

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

DEADLINE:
4 p.m. FRIDAY

WOMEN’S HISTORY
MONTH SET AT G.S.E.C.

Good Samaritan Ecumenical Church in Tchula will celebrate Women’s History Month for March with a different speaker each Sunday.

3-2,9

PICNIC SET AT PINEY
WOODS M.B. CHURCH

Piney Springs M.B. Church will host a community wide picnic and health fair on Saturday, March 11 at 12:00 p.m.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS
DAY SET AT MACEDONIA

Macedonia M.B. Church will have its Annual Family and

3-9,16

Friends Day Program on Sunday, March 19 at 11 a.m. 3-9,16

HORSESHOE BAPTIST SET FOR MARCH REVIVAL
Revival services will be held at Horseshoe Baptist Church from Sunday, March 19 through Wednesday, March 22. Services begin Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and at 7:00 each night after. 3-9,16

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE SET AT STUDENT CENTER
The Women In Touch Conference/Fellowship will be held on March 18 at The Student Center at Holmes Community College in Goodman at 10 a.m. 3-9,16

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open group meetings every Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at

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STORY AND CRAFT TIME SET AT DURANT LIBRARY
The Durant Public Library will have a story and craft time program for all daycare and homeschoolers age 3-6 on Friday, March 10 at 10 a.m. at the library. 3-9

CLEANING DAY SET AT THURMOND CEMETERY
The Thurmond Cemetery Club will be having a spring cleaning day on Saturday, March 11 at 11 a.m. Members and individuals with family buried at Thurmond Cemetery should attend. Bring gloves and tools! 3-9

ANNIVERSARY SET AT LEBANON M.B. CHURCH
The Lebanon Inspirational Choir of Lebanon M.B. Church will celebrate its 23rd anniversary on Sunday, March 19 at 3 p.m. 3-9,16

TRAVIS SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET SET FOR APRIL
The Nora and William Travis Memorial Scholarship Benefit Banquet will be held at William Dean Jr. Fellowship Hall at St. Paul COGIC in Lexington on Saturday, April 22 at 6 p.m. 3-9,16

REVIVAL SERVICES SET AT ST. PAUL C.O.G.I.C.
St. Paul Church of God in Christ will hold revival services from Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. 3-9,16

WIDE AWAKE SERVICE SET AT ST. PAUL C.O.G.I.C.
St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Lexington will host a Wide Awake Evening Service on Sunday, March 12 at 5 p.m. 3-9

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Conservation Corner

by James Cummins
Executive Director
of Wildlife Mississippi

The bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*) is famous for its whistling of its name. During the spring and summer months, the “bob-bob-white” call rings loud and clear across prime quail country as lonesome males seek the company of a mate and proclaim their territory.

The bobwhite is a round-bodied small bird. Adult males

measure between 9 and 10 inches in length, have a wingspan of 14 to 15 inches and weigh anywhere from 5 to 6 ounces. The most conspicuous markings found on the bobwhite quail are the throat patch and broad stripe above the eye, extending from the bill to the base of the neck.

The male bobwhite has a white throat patch and stripe,

while the female’s patch and stripe is a buff or pale yellow color. The bobwhite’s breast, back, rump, wings and tail are reddish brown with black markings. The belly and flanks consist of white feathers with dark markings on the edges giving the belly a scaled appearance. The bird’s bill, eyes, legs and feet are black.

The bobwhite has short, cupped wings that are well-designed for fast takeoffs and flying short distances. Bobwhite quail can reach their top speed of 50 mph almost immediately but then must set their wings and glide to their destination.

Bobwhite quail prefer a diverse habitat which can be found in and around idle or fallow fields, open woodlands, old fields, crop fields such as corn, milo and soybeans with weedy growth and certain types of pastures. These areas provide food sources with suitable escape cover.

Approximately 80 to 85 percent of a bobwhite quail’s diet consists of seeds, leaves, stems and flowers of ragweed, lespedeza, smartweed, corn, sorghum, bristle grass, wheat, small acorns, cowpeas, sunflowers and panic grasses. The remainder of their diet consists of animal matter such as insects, caterpillars, earthworms, snails and slugs.

Bobwhite quail are very prolific with clutch sizes of 12 to 15 eggs on average. The female will lay one egg per day until the clutch is completed. Incubation requires 23 days and once the chicks have hatched, both parents participate in raising them. After only 10 days the chicks are able to fly short distances and at the age of 3 weeks have fully-developed flight feathers.

Like other ground nesting birds, bobwhites face a constant danger of predation from raccoons, fox, snakes, skunk, bobcats, coyotes and house cats. The bobwhite’s greatest enemy, however, is the change in land use (large fields, small fields growing-up in trees, etc.) leading to loss of habitat.

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WEST REPORT

by West Civic Club

David and Sara Starns went to Mississippi College, in Clinton, three days this week to watch their grandson Tanner Robertson play basketball with

Jackson Academy in the State Overall Tournament. They had a good visit with Betty Springer and Joy Nell Oakes who were also at the games.

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

The family and many friends of Mrs. Katherine Cagle are very thankful she is feeling somewhat better and pray that she will be out and about again very soon.

Joey Hill and Mark

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APPRECIATION SET AT ST. JOHN C.M.E. CHURCH
St. John C.M.E. Church in Lexington will host its Annual Musician Appreciation for Perrin Wilson on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. 3-9,16

INSTALLATION SERVICE SET AT SWEET HOME
Sweet Home M.B. Church will have the Installation Service for Rev. Otis Anthony II on Sunday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. 3-9,16

Underwood celebrated his (Mark’s) birthday Saturday by visiting the Confederate Park in Vicksburg. This was Mark’s first real visit there.

All are thankful Mrs. Edith Moss Word visited a Jackson doctor during the week and is feeling some better.

Mrs. Beth Blanton Momand of Fort Smith, Arkansas spent time during the weekend with her mother Mrs. C.H. (Dot) Blanton, Jr. All are very thankful Dot is improving from a recent accident at her home.

Mrs. Gale Sheppard visited her son and the family during the weekend. We missed her a lot but appreciate David Irby leading the music at First Baptist Church services Sunday.

Mrs. Frankie Farmer and I attended the grave side service last Tuesday for our good friend and former schoolmate Julian Bishop at the cemetery near their former home in the Boyette Community. Family and a host of friends were present. Sympathy and love to Julian family. They are special to me and my family.

All are thankful that Mrs. Sunil (Rashmika) Desai is recovering well after recent surgery.

Prayers and best wishes to Plez White. He hasn’t been well for some time. Friends and family miss seeing and being with him and look forward to a complete recovery, hopefully soon.

The First Baptist Ladies Night Out is Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at Kaffay Mile a Way. A good program is planned.



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Ben Brown
April 22

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