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walked in she was just laying there asleep. I took her hand, held it, and I told her ‘Honey, if you can hear me squeeze my hand or move something. Nothing. I kissed her on the cheek, nothing. I went and sat down. I knew it was over then. She was dead when she got up there.”

According to Payton, neither him nor his family received any contact from any county representative about what had happened to Jo Nell, a county worker injured on county property.

Two attorneys from separate law firms have contacted Payton about possible litigation against Holmes County, whom Payton did not want to disclose their names.

“They just called me asked me if I was interested in (suing the county), said Payton. “I don’t even know how they knew about (Jo Nell’s death). They said if I decided, if I wanted to, they’d take the case.

“The word was, one of the football boys said she was coming down the steps, and got dizzy, out of the courtroom. He sat down his stuff and went back to help her. Well, why didn’t he fall down and go down with her?”

Payton emphasized that if he pursued a lawsuit his goal would not be for money.

“She wouldn’t have wanted that, she was doing what she

loved,” said Payton. “But they could have at least had the decency to address the situation to the family.

“Nobody from the county ever showed up that I know of. They never talked to me or my family. They didn’t contribute nothing towards her medical costs. Working for the county you would have thought they would. She was on county property. The steps on the south side of the courthouse.”

Payton said he never received a clear and accurate account of the incident that lead to his wife’s death. He only heard “what the word on the street was” about what happened. Payton was not clear on whether the incident occurred inside of the courthouse on the steps coming down from the second floor or outside entry steps on the south side.

Two county employees, Linda Rollins and Kahaliah Cook, who were not present at the time of the incident, said it was their understanding that the incident was inside the courthouse.

Payton said he also spoke in passing with County Supervisor James Young about the issue, but has not gotten a follow up from him.

“I don’t know exactly where she fell but she had to have fell and hit her head on those steps,” Payton said. He added that his wife’s fatal injury was a severed brain stem.

When asked about if there

were any witnesses to the accident Payton replied that he hasn’t heard any information about it, fueling his frustration at seemingly being shut out by county representatives with any knowledge about the incident.

“She was discovered and they knew she fell but I don’t know who (discovered her),” Payton continued. “They said those football players from the school (Holmes County Central High School) were toting out some equipment for them. But we were never confronted by no one from the county, no one explained to us. All we got was street talk. That’s what bugged me.”

Payton added he felt like his wife was simply discarded after the incident “like a piece of old

APPRECIATION SET AT TRINITY M.B. CHURCH

Trinity M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Musicians’ Appreciation on Saturday, October 21 at 6 p.m. All other performance groups are invited to attend.

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ANNIVERSARY SET AT HOLLY GROVE M.B.C.

Holly Grove M.B. Church will be celebrating its 134th Year Anniversary on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m.

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WEST REPORT by West Civic Club

Lynn Hathcock hosted a birthday party for Buddy on farm equipment.”

“I was told that the county attorney said don’t nobody say nothing, nobody knows nothing.” Payton said. “Believe me they stuck to that too. I thought maybe they told (the *Herald*) don’t print it. Surely the police had to be there. They should have sent us a report on it.”

“I’ve had a bunch a sleepless nights over this,” Payton added. “When I get it in my mind I can’t go to sleep.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: 4 p.m. FRIDAY

GUIDING LIGHT TO HOLD APPRECIATION

Guiding Light Church of God in Christ in Lexington will celebrate the service of Elder Willie Hodges and Mrs. Alice Hodges during an appreciation service on Sunday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m.

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AREA YOUTH 8-15 CAN HUNT DEER FOR FREE

Wild Adventure Outdoors is getting geared up for the 2017-2018 hunting season and offers youth ages 8-15 the opportunity to deer hunt at no charge. Those interested can call 601-955-6848. Registration deadline is November 1.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY SET AT ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Wallace’s Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, October 22 at 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

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NARCONON IS OFFERING HELP FOR ADDICTION

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Monday evening celebrating his 70th, with guests Ed and Judy Hathcock, Ricky Hathcock, David and Elizabeth Brock, and Jeff Dew. Stopping by for a surprise visit were Catherine, Colbert, Carter and Carson Hathcock. Guests enjoyed reminiscing and eating hotdogs, chips, fruit, birthday cake, ice cream and drinking delicious punch.

