

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Mrs. Derrick (Jodi) May and children of Stewart visited Sunday with Joey and Jackie Hill and took her sons, Jack and Grant home from an overnight visit with their grandparents Saturday night.

Sympathy is extended to Vennie Stokes and family because of the loss of a loved one.

Family and friends of Mrs. Katherine Cagle are truly thankful she is feeling better and has returned to her home after extended hospital stays in Jackson and Kosciusko.

Mrs. Ruth Gill and daughter Ann spent time during the week visiting in Hattiesburg. We sure missed them in Sunday School and church. We are going to miss them more when they move there.

The First Baptist Choir will

be singing an Easter Cantata at Lexington First Baptist and Durant First Baptist this weekend. Hope to have many people in attendance. More later.

Prayers are for Pastor O. Lyn Nations at First Baptist Durant as he underwent surgery during the week and was unable to be in the pulpit Sunday. Bro Billy Williams preached a good message from the Book of Acts Sunday morning.

Lamar Land gave a good report, from a recent missionary trip with the Holmes Baptist Student Union to Texas, on Sunday night in absence of Bro. Lyn.

Mrs. Jackie (Shirley) Ables and I drove down to Jackson last Friday for lunch and a visit with Mrs. Janette Cain, Sara Cain Pilgrim

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

On Wednesday, March 14, a group of ladies and two men from the Senior Citizen's Feeding Center at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington went to visit Mrs. Jamas "Sis" Whisenton at the nursing home in Durant. She was looking good and doing fine. She was sitting out in the lobby enjoying chatting with the other patients at the nursing home.

On Tuesday, March 13, the seniors at the Feeding Center celebrated with a combined birthday party for four people. They were Mrs. Austray Kirklin, Mrs. Thelma Wash-

and Bessie Aldy Easterling. We had lunch at a new and very interesting restaurant near Brandon. Shirley and I went home with sister Bessie for an overnight visit. We enjoyed the visits and lunch very much and look forward to a longer visit together real soon.

For news items of interest to our community please call me at 601-519-5330.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Holmes County at the Board Room at 408 Court Square, Lexington, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2018 and thereafter publicly opened and read aloud for the construction of:

Set base, mat and seal for 1.04 miles of Molly Moore Road in Holmes County, Mississippi.

All work, labor, equipment and materials must conform to the requirements of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for the State Aid Road and Bridge Construction, 2004 edition and any Addendums, Supplemental Specifications and/or Special Provisions to these Standard Specifications which specifically apply to the work being performed.

Certified check or Bid Bond for five percent (5%) of the total bid, made payable to Holmes County must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a one hundred percent (100%) performance bond. For specifications and a map contract J. Wayne Morrison, Holmes County Engineer at 662/746-1865 or 213 South Main Street, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids in consideration of the award.

The Board of Supervisors encourages the participation of MBE/WBE Contractors and Sub-Contractors.

/s/ James Young, President
Holmes County, Mississippi
3-22,29b

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MITCHELL LAND, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 18-028 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 2nd day of March 2018, by the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Thomas Mitchell Land, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having a claim against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 2nd day of March 2018.

/s/ Betty J. Land
BETTY J. LAND
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MITCHELL LAND
3-15,22,29b

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY GARNETT, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 18-0016 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of February 2018, by the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Jerry Garnett, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having a claim against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 27th day of February 2018.

/s/ Estelle Patterson
ESTELLE PATTERSON,
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY GARNETT
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Conservation Corner

by James Cummins, Executive Director of Wildlife Mississippi

Wildlife Mississippi is praising Mississippi Representative Scott Bounds, chair of the House Wildlife Committee, for introducing House Bill 1390 which will allow the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) to better manage Mississippi's white-tailed deer and wild turkey populations. With the recent confirmation of chronic wasting disease in Mississippi, the time to effectively manage our white-tailed deer population for future generations is now more important than ever before. There are approximately 782,000 hunters and angler in Mississippi that spend approximately \$2.5 billion per year; deer hunters represent the largest number of hunters and the largest percentage of these expenditures.

I realize that the first reaction of most individuals to a bill that would require the mandatory reporting (not physical tagging) of harvested white-tailed deer and wild turkey beginning on March 1, 2019 is not often praise. But let me explain how important this legislation is to you as a hunter/conservationist.

