA COUNTY MIS-SISSIPPI: CHAN-CERY CLERK OF PA-NOLA COUNTY. MIS-SISSIPPI; **PANOLA** MISSIS-COUNTY,

**DEFENDANTS** 

**SUMMONS** THE STATE OF

SIPPI

TO: Rolando Curtis

Foods MS, Inc.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by GJ Tax Sale Properties, LLC, Plaintiff, seeking the Court to confirm the tax sale of property in Panola Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Tax Collector of Panola County, Mississippi; Tax Assessor of Panola County, Mississippi; Chancery Clerk of Panola County, Mississippi; and Panola County, Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Bradford C. Ray, Attornev for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridaeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridgeland, Mis-

sissippi 39157. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30)DAYS AFTER THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 2017, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-CATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DE-LIVERED, A JUDGE-MENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR MONEY OTHER RELIEF DE-MANDED IN THE

COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after-

ward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 27th day of March, 2017.

**JAMES PITCOCK CHANCERY CLERK** PANOLA COUNTY, **MISSISSIPPI** 

BY: MARY JO FOSTER, D.C. (SEAL)

3/31, 4/7, 4/14/2017

### **SUBSTITUTED** TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF **MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF Panola**

2nd

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of April, 2007. Lamar Standard and Doris Standard, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Debera Bridges. Trustee for Citifinancial Real Estate Services, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness the date of the first therein described. publication of this nowhich Deed of Trust is said Court for probate tice, or they will be for- recorded in the office

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WHEREAS, on the

of the Chancery Clerk of Panola 2nd County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2007 at Page 3719; and

17th day of October, 2016, CFNA Receivables (TX), LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, successor by merger to CFNA Receivables (IA), Inc. f/k/a CitiFinancial, Inc. d/b/a CitiFinancial Real Estate Services, Inc., Iowa corporation (referred to in error as a Delaware corporation), assigned said Deed of Trust unto Citi-Financial Servicina LLC, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2016 at Page 10716; and

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of March, 2017 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courteau as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery aforesaid Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2017 at Page 2660; and

WHEREAS, default

having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust. and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 28th day of April, 2017, I will during the lawful hours between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the South front steps of Panola 2nd County Courthouse at Batesville, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Panola 2nd County, Mississippi, to-wit:

The following de-

scribed property lying

and being situated in the Second Judicial District of Panola Mississippi, to-wit: A part of that part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 7 West that lies East of U.S. Highway No. 51. A more particular description follows: Beginning at a point on tast right of way of U.S. Highway No. 51. said point being 1165.4 feet North and 359.5 feet East of the intersection of the East right of way of the Highway with the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28. run North 70 degrees and 00 minutes East a distance of 210 feet: thence North 20 degrees and 00 minutes West a distance of 210 feet; thence South 70 degrees and 00 minutes West a distance of 210 feet to the East Highway right of way; thence along the East right of way South 20 degrees and 30 minutes East a distance of 105 feet; thence along the Highway right of way South 19 degrees and 30 minutes East a distance of 105 feet to the point of beginning. The above described property containing 1.0 acre, more ore less, and all being in the County of Panola State

Being the same fee simple property conveyed by Deed from Billy Gene McGee and Savanna E. McGee to Lamar Standard and Doris Standard husband and wife tenancy entirety, dated 04/19/1976 recorded on 04/20/1976 in Book P3, Page 285 in Panola County Records, State of MS.

of Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

Emily Kaye Courteau

of March, 2017.

WITNESS MY SIG-

NATURE, this 24th day

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Substitute Trustee 855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400

Ridgeland, MS 39157 (318) 330-9020

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IN THE CHANCERY **COURT OF PANOLA** COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF **ESTATE** OF COOPER WILLIAMS, JR., DECEASED

> **CAUSE NUMBER:** 17-CV-55

**COOPER WILLIAMS,** 

ADMINISTRATOR/ **PETITIONER VERSUS** 

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF COOPER WILLIAMS, JR., DE-**CEASED RESPONDENTS** 

### **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF MIS-SISSIPPI UNKNOWN TO: HEIRS OF COOPER WILLIAMS, JR., DE-CEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Cooper Williams, III, Administrator of the Estate of Cooper Williams, Jr., Deceased. Petitioner seeking determination of heirship. You are not re-

quired to file a written response in this matter, however, you may mail or hand-deliver a written response to the the Petition filed against you in this action to Tommy W. Defer, LAW OFFICE OF TOMMY W. DEFER, PLLC. Attorney for the Petitioner whose address is 111 Calhoun

Street, Water Valley, Mississippi 38965. You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 0 'clock A.M. on Tuesday, the 23rd day of May, 2017, in the courtroom of the Yalobusha County Courthouse in Cof-Mississippi, feeville. and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you LOT; THENCE S 64 for the relief demanded DEGREES 18 MIN-

in the petition. You are not required to file an answer LINE OF SAID LOT A or other pleading but DISTANCE OF 330.50 you may do so if you

desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 14th day of

(SEAL)

March, 2017.

/s/ James R Pitcock Chancery Clerk of Panola County, Mississippi /s/ By: Malia Brewer Deputy Clerk 3/24, 3/31, 4/7/2017

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE** TRUSTEE'S SALE

### STATE OF **MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF 1ST DISTRICT PANOLA**

WHEREAS, default

has occurred in the

performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2011, executed by **DEIRDRE** SWAF-FORD AND BARRY SWAFFORD, conveying certain real property therein described to MICHAEL LYON, as Trustee, for MORT-GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-TEMS INC AS NOMI-NEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of 1st District Panola County. Mississippi filed and recorded December 13, 2011, in Deed Book 2011, Page 3233; and

WHEREAS,

beneficial interest of

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said Deed of Trust was transferred and as-Quicken Fax: (404) 601-5846 signed to Loans Inc.; and

tute Trustee; and

FORE, the holder of

said Deed of Trust,

having requested the

undersigned so to do,

as Substitute Trustee

or his duly appointed

agent, by virtue of the

shall, on May 4, 2017

within the lawful hours

11:00AM and 4:00PM

at the east side of the

Courthouse in the

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Rubin Lublin, LLC,

428 North Lamar Blvd,

www.rubinlublin.com/pr

Substitute Trustee

Oxford, MS 38655

Trustee.

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March, 2017.

