

# DURANT NEWS

*by Rowena Hill*

Rumors are that our town might probably be getting another factory. All look forward to this being fact instead of rumor. We surely need something good and

## Calendar of Events

**DEADLINE:**  
**4 P.M., FRIDAY**

**WORCCI DURANT**  
The Word of Righteousness Christian Center International in Durant will hold its Family and Friends Day on Sunday, January 21 at 3 p.m.  
1-11,18

**MVSU ALUMNI ASSOC.**  
The Mississippi Valley State Holmes County Alumni Chapter will host its 16th Annual Green and White Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the Lexington Multi-Purpose Complex Building.  
1-18,25

**ST. JOSEPH C.O.G.I.C.**  
St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Forrest's Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. with Sunday school at noon.  
1-18,25

**FREEDOM DEM. PARTY**  
The Holmes County Freedom Democrat Party will hold itd annual Dr. Martin Luthr King, Jr. Program on Sunday, January 21. A march will take place, line up is at 1:30 p.m. on Front Street in Durant to Liberty Hill AME Zion Church. The program is at 2 p.m.  
1-18

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**LEXINGTON LIBRARY**  
Lexington Public Library will hold its monthly Third Thursday movie event for children on January 18 at 3:15 p.m. Third Thursday is co-sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library. A parent or responsible caregiver must accompany any child under 9 years of age. For movie title and further information, please call 834-2571.  
An Aging and Mental Health Awareness Seminar will be held at the library on Wednesday, January 31 at 11 a.m. hosted by UMMC Holmes County Intensive Out-patient Program.  
1-18, 25

**HEALTH COUNCIL**  
The Lexington Mayor's Health Council will meet on Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building on Depot Street.  
1-18

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
The American Legion Post # 202 will present a fifteen minute video entitled "Mississippians in Vietman" on Sunday, January 28 at 4 p.m. in the building next to Fred's, all veterans are welcome.  
1-18,25

**WEST GROVE M.B.C.**  
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 3 at 9 a.m.  
1-18,25

profitable in the area.  
Love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Katherine Browning. She passed away during the week at an assisted living center in the Jackson area where she lived for some time. Funeral services and visitation were held Monday afternoon at Southern Funeral Home. It was good to see family and friends. Hope to see them return often for visits. Burial was in Mizpah Cemetery.  
Mrs. William (Virginia) Ingram hasn't been well for some time, also pretty much home bound. Let us remember her and others who aren't well and help them in Christian love by giving a ride or maybe a meal out together.  
It has been a bit cold for me most of the last two weeks. My home isn't built for the cold. I will be very glad when the weather gets warmer.  
Sympathy is extended to the family of Mildred Criswell. She has passed away after being a resident of Lexington Manor for several years. May God bless Aline Self and all the family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoover remain pretty much "home bound." He is feeling better but Jean isn't too well. Prayers are with them and others and hope to see them well and out and about very soon.

Prayers and best wishes are for Henry and Merle Cain. Both have been hospital patients during the last weeks. Hope to see them fully recovered, in church and out with family and friends. They are a blessing to all and fun to spend time with.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with Buck and Nell Burrell and family. There was a tragedy in their family during the week. May God bless and give peace to the family and others.  
Hope all will have a good week. I for one will be thankful for warm weather again.

## Letter to the Editor

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!  
On the state lottery, I feel like Mississippi needs a lottery because that money could be used to help the schools, upkeep of the bridges, roads, upgrade the state water system, in every county. That includes the sewage system. The money could be used to set up free health clinics for the homeless and the very poor who don't have health insurance. If Mississippi had a lottery the money could be right here in Mississippi, not Arkansas who got \$84 million on its lottery last year. Mississippi people would not be going out of the state to Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee and Louisiana.  
I have read that Ms. Alyce Clarke and others at the Cap-

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Corn	Sep 18	2018 Aug	3.71	-0.04	3.67	-0.02
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	9.84	-0.30	9.54	0.12
Soybeans G'wood	Mar 18	2018 Jan	9.61	-0.01	9.60	0.11
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	9.84	-0.12	9.72	0.12
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	9.84	-0.20	9.64	0.12
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## Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

The fishermen around here are coming out of their hibernation. The walleye and crappie will soon ring the dinner bell and the bass will be getting more active as well. The stories will soon be plentiful. I hope the filets will as well. Even though there are many different stimuli that cause a fish to do certain things; one of those is temperature.

In a lake, most fish are more active when the water is neither too hot nor too cold. This time of year, when the sun begins to warm the surface of the water, fish soak in that warmth and become more active. This activity creates the need for food which you and I are glad to provide – at a cost of

course. And sometimes that cost is dear! While fish are becoming more active, the approach for catching them still requires a slow presentation. That is, most bass fishermen right now prefer to slowly fish a jig or a crankbait. Anything too fast will most likely cause that bass to stay sunning next to that rock. As the temperature rises, those same fish will be more apt to react to faster moving baits.

A pastor once told me to never make any decision when I am either too high or too low. If I do, I will most likely make the wrong decision. He was so right! What he was saying was that the temperature of my temperament must be neither too hot nor too cold when making major decisions. I must make sure that I am in my best thinking weather when it's time act.

Some of you right now are contemplating something that you may regret. You may have just been scathed by your boss and you are

**Goodman native inducted to honor society**  
Molly McCleskey, daughter of Ray and Jeri Jo McCleskey of Goodman, was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at the Mississippi University for Women on November 28, 2017.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. The society's mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

Frances Patterson Durant

planning your "take this job and shove it" speech. Or it may be you have just gotten a big raise and as a result you are close to buying a red Corvette. For the sake of every member of your family, let me beg you to stop! Don't make a move! Step away from the computer, or the car lot, or even the ledge! Wait until your temperature and temperament is back to normal-functioning mode. When it is, you may still want to fire your boss or buy that Corvette, but you will do so with a clear head. Otherwise, there may be an unwanted hook embedded in a bad decision.

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