

My Daily News

We have the daily newspaper delivered to our house every day. My husband reads it from front to back, always checking first to make sure he is not listed in the obits. Then we talk back and forth for a few minutes as he catches me up on all the news of the day and he tells me I am news oblivious as I never read this paper or really listen to the television news cast. It just really depresses and discourages me to find out what politician was unfaithful to his or her spouse, how they have unsettled our government and

how many murders, suicides, and tragedies have happened each and every day. But, I surely beg to differ with him on my being news ignorant! I have my own news notifications any time I find time to read them – FACEBOOK... I can find out who passed away, how they passed away, where they will be interred, and who their family is. I can find out who was shot, molested, wrecked, incarcerated, got married, who gave birth, has a birthday, got baptized, divorced, and some-

times I learn about things I really don't need to know. I can see much drama passing between families and friends, sometimes with expletives I never dreamed of saying much less writing for the entire world to see. I can find out where my friends and neighbors shop, what they purchased, what was on sale, and how they were treated

as they looked for their bargains. If you are in need of anything, you can most probably find it on these posted pages. And, as to be undisputable, most of the time the news is posted with pictures. Sometimes folks on Facebook are "hacked", someone trying to steal their identity. I am continually getting request from people, mostly men, who want to be my friend. Really, I am friends with people I actually know. Most of these are from Taiwan, China, Sweden, or maybe a soldier in Afghanistan. I believe most of these poachers are from a "Podunk" town looking to scam somebody and I never agree to be a friend. I get messages sometimes from one of my selected friends and they tell me the strang-



Peggy's Take

est things or ask me the most bizarre questions. I see immediately they have been "hacked" and I never reply. I can't help but wonder what my mother would have thought about this news source. She always loved the phone party lines when we had them as she found out lots she did not know. I believe she would have been an ardent follower of Facebook!

Easy Chicken Parmesan

Marinate 10 chicken tenders in Italian Dressing for at least 2 hours. Drain Chicken and batter with ½ flour and ½ Italian bread crumbs, and ½ cup of Parmesan cheese and fry until completely done. Cook 2 cups of spaghetti and drain. Pour 1 cup of Spaghetti sauce in the bottom of a casserole dish, sprinkle with ¼ cup of Parmesan cheese and 1 cup of shredded mozzarella and layer spaghetti on top, toss together. Lay chicken tenders on top of spaghetti and cover with 1 ½ cups of spaghetti sauce and sprinkle

with 1 cup of mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350* until bubbly.

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Southern Miss names spring honor students

The University of Southern Mississippi has released its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2018 spring semester.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average (all As). Dean's List scholars are those with at least a 3.5 grade point average, but less than a 4.0.

Students recognized from the local area include the following:

- President's List
Lexington - Lamonica Antanet Jordan.
Pickens - Terrell Wynne.
Dean's List
Tchula - VerKilya Eleshia Hogan and Ayana Kanakki Linya Love.

Over the year since May 2017, the number of jobs in our state increased by 15,900.

These numbers are based on a survey of employers. That employer survey is recognized as the most reliable indicator of job growth.

however, over the year since May 2017, the number of unemployed Mississippians decreased by 7,800.

The number of non-farm jobs in Mississippi edged downward by 300 in May to 1,164,700. The May 2018 job figure is the third highest number of jobs ever record-

Unemployment rate near historic low and jobs near historic high

Mississippi's unemployment rate in May 2018 was 4.7%, the third lowest level of unemployment ever recorded in Mississippi.

The April rate is one-tenth of a percentage point higher than a month earlier in May 2018, when the rate was 4.6% and six-tenths of a percentage point lower than a year ago in May 2017, when the rate was 5.3%.

The Labor Force, which is made up of everyone who has a job or is looking for a job, increased in May by 2,900 to 1,278,200. Over the year since May 2017, the Labor Force fell by 3,500.

The number of people working in Mississippi rose in May by 1,600 to 1,218,700. For the year since May 2017, employment in our state increased by 4,300. The number of unemployed Mississippians increased by 1,300 in May to 59,500;

Moving and Music



Durant Public Library started summer programs with a busy week. On Tuesday, June 12, Mrs. Lindsay Fitts (pictured above, sitting at left), from MMRLS, presented a program, Libraries Rock, with music, dance and crafts. On Thursday, June 14, Mr. Calhoun (pictured at top, standing right), with Move to Learn, taught children the importance of moving and exercise. (Photos submitted)

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