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> **SECOND JUDICIAL** DISTRICT

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Tel: (877) 813-0992

4/28/2017

PLAINTIFF

JOHNSON TAX ONE LLC

**CAUSE NO. 17CV-62** 

COUNTY.

**MISSISSIPPI** 

VS.

MARY FRANKS, **MARY JO PETRO ABRAHAM DOUG-**LAS WALKER JR, **JAMIE E. WALKER** 

**ALL PERSONS HAV-**ING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQ-**UITABLE INTEREST** IN AND TO THE HEREINAFTER DE-**REAL SCRIBED PROPERTY** 

SUMMONS

**DEFENDANTS** 

MISSISSIPPI

TO: Mary Franks, P. O. Box 4, Corinth, MS 38835;

> Douglas Walker: Jamie E. Walker

Any person or entity

claiming any legal or

equitable interest in the following described real property: Parcel 2229R0003700

0000700

Lot 38 (75x150) 1st Add to Plum Point S/D, PB 2/14 Section 32, Township 10, Range 06 Panola County, Mississippi DB O-8/55 and Parcel 2229R0003700 0000600 Lot 37 (80x194.1) 1st Add to Plum Point S/D.

PB 2/14 Section 32, Township 10. Range 06 Panola County, Mississippi DB O-8/55

Said property is also described as:

Lots 37 and 38 of the First Addition to Plum Point Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof previously recorded at Plat Book 2 at Page 14 and now recorded as Sheet 46B in the Plat Cabinet in the Batesville Office of the Chancery Clerk of

Less and except all oil. gas and minerals and mineral rights in, on under and to the afore-

Panola County, Missis-

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by JOHNSON TAX ONE LLC, Plaintiff, seeking to quiet and confirm a tax sale.

said property.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to James Andrew Yelton, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is P. O. Box 1615, Batesville, MS 38606, and whose street address is 357 Highway 51 North, Batesville, MS 38606.

YOUR RESPONSE

MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER 24th DAY OF MARCH 2017, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST **PUBLICATION** THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDG-MENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OTHER RELIEF DE-MANDED IN

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after-

COMPLAINT.

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hand and the seal of said Court. this 17th day of March, 2017. (SEAL)

James R. Pitcock Panola County Chancery Clerk 215 S Pocahontas St Sardis, MS 38666 3/24. 3/31. 4/7/2017 /s/ BY: Ashley Parrish

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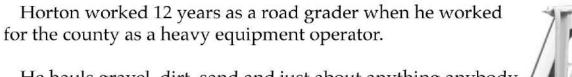
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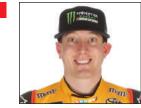
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2016 Winner: Kyle Busch (right)



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TV: FOX 2016 Winner: Kyle Busch

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Race: Toyota Tundra 250 Where: Kansas Speedway When: May 12, 8:30 p.m. (ET)

**2016 Winner:** William Byron



# Despite penalty, Brad Keselowski wins his second race of the season at Martinsville Speedway

The folks at Martinsville Speedway couldn't have scripted a better race to celebrate the track's 70th anniversary than the one Brad Keselowski and Kyle Busch put on in Sunday's STP 500.

Over the years, the half-mile, paper clip-shaped short track has produced some legendary battles, many of them just like Sunday's, which saw two of the sport's most talented drivers dueling for the win before Keselowski, driving the No. 2 Ford, surged ahead to get his first-ever Martinsville victory.

It was his second win of the season, and after six races, he's the Cup circuit's only repeat winner.

The win came in the 1,000th Cup start for Keselowski's car owner, Roger Penske, and it ended a Martinsville drought for the team that dated back to 2004, when Rusty Wallace scored his final Cup win in the team's flagship No. 2 car, a Dodge. And Keselowski's victory was the first win for a Ford at Martinsville since 2002, when Kurt Busch won the fall race in a Jack Roush-owned Ford.

In his winner's interview, Keselowski, who had to battle back from an early race penalty for speeding on pit road, talked about what it meant to finally get a victory at one of auto racing's most historic tracks

"There is something extra that is added when you win at tracks that are tied to the legacy of the sport and tied to the legacy of NASCAR," he said.

Keselowski also said that to prevail in a battle with a driver as talented as Busch made the win even more meaningful.

"Kyle is one of the best race car drivers out there," Keselowski said. "He's driving for one of the best teams, and he's going to be someone that I am going to have to beat for my entire career if we're going to win races and championships."

He said that's a good thing.

"I want to race guys that are great, and I think the team wants to



Driver Brad Keselowski celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the STP 500 on Sunday at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Virginia.



Brad Keselowski's No. 2 Ford leads Kyle Busch's No. 18 Toyota and Chase Elliott's No. 24 Chevrolet.

compete against teams that are great," he said. "That's what makes this series special. That's what makes it the series that it is ... "I don't want this to be easy."

Keselowski said that even though the two swapped the lead five times in the final 94 laps, there were no cheap shots taken by either party.

"I thought we raced each other really well," he said. "There were a couple of light taps, but that's short-track racing, and I think that's a good thing. That's what it should be, and we were able to really navigate the track well together."

Busch blamed the poor performance of his final set of tires for his being unable to beat Keselowski to the finish line.

"I wouldn't have had to worry about him if I had the right tires on the car," he said. "I don't know if [Keselowski] knew he was better than me. He probably should have known as bad as I was struggling in the middle of the corner, and he just bided his time and waited for my stuff to finally heat up too much, and he got by me.

"I was giving it all I had, grasping for straws, just seeing if I couldn't hold him off, but I knew time would tell."

Sophomore driver Chase Elliott continued his strong start to the 2017 season with a third-place finish over Joey Logano and Austin Dillon.

Elliott, who is still seeking his first Cup win, now has three topfive finishes in the six races to date, and his 14th-place finish in the Daytona, while not that bad, is his worst finish of the season. Elliott, who won the race's second stage after Ricky Stenhouse

Jr. knocked leader Kyle Busch aside on the final lap of the stage, wound up with his best Martinsville run to date.

"I was really proud of our improvements this weekend," Elliott said. "I hope that it wasn't just a fluke deal, and we didn't just get lucky today and run good.

"I really hope that we've found something or I have found something at this track that will lend some more consistent finishes that are further toward the front."

# Two-time Xfinity winner Sam Ard dies at age 78

Sam Ard, one of the early stars of the NASCAR series now known as Xfinity, died Sunday after a long battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. He was 78 years old.