House Bill 1390 will require the simple reporting as stated, and at no cost to the hunter. Reporting would be done via a smart phone app, MDWFP website or call in to a MDWFP 1-800 number. Hunters would have 72 hours to report their harvest. Harvest information would include information such as the date, county of harvest, public or private land and sex of the

animal. Deer clubs, enclosures or private lands that are on the Deer Management Assistance Program would be exempt since they are already reporting. Currently, Mississippi and Florida are the only two states that do not require harvest reporting of some type. Alabama has implemented this system of harvest reporting called "Alabama Game Check" and it has proven to be very hunter-friendly, accepted and effective.

Harvest reporting is the most effective tool to collect needed information to equip policy makers and the MDWFP with data which will enhance efforts to more effectively manage Mississippi's white-tailed deer and wild turkey resources.

This is common sense legislation that goes for a good cause and is long overdue.

I have worked with the Mississippi Legislature for a long time. Mississippi is fortunate to have Chairman Bounds serving this great state. He is respected by his peers and our citizens. He has earned that by listening more than talking, recognizing the needs of others, being reasonable, honest, fair and genuine, and being passionate about whom he represents and caring more about what is right than popular. We need more people in government service with these traits. And with more people serving our great state with traits like Scott Bounds, Mississippi is a better place to live, work and raise a family. Thank you Chairman Bounds!

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

I was taken aback the other day during a morning turkey hunt. The rain had persisted all night and into the early morning hours. It wasn't until about 8:30 that the sun broke through the clouds. It seemed every living thing had been waiting with anticipation for that hour. The rain had allowed the early risers to sleep in but the sun sounded the alarm for all to get up. The sounds that morning were too numerous to describe. Each creature began its communication without waiting its turn. It sounded like one big cacophony without having any rhyme or reason. I didn't notice that morning how each sound was different but how closely each sounded like the other. Sometimes the cadences were different but the pitch was nearly identical. And I wondered how each hearer was able to distinguish between its kind and another kind and even how each could tell the differences of their own kind. And then I thought about God.

I wonder how many folks bowed their head to pray this morning. People from Maine to Montana; from New Mexi-

co to North Carolina; and from Connecticut to California. And I wonder how many in other countries did the same - all speaking to God at the same time but in different languages. And I wonder how God sorts them all out. It really is amazing how God can not only hear all of us at the same time but He does not miss one utterance of despair, one urgent cry for help, or one uplifted plea for direction. He is not only our God but He is your God. He is not only our God, He is my God. Just as I don't understand how nature works in perfect order and design, I also don't understand how God can make perfect order out of every single prayer that goes up. But I must believe it by faith. The Bible says a sparrow doesn't fall to the ground without Him noticing. When I remember that I have no problem knowing that even though millions of prayers are knocking on the doors of heaven, God will distinguish each of us as His special and unique child and will be equally excited to hear from us and to give us His very best. gary@outdoortruths.org

LEGALS

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REASONABLE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI, TO ITS RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND OTHER USERS OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES PROVIDED BY SAID TOWN AND FIXING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF:

SECTION I. THE Town of Goodman, Mississippi, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi presently provides for its inhabitants, both residential, and commercial, water and sewer services.

SECTION 2. The Town of Goodman by adoption of this ordinance, hereby establishes the following rates to be charged of its residential, commercial and other customers for water and sewer services as follows: \$16.50 flat rate for the first 2,000 gallons for town residents. \$2.25 per thousand for all over 2000 gallons

\$21.50 flat rate for the first 2,000 gallons, for rural residents. \$2.25 per thousand for all over 2,000

Commercial rates are \$19.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$2.25 per thousand for all over 2,000

SEWER RATES
A minimum of \$5.50 or 50% of the water bill plus \$.50, whichever is greater.

SEWER AND WATER RATES FOR OTHERS:

Holmes Community College, Goodhaven Apartments, Goodman Apartments, and Cedar Grove Apartments shall have separate rates due to their impact on the system and any other operation in the Town of Goodman based on the Town's determination of the impact of said business upon the Town's water and sewer system.

Holmes Community College sewer is \$3080.00 per month flat rate.

Goodhaven Manor, Goodman Apartments, and Cedar Grove Apartments are charged \$10.00 per unit and \$2.25 per thousand for all over 2000 gallons for each unit. Sewer is 50% of the water \$0.50 per unit and garbage is \$100.00 per month.

