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OBITUARY

John C. Autry
May 26, 1945 - October 27, 2017

Graveside funeral services for John C. Autry, of Clinton were at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30, at West City Cemetery in West. Rev. Arthur Land officiated the services. Visitation was on Monday, from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., at Oliver Funeral Home in Winona.

Mr. Autry, 72, passed away on Friday, October 27, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. He was born in Pascagoula on May 26, 1945, to John Autry and Sally Mae Collins Autry. He worked at Mississippi Chemical Corporation for over 29 years.

Mr. Autry is survived by his wife, Martha Land Autry; his daughter, Allyson Autry; one sister, Sally Brock; one brother, Paul Autry; his granddaughter, Kristin Autry; niece, Beth Land; and three nephews, Matthew Autry, Dale Autry and Colby Land. He was preceded in death by his parents.

An online guestbook is available at www.ofhwinona.com.

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CPSD earns “A” rating

factors in how well schools are helping their lowest achieving students make progress toward proficiency.

CPSD’s overall academic rating is an A, the highest possible rating a district can attain. School ratings are:

- Clinton Park Elementary A
- Northside Elementary B
- Eastside Elementary A
- Lovett Elementary A
- Clinton Junior High B
- Sumner Hill Junior High..... A
- Clinton High School A



All schools in CPSD are rated B or higher. Clinton Alternative School and the CHS Career Complex are not assigned a separate grade under the accountability system.

Northside’s rating is a B this year, despite an increase in its test scores over last year, due to the rating formula and how lower elementary grades are assigned ratings. All schools must be assigned a letter grade according to federal requirements, but Mississippi’s state accountability testing begins in third grade.

Related guest column:
“Understanding elementary school ratings” on page 10.

For school districts divided by grade and not zone, this means that lower elementary schools with no tested grades are assigned a rating based on scores from other schools. In Clinton, Northside and Clinton Park are rated based on scores of students who are tested in grades 3 and 4.

“Clinton Park’s rating and part of Northside’s rating are based on test results from Northside and Eastside,” Martin said. “So these ratings are determined by students who left these schools between one and four years ago.”

One issue for concern statewide was unusually low scores on the fourth-grade English Language Arts test. This dip was largely responsible for Northside’s “B” rating, despite the school earning higher test scores and proficiency rates than last year.

“It is complex and confusing,” Martin said. “But we are recognizing Northside internally for the gains and growth that students achieved. There is always more work to be done, but we are very proud of all our students and schools on these ratings.”

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