Ard, one of the sport's most popular short-track racers, was a star of the Late Model Sportsman division that eventually became known as the Busch Series. He won 22 races in the Busch Series' first three seasons, but injuries from a crash at Rockingham in fall 1984 ended his driving career. He was leading that race when his engine blew in his familiar No. 00 Oldsmobile, and he slammed hard into the outside wall.

Still, he won that year's driving title, his second in a row. He was second in the standings in the Busch Series' inaugural season.

In recent years, Cup drivers including Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. have raised funds and donated their own money to help Ard and his family as they struggled financially because of his illness.



Legend Sam Ard passed away Sunday. The No. 00 Oldsmobile driver's career was cut short after a crash in the 1984 season.

## NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

7 Drivers in the top 10 in Cup points without a win this year

2 Drivers in the top 10 in Cup points without a topfive finish this year (Jamie McMurray and Kevin Harvick)

3 Drivers outside the top 20 in Cup points with a top-five finish this year (Paul Menard, Matt Kenseth and AJ Allmendinger)

Laps led by Cup points leader Kyle Larson in seven career starts at Texas Motor Speedway

# Chase Elliott defeats Johnny Sauter and Christopher Bell in Camping World Truck Alpha Energy Solutions 250

Chase Elliott warmed up for Sunday's STP 500 Cup race at Martinsville Speedway by winning Saturday's Alpha Energy Solutions 250 Camping World Truck Series race at Martinsville. It was Elliott's first win at Martinsville and the second of his brief career in the truck series.

Elliott, driving the No. 23 Chevrolet for GMS Racing, started on the pole and led a total of 92 laps, but he spent a good bit of the latter portions of the race stalking Christopher Bell's Toyota.

With 17 laps to go, Bell tangled with the lapped truck of Austin Cindric, and that allowed Elliott and Johnny Sauter to pass him. Elliott went on to win over Sauter and Bell, with Noah Gragson and Ty Dillon completing the top five

and Ty Dillon completing the top five.

"I was racing Chris really hard," Elliott told reporters after the race. "I was trying all I could to get by him. He was doing a good job of controlling my bumper when I was hitting him, and he did a good job of keeping me behind him.

"I'm glad we could capitalize on a little misfortune for him and gain that one spot from last fall."

Elliott finished second to Sauter in last fall's truck race at Martinsville.

Bell, who won at Atlanta Motor Speedway in the truck circuit's second race of the season, said he possibly could have been more patient passing Cindric.

"Looking back at it, I should have given myself another corner

and maybe the result would have been different," he said. "It's going to take a little bit to get over this one, but we'll be fresh for Kansas."

Sauter leads the points standings by four over Bell, with Matt Crafton in third, 23 points out of the lead.



Chase Elliott drives his No. 23 Chevrolet to victory on Saturday at Martinsville Speedway.

# Kyle Larson leads the charge to urge more NASCAR stars to visit local short tracks

Back in the day, it was common for even the biggest NASCAR stars to occasionally return to their roots and race on one of the short tracks where they originally honed their racing skills. Later on, those short-track appearances also meant a pretty hefty appearance fee, but having Dale Earnhardt or Bill Elliott running in a Saturday night feature helped attract short-track fans to NASCAR — and vice versa.

Today, only a handful of NASCAR's top drivers still race occasionally on short tracks. Kyle Busch makes a few appearances each year. Kasey Kahne and Kyle Larson are more likely to be found in a sprint car at a local track.

Larson, the current Monster Energy Cup points leader, is allowed by his team owners to run 25 short-track races a year. Today's team owners tend to worry about their star drivers being injured while moonlighting and missing Cup races because of it. Four years ago, the now-retired Tony Stewart missed 15 races due to an injury driving a sprint car.

Larson said during a media session at Martinsville Speedway that it would be good for the sport for more Cup drivers to race at local tracks.

"I feel like everybody needs to encourage me and others to go race at your local short track and all that because I feel like we've lost touch with our grassroots race fans," he said. "And, I really think with me going back and doing that stuff and Kyle Busch running Late Model races throughout the year, it really kind of gets the local fans back excited about NASCAR.

"I feel like the last decade or so they've kind of lost touch with it. I feel like everybody should instead of making [team owners Chip Ganassi and Felix Sabates] feel like they have to shut me down, should encourage them because it helps our fan base out."

Stewart, in his first year of retirement from driving Cup cars, has returned to his dirt-racing roots and is competing in sprint cars.

On Saturday night at Bubba Raceway Park in Ocala, Florida, Stewart drove his No. 14 sprint car to victory in a United Sprint Car Series feature. It was his first win since leaving the Cup series.

Stewart started 10th and took the lead on the 19th of 33 laps, speeding away to victory.
Stewart donated his winnings to the family of David Steele, who was killed in a sprint car crash the week before.

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Tony Stewart returns to Victory Lane at Bubba Raceway Park in Ocala, Florida.

# Austin Dillon fights for fifth-place finish

Austin Dillon finished fifth in Sunday's STP 500 at Martinsville Speedway. It was his first top-five since a fourth-place run at Bristol last summer.

Dillon, who drives the No. 3 Chevrolet fielded by his grandfather, Richard Childress, ran as high as third late in the race. He was fourth at Martinsville last fall.

"It's one of my favorite tracks," Dillon said. "At one point, I thought we were going to have a little something for the two leaders, but middle of the run our car just lacked a little bit more turn and forward drive, and then at the end we could come back to them again.

"I think I was running [fourth-place Joey Logano] back down there at the end. Just proud of my guys and thankful for this run. We needed it."

It was another strong run for Childress' team, which won at Phoenix two weeks ago with Ryan Newman and the team's No. 31 Chevy. Newman finished eighth at Martinsville.

"It's really key that we do stuff like this," Dillon said. "Short tracks have been a lot better for us the last year, and this year it was good to come back and repeat that."

"We've still got work to do, but it's huge to see RCR running better and having cars capable of running with guys like this."

## NASCAR CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

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# Panola County's ubiquitous trash irks judge

### By Saud Patton-Bey

Justice Court Judge Charlie Baglan is so sick of Panola County's unsightly sea of litter that he can't wait for the day someone brings him just the right case of flagrant littering, one that's proven to his satisfaction.