Section 3: Payment must be made by the customer to the Town Clerk at Town Hall, Goodman, Mississippi, by the 10th day of each month following purchase of water.

SECTION 4: PENALTY PROVISION: Any person who shall purchase water from the Town and thereby owe for the same and does not pay by the 10th of the month will be charged a 10% late charge. Anyone who has not paid their current bill and at least 10% of any delinquent account by the 15th of each month will be subject to cut-off. If any person's current bill and 10% of delinquent account is not paid in its entirety by the fourth Monday of each month then service will be terminated. There will be a reconnect fee of \$75.00 plus current bill and any delinquent bill must be paid in full in order to restore water services. Anyone failing to pay after this will be subject to civil suit in proper court of jurisdiction for recovery of the delinquency, at interest, attorney's fee and costs as law provides.

SECTION 5: Connection Fees: The fee for connection to any water line will be \$275.00 plus cost. A sewer connection is \$275.00. "Cost" means any construction out of the ordinary that must be done.

SECTION 6: Meter Deposit: No meter deposit to serve as guaranty for payment of indebtedness for water and/or sewer service will be charged from and after May 1, 2018. Any user on file with a meter deposit will receive a one-time credit on the monthly bill. Any remaining funds not identifiable to a customer will be credited to the water Operation and Maintenance Fund.

SECTION 7: Meter Service Fee: A meter service fee of \$100.00 will be charged to all new users of the water and/or sewer systems. Any user disconnected or shut off from the water and/or sewer systems for 60 days or more because of non-payment of a monthly bill and fees will have to pay a meter service fee of \$1 00.00 to reestablish service. The meter service fee is non-refundable and may not be used for multiple locations.

SECTION 8: Application of Policy: The Service Extension Policy of the Town of Goodman shall apply in those instances where

the service in question is not readily available from a point on the existing system without a system extension, and/or where the quantities are beyond the ability of the system to supply at the point where the service is requested.

Section 9: Application for Service: In such instances the prospective customer shall make a written application for service in which he shall state the quantity of water service desired, and clearly define the point at which service is desired.

Section 10: Estimate of Cost and Availability of Service: Town of Goodman will estimate or cause to be estimated the cost of providing the service requested at the point requested in order to consider the terms under which such service may be extended.

Section 11: Contribution- In-Aid-of-Construction: If a Contribution-In-Aid-of-Construction is made by a prospective customer, the contribution will be considered as a non-refundable cash requirement of the Utility, and the Utility will own, operate, and maintain all facilities pertinent to the rendition of water service to a customer's property line. Service will be rendered according to the Service Rules and Regulations of Town of Goodman, the appropriate Rate Schedule, and any Special Agreements which have the proper approval of regulatory authorities. Such payments are due and payable in advance of the extension of mains or the provision of service facilities. This payment is non-transferable to other property and is to be collected only once as the customer's participation in the original installation cost of extended water distribution facilities.

The foregoing ordinance was first considered and adopted by majority vote of the aldermen on motion by Alderman Young and seconded by Alderman Anderson. The alderman votes were as follows:

AYE _____ Alderman Anderson
AYE _____ Alderman Falls
AYE _____ Alderman Howard
AYE _____ Alderman Young
ABSENT _____ Alderman Brooks

Whereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted, directing the clerk to place the same in the official ordinance book of this Town and directing publication thereof in the Holmes County Herald immediately, said ordinance to become effective 30 days, after proper publication of the same, all done at regular meeting of said Board of Alderman and Mayor in Goodman, Mississippi, March 6, 2018.

/s/ Anthony McMullen, Jr.
Anthony McMullen, Jr., Mayor

Attest:
/s/ LaToyia Gordon
Latoyia Gordon, Town Clerk

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Legal Notice for District Signage Project, Bid File #54:

Holmes Community College will receive sealed bids for District Signage Project, Bid File 54 in the Purchasing Office of the Goodman Campus, 9216 Highway 14, Goodman, MS 39079 until 2:00 p.m. CST on April 24, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications, drawings, and proposal forms may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or requested by phone at 662-472-9079. Also, official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Holmes Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any and all informalities. All bids shall be in compliance with and subject to Sections 31-3-15 and 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended, and in all case law pertaining thereto.

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NOTICE OF SALE

CDE Storage, 109 E. Cedar Street, Durant, MS, will sell the contents of Unit #65 leased to Lee Wade, Sr., 1978 Chrch Street, Goodman, MS, on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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