Glyn and Inez Dickerson spent several days in Jackson Hole, Wyoming attending wedding festivities for grand-

the signs of heroine addiction. If you believe one of your loved ones is abusing drugs visit <http://www.naarcononnewlife-retreat.org/drug-rehab/>.

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EPWORTH U.M.C. TO HOST 5K RUN/WALK

The United Methodist Women of Epworth United Methodist Church in Lexington will host its 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 21 at 7 a.m. Registration is \$10.

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TRUNK OR TREAT TO BE OBSERVED IN DURANT

The City of Durant will not have door to door trick or treating on Halloween night. Instead Trunk or Treat will be observed on Saturday, October 28 at 5 p.m. on front street in Durant.

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APPRECIATION SERVICE SET AT SWEET CANAAN

Sweet Canaan Church of God in Christ in Lexington will host its pastor and wife’s 14th appreciation service on Sunday, October 22 at 2 p.m.

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APPRECIATION SERVICE SET AT WEST M.B.C.

West M.B. Church will hold

daughter Lindley Rust. Lindley married Matt Heron at the famous Wedding Tree with the taller Teton Mountains in the background. Lindley is a professional photographer and Matt works in public relations. Matt is also a popular violinist. Matt thanked his mom for making him practice even when he resisted. A large number of Lindley and Matt’s family and friends attended the wedding and reception.

Glyn, Inez, Allen and Glenda Dickerson enjoyed a visit from Allen and Glenda’s daughter Courtney and Courtney’s baby daughter Greta Lynn last Saturday. Greta was kissed and loved on all day! What a treat to have them visit!

a program to honor its church musicians on Saturday, October 19 at 5 p.m. All performance groups are invited to attend.

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APPRECIATION SET AT HUDSON/MT. OLIVE MBC

Both Hudson and Mt. Olive M.B. Churches will host their pastor and wife’s appreciation service on Sunday, October 29 at 2:30 p.m. at Hudson M.B. Church in West.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY SET AT SEC. PILGRIM

Second Pilgrim Rest Church will host its Family and Friends Day on October 29 at 2:30 p.m.

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ANNIVERSARY SET AT WAYSIDE NEW BEGINNING

Wayside New Beginning Church of Deliverance in Lexington will celebrate its 10th Church Anniversary on Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Ocotber 22 at 3 p.m.

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SPIRIT OF LIFE TO HOLD CHOIR NIGHT OCT. 28

Spirit of Life Ministries in Pickens will hold its annual Choir Night Program on Saturday, October 28 at 6 p.m. Guests are welcome to sing.

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Alumni Reunion Brunch for Classes 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 in Library

9:30 a.m.

Softball Alumni Game

10 a.m.

Football Class of 1965 Reunion (Mississippi Room in Library)

10:30 a.m.

Baseball Inter-Squad Game, Art Department Opens (until 2:00 p.m.) Coliseum Opens Basketball Scrimmage

11 a.m.

Honoree Recognition in McDaniel Auditorium

11:30 a.m.

Coachman & Connection! Performance in McDaniel Auditorium

Noon

Lunch in the Grove Little Bulldog Zone (for kids) opens in the Grove

Noon

Steel Band Performance in the Grove Honorees Lunch with the President in the Grove

12:45 p.m.

Concert Choir Performance in Chapel on the Hill

1 p.m.

Annual Alumni Meeting in the CCN Room of Library

1:30 p.m.

Parade Begins at Cook Dorm

2 p.m.

Pep Rally in Main Parking Lot

2:30 p.m.

Band Enters the Football Stadium

2:45 p.m.

Honorees Recognized on the Football Field

2:55 p.m.

National Anthem Performed by the HCC Chorale

3 p.m.

Kick-off!!

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