"I'm going to zap somebody with 40 hours of public service and maybe that'll slow down some of our chronic litterers," he said.

Baglan is not alone.

Almost everyone who drives the county roads in rural areas has seen it: Chicken boxes carelessly tossed in a roadside ditch or left lying in the middle of the roadway itself. Plastic

bags full of garbage. Beer and Coke cans. Old clothing. Plastic wading pools. Even soiled mattresses and toilet lids. You name it. it's been tossed on roadsides all over Panola County. It's a veritable epidemic of litterers." litter. And it makes the county look bad.

"You don't have

to go far to see it. It's a mess and then somebody else has to clean it up," said Cole Flint, president of the board of supervisors. Just the other day, Flint said, he had to clean up stuff someone dumped on his own property illegally.

"I see it all the time. People just throw all kinds of stuff on the side of the road," said Chad Meek, the land commission's code enforcer.

"It's disgusting. You don't have to look hard to see it. It's in a lot of places around Crenshaw," said Bob Bryant, who got so tired of the dumping on his property that he set out some game cameras and caught people in the act. It seemed to stop the littering and dumping on his property, but not on property around him.

It's a stubborn plague, one not easy to stop. And it spreads like a virus. People looking to get rid of something see an existing accumulation on the side of the road and, encouraged by the litterers before them, they add to it. Pretty soon, it turns into a dump.

"It's a continual problem. I don't know how to stop the chronic litterer ... unless we enforce the law,"

said Baglan, who pointed out that it's often difficult to prove who threw something on the shoulder unless they're caught on camera or credible witnesses can be found to identify

"After the election, there were about 20 of us that met on what to do about it," he said. "But nobody ever follows through."

In the 14 months he has been a justice court judge, the long-time Panola County attorney and former chief of staff for Gov. Cliff Finch hasn't had a single case of littering come before

Baglan said the county needs

to wage a major campaign to at least slow down the worst offenders. The county needs to educate the public, children and law enforcement on the damage done by littering and what can be done to stop it or at least reduce it, he

--Baglan

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He would love to see some local agency find a way to get federal money for litter enforcement. Law enforcement officers, he knows, have many more serious and violent crimes to pursue and litter understandably "takes a back seat." Federal money to pay a dedicated litter enforcer would be a godsend.

Perhaps, he said, the children could lead us. When schoolchildren became active in campaigns against smoking, he recalled, they begged and harangued parents to stop. He suggested an anti-litter campaign waged in the schools might have a similar dampening effect.

The law allows a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$250 for a first offense of littering. But a judge can also require public service.

Maybe, Baglan suggested, if people see a convicted litterer forced to march up and down Highway 51 picking up what others have thoughtlessly thrown from a car window they'll think twice about littering

People just don't realize the impact of litter, he complained.

Besides lowering property values,



Justice Court Judge Charlie Baglan ran on an anti-litter platform. Photo by Jennifer Lott

"litter is expensive in many ways," he said. "It hurts us with recruiting industry. It may cost you a factory."

Appearances count, he said.

Baglan has lived with this problem a long time. He stares it in the face from his home to his office almost every day.

Baglan lives in Courtland and almost every Monday morning, he is out early picking up beer cans, Coke cans, fried chicken boxes and the like from his lawn.

Then when he drives to his Batesville law office up Highway 51, he rolls through an ugly ocean of litter. He watches prisoners under the supervision of the sheriff's office sweep along the highway every so often and "get a full load" of garbage off the

Then, a few days later, "it's back to where it was," he said

## About this section...

Meek School of Journalism and New Media students at the University of Mississippi worked with The Panolian to produce this special section to focus attention on the problems of trash, dumping, and derelict property in Panola County. Under the direction of journalism teacher Bill Rose, seven students spent time in Panola County, interviewing a range of officials and private citizens, and taking pictures as they spread across the county, from Courtland to Crenshaw.

Students writers are: Suad Patton-Bey, Lyndy Berryhill, Blake Alsup, Sarah Smith, John Touloupis, Rykia Bernard, and Amelia Hanks.

Photographers included Chinonyeranyi Kalu and Jennifer Lott.

The project was timed to coincide with this weekend's Keep Panola Beatutiful Day. See page C8 for details.

# Sheriff's prisoner patrol can't keep up with litter



### By Rykia Bernard, Photos by Jennifer Lott

They sweep swiftly along county roads in their green and white jail uniforms almost every day, picking up the trash.

It's a never ending chore but the inmate work crews run by the Panola Sheriff's Department don't quit. They can't. Too many people throw too much on the roads.

Why?

"In my opinion, people just don't care," said Bobby Meek, the jail administrator. He said unsightly roadside trash really started to become a major issue about seven or eight years ago. Ever since, there has been a constant struggle to keep it from getting out of control.

Maybe, he said, it's as simple as a lot more vehicles on the road than there used to be. More people and more vehicles equals more litterers and more trash.

Another problem: "They (the litterers) know we have county inmates who pick the sides of the roads up," Chief Deputy Chris Franklin said.

"There's a lot of pickups. These young folks throw everything on the back of their pickup, and if you drive down the road, what happens," Meeks said.

Meek and Franklin say that if people don't care how their county looks, there's only so much that can be done. The courts could crack down, levying higher fines, and maybe that would slow it down.

To combat this epidemic of littering, the sheriff's department usually has as many as 16 inmates available. They work in two crews of five to eight inmates and the department tries to deploy them daily on the roads and other local projects such as mowing the grass around all county buildings or maintaining flower beds at the courthouse.

The road crews are composed of state prisoners housed at the county detention facility under an agreement with the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The state formerly paid the county about \$20 a day for the prisoners' upkeep, but budget cuts and a declining state prison population forced MDOC to stop paying. Initially, it planned to end the program altogether, but so many counties complained that then-Corrections Commissioner Marshal Fisher agreed on a compromise. Counties could keep the state prisoners, but the state would not pay for their upkeep, except when they need major medical care.

The Panola County Sheriff's Department held onto its state prisoners, knowing that picking up the cost of feeding and housing them at the detention facility would be a significant savings over what it would cost to pay salaries and benefits to outside labor to do the same job.

The inmate crews head out early in the morning, if the weather permits, and they're usually out there much of the day. On hot summer days, the get some relief from the heat. "We still treat them like human beings, and I don't want anything to happen to them, so I have them in by 1:30, probably. When it's a little cooler, they'll stay out there till 3," Meek said.

