

**HERALD  
BRIEF**

**Group finds errors  
with prison food service  
Staff Reports**

A private company is not meeting all the obligations under a food service contract with Mississippi prisons.

That is the finding of a legislative watchdog group that looked at the work provided by Aramark. Since in July 2016, the company has done food preparation and delivery for 22 prisons and regional jails in the state.

In a report dated December 18 and publicly released last week, the legislative PEER Committee said the company has fallen short of staffing obligations and has not provided the type of training specified under the state contract.

Holmes-Humhreys Regional Correctional Facility Warden Barry Rule said Aramark does not service the jail locally. Sysco Food Company supplies the facility where meals are prepared on site for inmates.

The report also found that the Mississippi Department of Corrections could save money by participating in a USDA food distribution program, which it hasn't done since 2006.

PEER is the Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

**REVIVALS**

**ST. MARYLAND COGIC**

St. Maryland Church of God in Christ in Goodman will host revival services from Monday, January 29 through Friday, February 2. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. each night.

**WEST HILL CME**

West Hill CME Church will have its three-night Winter Revival beginning on Wednesday, January 31 through Friday, February 2 starting at 7 p.m.. There will be a different speaker each night.

**Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show slated for 58th year Saturday**

By Betsy Padgett  
Holmes Co. Ext./4-H Agent

The 58th Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 27, at the 4-H barn on Jaycee Drive beginning at 10 a.m.

Twenty-three 4-H youth will be exhibiting approximately 85 animals. Meat goats, sheep, beef cattle and hogs will be competing for blue ribbons and "bragging rights" at this year's show.

Pee-wee classes of showmanship will be conducted for youth under the age of eight to give them a "show ring" experience.

Animals will be provided for those youth wanting to participate in these classes

along with experienced assistance as needed.

The show will begin with the Beef Cattle presentation. This year's slate of cattle will include bulls and heifers representing Simmental, Percentage Simmental, Hereford and Red Angus breeds. In addition, there will be a couple of Commercial heifers.

Following the cattle will be Commercial Doe and Market Goats, Sheep and then, Swine.

Not only is this show an annual tradition for our youth to exhibit their 4-H Project animals, but it is family affair for many. Several generations are typically repre-

sented in the crowd and for some, they may have been on hand for the first show in this old barn.

Another attraction to the show is the concession stand that always has delicious offerings including homemade snacks, chili, pimento cheese sandwiches and caramel cake!

If you haven't been to this show, come see for yourself, how a livestock show can entertain and draw a crowd annually to the same little spot in Lexington for over 58 years.

If you have been to the show, make your plans to join us again this Saturday.



The Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 27, but always before the show the barn needs a little clean up/fix up. Pictured are some doing just that. Justin Word on the ladder is being assisted from left to right by Drennan and Lilly Word and Steven Edwards (not in picture) putting up "drapes" to shield and insulate hog pens in case of unfavorable weather. (Photo by Betsy Padgett)

**Cancer survivor urges others to get breast, cervical cancer screenings**

By Cynthia Wall  
UMMC Communications

Tomeka Harps transformed her despair upon receiving a cervical cancer diagnosis to determination to help other women avoid it.

Harps, a Brandon resident, discovered she had cancer at the See, Test & Treat® screening offered at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute on Jan. 28 of last year.

UMMC worked with churches, local federally qualified health centers and

cancer advocacy and prevention groups to offer free breast, cervical screenings and a dermatological assessment to uninsured and underinsured women.

This year, as the groups prepare to repeat the screening, Harps is at the forefront in encouraging women to just go do it.

"I use any opportunity to tell someone to go get screened," said the mother of three. She has spoken at church and women's groups and individually to friends

and relatives.

"That has been a mission that God placed on my heart and my spirit. They open up to me when they hear my story. They tell me the issues they are having."

She'll be there this year on Jan. 27 when Mississippi's second See, Test & Treat® screening is offered. Much of the project is funded through a grant from the College of American Pathologist's Foundation.

At UMMC, Dr. Kim Geisinger and Dr. Stephen Raab,

**Durant Public Library receives Mississippi Arts Commission grant**

Durant Public Library has been awarded a \$1,400.00 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC).

This grant is a portion of the \$1.3 million in grants the Commission will award in 2017-2018 and will be used to present A Puppet Arts Theatre Production of the "Princess and the Pea" at the Durant High School auditorium in April of 2018.

The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Arts organizations throughout the state of Mississippi play a pivotal role in sharing the power of the arts with people from all walks of life," said Malcolm White, executive director of MAC. "The arts are for everyone, and the Mississippi Arts Commission is pleased to support arts organizations committed to growing the presence of the arts in their communities.

The Durant Public Library strives to help our community continually improve by providing educational and fun materials and programs for the public. Adult programs are presented pe-

riodically throughout the year. Children's programs (ages 5-12) are planned May through the end of July each year as well as monthly programs for preschool and homeschool children.

The library staff is also available for school outreach programs.

The Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, serves the residents of the state by providing grants that support programs to enhance communities; assist arts, and arts organizations; promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage. Established in 1968, the Mississippi Arts Commission is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowments for the arts, the Mississippi Endowment for the Arts at the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson and other private sources. The agency serves as an active supporter and promoter of arts in community life and in arts education.

For information from the Mississippi Arts Commission, contact Anna Ehr Gott, Communications Director, 601-359-6546 or aehrgott@arts.ms.gov.

**Stolen gun used in robbery sold in Durant**

Jermaine Griffin, 31, of Kosciusko, pled guilty on January 18, 2018, before United States District Judge Tom S. Lee, to knowingly possessing and selling a stolen firearm, announced U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst and Special Agent in Charge Dana Nichols, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

In September 2014, Griffin purchased a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol from someone on the street, and later learned the man who

sold him the gun had recently robbed Central Mississippi Firearms, a gun store in Kosciusko, Mississippi. Griffin then sold the stolen gun in Durant, Mississippi.

Griffin will be sentenced by Judge Lee on April 18, 2018, and faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

both professors of pathology, were instrumental in getting the CAP award and starting the screening.

"We diagnose cancer. We also want to prevent it," said Geisinger.

Dr. Melissa Brents, a pathology resident, reviews

Pap test charts with Mangle Shanks of Jackson before showing Shanks her cervical test results at the 2017 See, Test & Treat screening.

The screenings help discover cancer early when it is more easily treated and the (Continued on page 8.)

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