

MWPCOA names top operator



The Mississippi Water and Pollution Control Operators' Association, Inc. has named Lexington native Jimmie Dale Thomas (pictured above right) the recipient of the 2017 Jim McDonald Water Supply Operator of the Year for a "Class D" Water System. MWPCOA President Anthony Hall presented the award at the association's annual conference on April 18 in Biloxi. The award is presented each year to a water operator who exemplifies professionalism and dedication to his work. Thomas is a water operator for the Town of Tchula. Pictured above, Hall presents the 2017 Jim McDonald Water Supply Operator of the Year Award to Thomas. (Photo Submitted)

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

I'm convinced that most hunters and fishermen never contemplate the outdoor world they take pleasure in. I know in my own life, that without a concerted effort, I only enjoy creation without ever giving it much deep thought. I've especially noticed this truth when I speak to hunters and fishermen. It seems their eyes light up when they come to a realization how nature speaks very loudly about some things that really matter. And how sometimes we really do not

see the forest for the trees. We would be very shallow people if we only saw nature as another avenue for our personal pleasure. The immensity of creation demands we question it. It demands we understand how our sport only touches the hem of its real value. Let's face it; we only play on the fringes of all that is out there. It is enormous. And the more we look, the more we discover. We have learned in recent years our own galaxy is only one of about 3000 visible

galaxies. It is estimated there are billions that are yet unseen. To put this in perspective; our Milky Way is estimated to be about 100,000 light years from one end to the other. And light travels at 186,000 miles per second. Now multiply that by billions of galaxies.

And then there's me and you.....

In the scope of the vastness of the universe, we are less than insignificant. In import, we have no bearing on anything. We are not even a speck on the map. We do not deserve mention. If we are only an evolutionary blip, then what matters? Or who matters? Or are we

all just insignificant matter? But what happens when we add God to matter? It's like adding yeast to flour. It makes it rise. It gives it fullness and texture and taste. The universe, without God, is meaningless and thus so are the actions of its inhabitants. All that we see and enjoy in nature is also meaningless without God.

That is why it is so important for those of us who believe in God and who love to hunt and fish; to look more deeply into the God-made things around us and realize the heavens declare the glory of God into our lives each day.

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May 10 - Justin McLellan, Paul Warren Winstead, Eli Jones, Rosie Lee Jefferson, Suzanne Grayson, Sarah Miller, Jonathan Melton

May 11 - Doristeen Brown, Julie Ellison, Ben Courts, Diana Barrett

May 12 - Clarence Pierce, Will Atkinson, Willie Hodges, Reann Nichols-Hanks

May 13 - Emily Henderson, Breyanna Sumerall, Sherie Lanier, Kyle Langford, Aiden Dax Adcock, Matt Casey

May 14 - Sallie R. Brooks, Diane O'Reilly, Earl Ables, Ed Wilburn Hooker, Joyce Bethany, Tommy Thomas, Hubert Robertson, Jana Head, Mary Cassidy, Molly Miller

May 15 - Janie Sims, Dudley Rinicker, Emily Padgett, Qimei Wong, David Box, David Box

May 16 - Steven Thomas Holder, Clarence Byrd, Jacqueline Epps, Christopher Truitt, Ryan Bhangu, Frances Hodges, Christy Hudson, Katy McGinnis, Lilly Austin, Mills Heard



May 10 - Mark and Susan Chamblee, Jared and Jordan Ingram, Adam and Rebecca Kelly

May 12 - Miles and Linda Dickerson

May 15 - Dwight and Dana Holt, Choyce and Mary Ann Diffey, Sam and Jessica Smith

May 16 - Jeff and Senora Jackson



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Cruiger native attends student orientation at MSMS

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) hosted 127 students and their families as potential members of the Class of 2020 during its New Student Orientation event on Saturday, April 27 in Columbus. MSMS is our state's nationally recognized residential high school for academically advanced eleventh and twelfth graders. Graduating classes have averaged \$21 million in scholarship offers for the last five years; graduates attend universities all over Mississippi and the nation.

Nickolas Horton, of Cruiger, attended the orientation. He is the grandson of Helen Freeman.

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science is Mississippi's only public, residential high school focused on STEM education and specifically designed to meet the needs of the state's most academically gifted and talented students. For more information, please visit themsms.org.

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