The inmates volunteered for the job. Some of them still tend to complain, but they're there to do a job, Meek said. "Some of them are going to complain no matter what you do."

The work crews are composed of low level custody inmates, the lowest kind of flight risk, and very seldom, if ever, do they cause any trouble.

There is a special incentive for inmates to join the road crews. It provides them an opportunity to shorten their jail sentences.

"They could work off a five-year sentence in two and a half years," Meek said.

Meek said they pick up on county roads and state highways.

"One of the worst roads to pick up is 51 Highway, going from Tate County to Yalobusha County," Franklin said. It runs right through the middle of Batesville and all of Panola County.

Meanwhile, the illegal dumping and littering continues.

A few decades ago, people out in the county might routinely burn trash or haul it away to be disposed of. Unfortunately, that doesn't happen much anymore, Meek and Franklin said.

"People just throw it on the side of the road," Meek said.

Another big problem is improper disposal of old tires.

"They take them on a county road and throw them in a ditch or whatever, and that's when we have to go pick them up," Franklin said.

"There's hundreds of them a month sometimes," Meek said. The tires often fill up an entire trailer when the pickup crew goes out.

Meanwhile, deputies try to see that the inmates stay as far ahead of the litter flood as possible and hope that litterers get the message and at least slow down the illegal dumping on roadsides.

"We just gotta tighten up rope here and there," Franklin said.



# Panola County discovers tool to fight blight

By Blake Alsup

Look to your left and you will see a burned out shell of a home. Wooden boards and bricks lie in a pile in the yard. A little farther down the road, there is a dilapidated mobile home with beer cans and assorted garbage strewn across the lawn.

Anyone driving the country roads in Panola County is sure to encounter sights like these on either side of the asphalt. Some dilapidated homes are inhabited while some

were abandoned by their owners, the unsightly remains left for others to deal with.

It is a longstanding problem in the vast unincorporated areas of Panola County, so longstanding that some might think that not much can be done to stop people from allowing their

property to fall into disarray. But the Panola County Land Use Commission is trying to do something about

A few months ago, the 10 commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors found a Mississippi law that gives them a powerful tool to use in cleaning up the county.

In accordance with the law, Section 19-5-105 of the Mississippi Code, the commissioners can send a letter to the property owners and give them 30 days to clean up their property. If they do not comply, another letter will be posted on the property and mailed to the delinquent owners two weeks before a public hearing, which will be at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

At that hearing, if the supervisors deem the property to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare, then they have the right to have it cleaned up, whether it be by the owner, a private contractor or county labor. After cleanup, the owner can be forced to pay the cost of the cleanup and possibly even a fine.

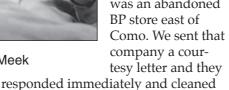
Chad Meek, building official and flood plain manager for Panola County, is the man on the front lines of enforcing the law.

"The process of recouping that money, the law states that you can charge a penalty of \$1,500 or 50 percent of the cost of cleaning the property up," Meek said. "That cost can be a judgement against the person or they can adjudicate the cost to [their] tax roll."

So far, Meek and the Land Commission have had success without hauling anyone before the Board of Supervisors. Though their stricter enforcement is only a few months old,

> everyone has complied and taken action to clean up their property thus

"We've had some luck just sending the letters out," Meek said. "One in particular was an abandoned



Another case stemmed from a simple complaint from an adjacent

property owner. "The people in front of them hadn't cut the grass all year and it just looked bad," Meek said. "I sent letters out to them and talked to the people and they got it cut. For the most part, people want to do what's right, but some, they'll promise you but do nothing."

Meek is anxious to see how the Board of Supervisors will react when a person refuses to clean their property and the county has to decide whether or not to take action.

"If that's what they want to do, are they willing to do that and spend that cost whether it be a private contractor or sending county employees out there?" Meek said. "And then when the county employee gets on the property, my question is do they know what to clean up, what to haul off, what needs to stay?"

Panola County planning commissioner Danny Jones said that derelict property has been an ongoing problem here.

"There's been a lot of talk ever since I moved into the community 30 years ago, but nothing was ever done about anything and it just kept getting worse and worse," Jones said.

For years, the commission was not sure what to do about it. Now that they know that the Mississippi Code is on their side, county government has a newfound determination to pursue the improvement of derelict

property. It's the sort of thing that can kick start a movement countywide.

"I think one of the biggest things we've had is persistent people in the community that have pushed it," Jones said. "It's not useless to call now. Something can possibly get done."

According to Cole Flint, president of the Board of Supervisors, the problem goes all the way back to the slumping economy.

"If people aren't making money, they're not going to spend money on keeping their property up," Flint said. "That's one reason I don't understand how we're going to stop it. If you can't keep your property up and we put a lien on your property or fine you, how are they going to pay for it if they can't pay to clean their property up? So it's a never ending circle."

In the end, officials and members of the community have made it clear that it is important to improve the county's aesthetic and are now taking action towards making their goal a reality. If it continues, the overall look of the county could change drasti-

"People have said it's going to cost the county too much and my argument is that it's going to cost us way more than that if we don't clean up," Jones said.





Meek encounters a roadside dump in rural Panola County.

# Recycling 101

### By Amelia Hanks

In the recycling bins around Batesville, Jennifer Jackson has seen the weirdest things a person could think of. She's found a toilet, plastic swimming pools, even a person looking for coupons — and that's just in the mixed papers bin.

None of that has lessened her enthusiasm for Batesville's young campaign to get people to recycle their trash. After all, she is assisted by an army of children.

The Mississippi
Recycling Coalition
has given Panola
County the 2016
Environmental Hero
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Local Government
Recycler of the Year.

"We have about 250 of the mixed paper bins out in the schools (one) for each classroom," Jackson said. "The schools are where most of the recycling comes from."

Jackson heads the recycling program for Panola County Solid Waste Department, which last year collected 2,966.73 total tons of reusable material. A lot of that is material like discarded metal and old rubber tires.

But 23.44 tons are cardboard, 20.55 tons are plastic, and 39.44 tons are mixed paper, all collected from the five recycling bins in Batesville. Because Panola County doesn't have its own recycling plant or curbside pick-up of household recyclables, the county drives its reusable castoffs to Oxford's recycling plant.

