

A DAY AT THE PARK

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Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children and

strengthening families," said Norene Puckett DPC Community Outreach Liaison. "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect."

In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and over 30 National Prevention Partners have created 2018 Prevention Resource Guide:

Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong in Supportive Communities. The resource guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available online at https://childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/?utm_source=Gateway&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=NCAPM18.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April and throughout the year, contact Lisa Cripps DPC Coordinator 615-580-9290 or www.facebook.com/dekalbprevention-coalition.

OBITUARIES

Joel Thomas "Joey" George, 55

Joel Thomas "Joey" George, 55, of Smithville, passed away Tuesday night April 10 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 2, 1962 to his parents, Dorothy Cook George and the late Emmett Lee George. He was a Baptist and a construction worker.

He is survived by four children, Brandy Brower of Washington, Sheena Roper of Smithville, Britany George of Sparta and Seth George of Smithville; nine grandchildren; mother of his children, Becky George of Smithville; mother, Dorothy George Wooden of Alexandria; two brothers, Jeff and Michael George, both of Alexandria; several nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

The family honored Joey's request to be cremated and a Memorial Service was held April 19 at DeKalb Funeral Chapel with Michael Hale officiating.

DeKalb Funeral Chapel of Smithville was in charge of the arrangements.

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Hildred Morrow Owen, 95

Hildred Morrow Owen, 95, passed away Tuesday, April 10 at her home. A native of Cherokee, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Ollie Monroe Morrow and Janie Deering Morrow.

She is survived by her children, Rebecca Carolyn (John) Smith, Olliver Hall Owen and Gary Leon Owen, all of Sycamore and James Taylor (Cheryl) Owen of Smithville; grandchildren, Kimberly (Joey) Boss, Jamie Owen, Jessica Owen, Ashley Owen and Jennifer (Brad) Faulk and eight great grandchildren also survive.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Boyce Taylor Owen.

Mrs. Owen was a member of the Sycamore Baptist Church and a homemaker. She loved to quilt and do crafts.

Funeral was Thursday, April 12 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with David Dodd officiating. Interment followed in the Sycamore Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Joey, Matthew and Luke Boss, Joe Bryson, Ricky Barret and Eugene Waggoner.

Woodbury Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Carlton Ras Melton, 77

Carlton Ras Melton, 77, of Smithville, passed away Thursday morning, April 12 at NHC HealthCare Center in Smithville.

He was born August 18, 1940 to his parents, the late Richard and Ruth West Melton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Melton; three step-daughters, Darice Cantrell, Fran Melton and Kathy Martin; two brothers, Harlon and James Melton; two sisters, Anna Belle "Ann" Young and Ella Rich.

Carlton was a member of the Smithville Church of God and retired from Carrier. He is survived by his wife, Mainell Melton of Smithville; sons, Gentry (Zarita) Melton of Bell Buckle, Keith (Rachel) Melton of Smithville, Josh Isaac Melton of Smithville; step-children, Anita (Donald) Byrge of Sparta, Doyle (Angie) Melton of Walling, Tommy Melton of Smithville, Gina (Craig) Vaughn of Smithville; grandchildren, Preston Melton, Kelby Melton, Olivia Drennan, Dalton Vaughn, Conner Vaughn, Cynthia (Corey) Davis, Matthew (Jessica) Byrge, Steven Melton, Amanda Melton, Ricky Melton, Nick Byrge and Kaylee Byrge; great-grandchildren, Aleka (Kyle) Rice and Maylee Curtis; sister, Eva (Dennis) Roller of Dowelltown; sister-in-law, Gracie Bratcher of Smithville; aunt, Jo Smithson of McMinnville; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service celebrating Carlton's life was conducted Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Smithville Church of God with Chris Moore and Graden Kirksey officiating and interment followed in DeKalb Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers were Preston Melton, Kelby Melton, Dalton Vaughn, Conner Vaughn, Craig Vaughn and Vernon Bennett.

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MIKE FOSTER



GAYLA HENDRIX



BRADLEY HENDRIX



JOE JOHNSON



BETH PAFFORD



PATRICK RAY



WILLIAM RUTHERFORD



TIM STRIBLING

CANDIDATE FORUM

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ty mayoral candidates, current county commissioner and mayoral hopeful Bradley Hendrix said he is concerned about the shape of DeKalb County schools and the low pay of county employees.

"We do need a new elementary school, big time," Hendrix told the audience,

noting he is for a wheel tax if that would help DeKalb County schools catch up to surrounding systems. "I am for a wheel tax but that should be through a referendum."

Hendrix said the athletic facilities here are in need of upgrading and that he would like to see a sports facility all based on one campus.

Mike Foster, who served multiple terms as county mayor before being defeated by Mayor Tim Stribling last election, pointed to the successes he had as mayor.

"We upgraded pretty much everything," Foster pointed out, touting great successes when it came to improvements of bridges and roads. "You think the roads are bad now, you should have seen them years ago."

Foster added that during his administration the county debt went down and the bond rating improved to A+. He also noted

that he enacted the process whereby county commissioners are educated on the items they are voting for before they show up to vote for measurers in general assembly.

Stribling noted that DeKalb has one of the lowest tax rates in the state yet has a \$4 million fund balance.

"We have good commerce and a good tax rate," he said, noting the county has taken advantage of numerous grants during his term. "It's been a very fast four years."

Stribling said the school building program will be high on the agenda during the next four years as will keep county salaries competitive.

"I think we are on the right track," Stribling said of county salaries.

The family of
JoAnn Pittman
would like to thank everyone for their visits, flowers, food, bibles and monetary donations to New Home Baptist Church and most of all the prayers.
Many blessings to each of you.

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PATTY'S RESTAURANT WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS WHO DONATED TO CAROL BROWN'S FUNERAL EXPENSES. MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

On behalf of the family of Walter "Tiny" Pedigo we would like to take this time to thank everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers. A very special thanks to the staff at Baptist DeKalb Hospital for helping us through dad's last days. May God bless you all.

We miss you Daddy, Martha, Trudie & Teresa

The Family of
Tammy Lowe
wishes to thank their many friends and neighbors for cards, flowers tributes and all other kindness shown during her passing.

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