"We carry all our recyclables to the city of Oxford, but they don't pay us. In return, Michelle Robinson (Oxford's recycling coordinator) goes into schools with us to educate the children on recycling," said Jackson. She doesn't think Panola County will



Jennifer Jackson heads the recycling program for the Panola County Solid Waste Department.

Photos by Chi Kalu

build its own recycling plant any time in the near future.

"We just started recycling in the fall of 2012," Jackson said, "and it doesn't cost people any money to recycle. In fact, if I see you down [by the bins], I'll give you a free t-shirt."

If Batesville citizens want to recycle, they have to take their reusable trash to the five bins located by Smith Cleaners and Laundry on Van Voris Street. The system is small, yet efficient. The color coded bins are clearly labelled cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum, plastic. Jackson sends trucks to pick them up, usually on Mondays,

and they're almost always full.

Even after almost five years of recycling, sometimes it doesn't go as smoothly as Jackson wishes. Despite frequent instructions on how to recycle, people still occasionally throw food, drinks, plastic bags and other things that can't be recycled into the bins. If gooey remnant of shampoo isn't washed out of the bottle, for example, the county can't recycle it.

"Sometimes the contamination is so bad, that we have to send everything straight to the landfill," Jackson said. "I have to send one of my guys out there every day to go through the recycling bins and sort through it."

Despite such hiccups, Panola County's program is winning rave reviews. The Mississippi Recycling Coalition has given Panola County the 2016 Environmental Hero Award as the Local Government Recycler of the Year.

"It's a lot of work to do this job, but it all feels worth it to get recognized like this" Jackson said, "Everyone should want to make their city beautiful."

Emily Griste certainly does.



Leilyn Farris, 12, shares a laugh with classmate Matthew Clark, 13, as they wheel recycling cans inside to collect recyclable waste from classrooms.



In Griste's class are (from left) Leilyn Farris, Matthew Clark (behind Farris), Nathan Hamblin, Makaili Robinson, and Shaniya Miles. Hugh Covington and Joshua Towles also help with the school recycling but are not pictured.

Photos by Chi Kalu



Makailil Robinson, 13, Batesville Junior High student, pushes a recycling can down the school's halls during her recycling class period.



Batesville Junior High teacher Emily Griste won a \$1,000 grant to educate her school about recycling.

Photo by Chi Kalu

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Griste, a teacher at Batesville Junior High School, recently won a \$1,000 grant to educate her school about recycling. She has a group of seven students in her fifth period class that pick up recycling bins from every classroom in the school after lunch on Fridays. The county then collects the bins.

With the \$1,000, Griste believes that she can get teachers at her own school and other schools in the South Panola School District fired up about recycling.

"The main thing is incentives, like incentives for the teachers to do it," Griste said. "It comes down to if the teachers are interested in recycling, then the kids will want to do it right, too. With the grant, we can give gift cards out, things like that."

When she's not teaching her kids about the importance of recycling, Griste and her daughter pick up trash along their road in their spare time.

"I pick up the road all the time, but when I actually had someone to come in and help me, we had so many garbage bags," Griste said, in reference to last year's clean-up day.

Makaili Robinson, an eighth grader in Griste's class, said that recycling at school has made her want to do it at home as well.

"I didn't think about recycling until I started doing it at school," Robinson said, "but now I feel like I have to. At home, I try to get my parents and my sisters to throw our plastics in the plastics, paper in the paper, and the trash in the trash."

Both Griste and Jackson are involved in Panola County's new partnership with the campaign Keep America Beautiful. Efforts culminate Saturday when volunteers from around the community will be picking up litter. (See story, page C8.)

## KEEP PANOLA BEAUTIFUL

Help clean up on Saturday, April 8 8 AM - Noon.



RE-ELECT

# Bill Dugger



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# Saturday is Keep Panola Beautiful Day

### **By Rita Howell**

With trashbags in hand, volunteers will scatter out across Panola County Saturday morning to collect trash in an effort organized by the Panola County Solid Waste Department.

It's part of the county's association with the Keep America Beautiful organization, and organizers are hoping for a large turnout of all ages.

The idea is to organize teams and volunteer to clean up a road, then bring the bags of trash by noon to the courthouse in Batesville where it will be counted and disposed of.

Teams will be treated to lunch at the courthouse at noon and there will be prizes, including a grill and gift cards.

Anyone may come to the Batesville courthouse as late as Saturday morning to get trash bags, gloves and child-size safety vests.

As of mid-week, 20-25 roads had

been "adopted" for cleanup, according to Jennifer Jackson, manager of the Solid Waste Department.

A bonus for volunteers: those who commit to cleaning up their roads three times a year will receive signs that discourage littering. The county will install the signs for those who sign up for the program Saturday.











Saturday morning in helping clean up our county!

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# Bryant takes stand against litter on homeplace

By Lyndy Berryhill

CRENSHAW -- A Google Map search for "Landfill Road, MS," will find less than 10 roads bearing the name, but the one near Crenshaw has no landfill on it. The plans fell through years ago, but the name was never changed.

Somehow, the road still became an irresistible haven for residents wanting to rid themselves of excess garbage.

What the road does have is Bob Bryant, a former deputy sheriff for Shelby County, Tennessee, and a gadfly who has become a thorn in the side of local litterbugs. He is a man with respect for the law and a love for the place where he grew up.

Over the past 17 years, Bryant has doggedly tracked down people who littered on his family's property, even if that meant digging through the trash to find mailing addresses to get the evidence he needed. He's set up game cameras activated by motion sensors to catch them in the act. He has even caught people while on a deer stand.

"It all boils down to people," Bryant said. "They don't have respect for themselves or others."

Bryant said he does not know why people think they can throw their trash onto his family property, but he added that when he shows up to return it, they don't seem to know either.

Bryant has never had a bad run-in with litterers he catches. He said they always are stupefied that he would confront them in the first place.

Because courts require proof, it is often hard to get convictions for littering. But Bryant has pressed charges multiple times and won. More than winning court cases, he has won a reputation for being no-nonsense about littering.

"I don't mind going to court," Bryant said. "I spent enough time there anyway."

After working in law enforcement for 28 years, he moved back to Crenshaw and began taking care of his uncle's small acreage on Landfill

Road. It has a small white house and a tractor out front. A dry creek wraps around the back of the property. To Bob Bryant, this is almost hallowed ground. It pains him when people try to treat it like a garbage dump.

Over the years, he has found dumped on his property dead deer carcasses, old tires, and trash bags full of extra Christmas and birthday wrapping paper that will not fit into the trash can. He has either cleaned

> up the mess himself or found the litterers and made them clean it up.

Bryant said if the trashcan lid will not close, the trash collectors will not pick it up. They also will not pick up bags placed beside or on top of the

can.

--Bryant

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others."

He thinks that may be why some people have excess trash to dump, but says it is not an excuse to disrespect other people's property.

Before his road was named Landfill, it was a county road without a name. Back then, most of the roads were known by landmarks or the names of families who lived there.

Bryant grew up on the property with his uncle, known to everyone as "Mr. Coop." It was short for Exray Cooper, a name he was bestowed not long after the X-Ray was invented in the late 1890s. He signed his name just E.R. Cooper.

Saturday mornings, Bryant would wake up to the revving engine of his uncle's 1954 Chevy. It was black with a white top.

"I used to think he was about to leave me," Bryant said, then quickly dismisses the notion. He said he realized later in life that his uncle would have never actually left him before beginning Saturday chores. "Mr. Coop" just wanted to have fun with his nephew.

Even today, he misses his uncle's company.

"He was the patriarch," Bryant said.

Crenshaw, a small community in the northwest corner of Panola County, right on the edge of Quitman County, was established in 1903 as a railroad town. The flat, black Delta fields seem to run right to the horizon.

The town's population has dwindled over the years to less than a thousand people. The main street is mainly dilapidated buildings caving in on themselves. Several still stand, their neon signs shining even during daylight hours.

Bryant remembers when it was a booming place to be, but the town's expansion peaked at 1,392 residents and has plummeted since then, buffeted by mechanization and changes in the farming economy.

"Most of your Delta towns were like that," Bryant said.

Bryant has attempted to change the name of the road by collecting names on a petition, even offering to cover the cost of the road sign itself. The county told him it was too expensive, he said.

He tried to convince the county the name change would benefit property values and might even attract more people to move to the fading community. "Where would you want to live, Pleasant Hill or Landfill?" Bryant asks.

However, Bryant said the county has gotten better about enforcing litter laws and cleaning up trash. Perhaps other property owners will take a stand against litter like he has and help reverse an ugly trend that has marred many parts of rural Panola County.

As for his own dumping problem, Bryant said nowadays his reputation as an anti-litter crusader keeps trash out of his yard more than anything else.

His two cats, Barney and Fred, help out by keeping mice away. He keeps the cat food in old ammo boxes on the small porch. In the afternoons, Bryant watches farmers tend to their fields and enjoys their company.

"It keeps the 'coons out," Bryant said as Barney rubbed against his blue jeans.

Bryant doesn't get around as well

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# New York heir tackles neighborhood neglect

### By John Touloupis

Henry Heafner Road used to be littered with burnt tires, cars rotting in driveways, and decaying trailers with peeling paint, boarded windows, and rusted roofs.

Until Pamela Folik showed up. Folik's war against the derelict property surrounding her father's home northeast of Batesville near Sardis Lower Lake resulted in a more than two-year battle with neighbors and local and state officials still going on today.

It also helped prod county officials to begin getting tougher, at least for now, on the steadily growing derelict property around the county.

Folik, who lived in New York, the became the executor of her father's gra estate after he passed away in November 2014. "I would

really like to

see improve-

ments so that

everybody has

a better living

environment."

"I tried for over a year to manage his estate from Manhattan without success," Folik explained. One of the many obstacles she struggled with besides a maze of different state laws and court dates was dealing with Realtors in her attempt to sell the house.

"I had three separate opinions," Folik says, "and each one of them came back with slightly different versions of scary."

Located at 256 Henry Heafner Road, the house sat on a street with a long reputation for drugs and bad behavior.

"One realtor said the home should be valued around \$65,000, but because of the street, because of the reputation, because of what's happening with your neighbor, you'd be lucky to get around \$30,000," Folik said.

Folik and her husband decided to bite the bullet, opting to move to her father's house in Batesville rather than renew their lease in New York. The move began a process they assumed would only take six to nine months.

However, what Folik didn't realize was the number of legal roadblocks she would have to overcome to simply get the a neighbor to clean up the area around her house.

Armed with videos of property which she said hadn't been updated and barely maintained in the past 20 years, Folik asked the Panola County Board of Supervisors what she could do. She learned the trailers were installed before the county's 1999 land use ordinance and governed under the older set of laws. They were grandfathered in and didn't plan on going anywhere.

"If property is not used or maintained properly, or if the value falls below 60 percent, the neighbor would lose her grandfather clause," Folik explained.

But when Folik went to the board of supervisors the first time, they said their hands were tied because of the grandfather clause. She turned to the

state, talked to the Fire Marshall about the trailers on the property and informed the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality about what looked to be a septic tank system emptying near the property.

"I tried to ask the state if they could be held to hotel/motel standards because they do weekly

rentals that don't require leases," Folik said, "but the state came back and said no, they are actually considered a landlord."

The state said those laws would apply, but since Folik was not a tenant, she had no grounds to press her case. Determined, Folik went back to the supervisors, but they had sent her case back to the county's Land Use Commission.

Folik asked the commission if they could invoke the public nuisance clause. There was a consultant at the meeting to help advise the commission, and he told Folik and commissioners about a section of the state code they could use.

Under Mississippi law, the commission can hold a hearing and give notice to the landlord to clean up the property. If they fail to do so, the county can clean up the land, charge the property owner for the cleanup, and impose a fine up to \$1,500 or the actual cost of the cleanup, whichever is more.



Pamela Folik

Photo by Jennifer Lott

The consultant brought the issue to the board of supervisors in December, and they agreed to declare the property a public nuisance and to proceed with the cleanup. The property owner was given until the end of January to make significant progress.

At a hearing in February, the landowner reported on progress and presented plans to renovate and restore the trailers. However, Folik was not buying it.

"I let her have her peace and let her have her say," Folik said, "but at the end of it, I stood up and respectfully disagreed with her statement, citing the ordinance." The following week at the next hearing, the owner was ordered to continue improving the first trailer she began working on, but she was given six months to remove four that needed to

"I'm hopeful. She has made progress and the street is looking better," Folik said.

But there is still a long way to go, as she points out the wooden fences she claims the neighbor installed to hide how trashed some of the trailers still are.

One trailer, Folik jokes, is referred to as the "sun roof model" because there is a tree growing through it.

Nevertheless, the

improvement is noticeable. What began as Folik's campaign to increase the value of her home has emerged into a possible transformative opportunity for the community.

"Thonestly think if we can get her to clean up, it will actually help the overall environment for the whole street, and in the end it's gonna help me," Folik says. "I would really like to see improvements so that everybody has a better living environment."

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as he used to, but he still loves the old place and clings to it, proud that he defends it against the encroachment of illegal dumpers. He clenches his jaw when he thinks of the farm ever being sold.

He fondly recalls how he and his uncle would hunt, fish, check on the farm animals, pick up pecans and pears. The farm was spattered with fruit trees. At the end of the day, Bryant would watch the sunset.

As he thinks of what his boyhood activities meant to him on the farm, the wind blows a gate open and closed with a shrill squeak.

Bryant looks at the last fruit tree left standing.

"It's something to come back to," he said.

# Run-down surroundings lead to economic loss

By Sarah Smith

All those ungroomed, trash-strewn lots and neglected houses are causing

Panola County to lose out economically.

Local Realtors are quick to tell you that unkempt eyesores and irresponsible homeowners are costing neighbors money. When they try to sell their homes, the mess on adjacent or nearby property can cost them as much as 30 percent of their property value, ac-

cording to Nell Foshee, an agent for Batesville Realty.

woman crusade to get neglected property near her father's house east of Batesville cleaned up, says real

> estate agents warned her that the condition of her neighbors' property might cost her as much as 50 percent off the selling price of her father's estate.

> Fortunately, the widespread litter and derelict property in unincorporated areas of the county hasn't hurt industrial recruitment efforts yet, said Joe Azar, director of the Panola

Partnership. "But it could."

Desoto County planning con-

native, has been working with Panola County on that very issue, recommending ways to crack down on abandoned, neglected and downright messy homes and other structures in rural areas of the county. The idea is to clean up the area and make it more appealing to potential buyers.

He praised the county for its planning in pursuit of a better image and

"They passed a plan and it was called 'Progress Panola,' the future of growth and development in Panola County," Barber said. His company, Desoto County-based Orion Planning Design, works all over the country helping local governments with the pesky issues of abandoned houses and litter.

He applauded the county's recent decision to force landlords to clean up neglected property.

Cole Flint, president of the board of supervisors, said the county wants to enforce derelict property laws and get neglected property cleaned up and fixed up. But he said that he also

has to worry about the impact on an already strapped county budget.

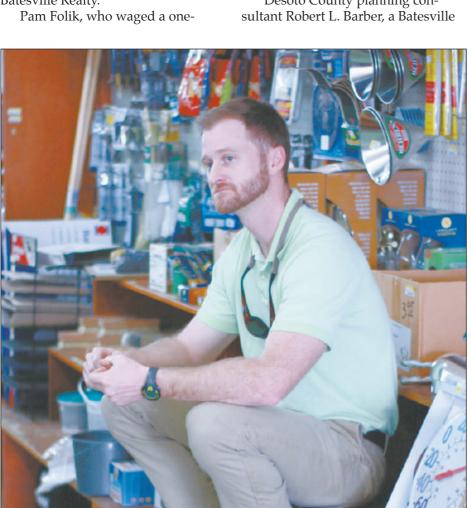
If the county has to bear the burden of cleaning up property too frequently, "it could take our employees away from the work the county normally has them doing so that adds on to the cost."

But Barber said that in the long run, fixing derelict housing issues will cost less than the issues themselves.

One of the nagging problems that Barber said he ran into was people building their own narrow little "pig trails," makeshift roads, then building houses around them. Afterwards, the county may wind up having to step in and maintain these same roads.

The result: more cost to taxpayers. And there's something else: Lower property values mean less property tax income. Countywide, that could amount to a lot of lost income for the county, perhaps in the tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars, Barber said.

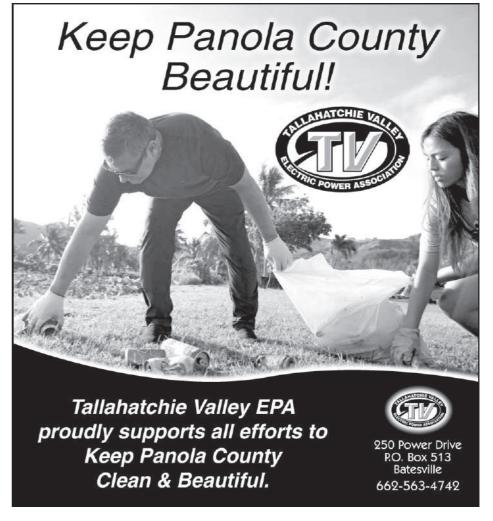
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Realtor Nell Foshee

Cole Flint, president of the Panola County Board of Supervisors, works in his family's hardware store, the oldest retail business in Batesville

Photos by Jennifer Lott



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Barber also addressed the psychological cost of living in run down communities. People get demoralized by their surroundings and stop trying to improve them. They don't see what good it would do to clean up their property when everyone around them lives in a mess and tolerates it.

He said that when windows are busted out and yards are overgrown it can't be good for your health. Barber likened it to the "broken windows theory," which holds that broken windows in a neighborhood often lead to more broken windows and worse.

In the end, as people decide that no one cares enough to fix anything, it attracts the attention of criminals.

That's why it's important to police neighborhoods before they are too far gone.

"The cost of not doing it is more than it costs," Barber warned.

Azar warned that appearances have a major impact on people considering moving here. He recalled his first visit to Ireland, a trip he had

always wanted to make because of the country's reputation for beauty. He got up early that first morning in Dublin to take an early morning run through the city and was appalled by the rampant litter.

"It was everywhere," he said.

"Appearances matter. It matters greatly. I'm not going to invest in your town if it's not clean and safe," he said.

Azar can recall when litter was the subject of television commercials and people who flicked a cigarette butt out a car window were shunned for it.

"But now we have a new generation and we have to keep reminding people."

Azar is buoyed by the recent attempts to call attention to litter and derelict property in Panola County.

"The latest push is going to work, I believe. We just need to continue to make people aware. We have to continue to push."



Panola County planning commissioner Danny Jones has been outspoken about the ongoing problem of derelict property here.

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