

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Many friends and family of William Henry Hathcock anxiously await a good report from him. He, a patient, and wife Bettie, a caregiver, have spent most of several weeks now in medical care. May God give healing to his body and peace to their lives. They are in our prayers and thoughts. We love you both look forward to good news.

Leah Binegar spent time during the Father's Day weekend with her dad, Billy Binegar, and the family. It was good to see her again.

Mr. David Irby has returned from a recent cruise. We are glad to see him back home.

Prayers and concern continue for Buck, Nell and Pat Burrell, also for Michelle, who recently lost her husband. Love and concern to each. You are not forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. David Truitt future plans include a move to Madison. They will surely be missed by a large number of residents and friends.

Concerns and prayers continue for friends who are sick. This includes W.R. and Saranell Martin. Hope they are now feeling better and continue to improve.

First Baptist congregation nominated a music search committee Sunday a.m. We sure need a music leader. Thanks to Sandy Land for being there Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Irby enjoyed a visit during the weekend from daughter Michelle and others. It sure was good to see them in church here again Sunday.

All are thankful Ms. Barbara Kinnebrew is feeling better. Hope to see her out and in church soon.

The many Durant friends of Mrs. Ruth Gill and daughter

Ann are glad they are getting settled in thier new home in Hattiesburg. We sure miss them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Hill spent time last weekend in Stewart with Jodi and Derek May and three children. Daughter Cassie was three years old Sunday. They celebrated the day together, with the May family.

Jay Higginbotham of Clinton is spending time wih me, Joey, Jackie and Mark.

Family and friends of Judy and Frankie Bledsoe are thankful she is recovering well after recent surgery in Jackson. We missed them.

Prayers are for Harold Payton that he will be feeling well again shortly.

* I was shocked to see the fog truck, it has been years since the fog truck has spyraed for mosquitoes. I've seen it three times so far.

On Friday, June 8 Bo (Patterson) was cleaning off a lot on Madison Street, I went to the lot to take pictures. One of the guys there had a snake, holding it up. Bo jumped crazy on that lot. He did a beautiful job on the lot. There are lots of empty lots in my ward. My nieghbors and I are sick and tired of looking at that when we come out of our house. We've been in this ward for 50 years. When we moved into our ward it was beautiful because there were lots of older people living in the ward. You could not drop paper on the ground in front of their house, they would holler at you to pick it up. Now days, when you go and ask the person, could you clean off their lot, they want to do it. They think you are trying to steal their

lot. All we want is our clean ward back. My opinion, the mayor's office should put these lots on Facebook. I understand some for some lots that people own, they live out of town or are dead. The mayor's office should find out about the empty lots.

In my opinion, if people that have professional lawn mowers, if there is a lot next to your lot and it has not been cut in years, then be a good neighbor, cut it.

I am hoping Durant, Holmes County will be cleaned up for the Fourth of July. You know we are having companies coming to our county and towns.

**By Frances Patterson*

County students named to Valley honors list

Mississippi Valley State University recently recognized students receiving academic honors for the Spring 2018 and Fall 2017 semesters during its Honors Convocation.

President's Scholar (4.0)
Mellissa D. Coats, Tchula; Bianca Lacey, Tchula; Sheronda P. Phillips, Lexington; Arrionne T. Wilson, Tchula; O'Kia S. Robinson, Lexington; Chandra Brown, Tchula; Glenda C. Hampton, Tchula; and Briana B.Person, Cruger.

Distinguished Scholar (3.80-3.99)
Freronica Frizell, Durant; Tamika L. Jefferson, Durant; and Marquisha M. English, Lexington.

Honor Scholar (3.50-3.79)
Tommie Moore, Lexington; Barbara E. Randle, Lexington; Destiny S. Mitchell, Durant; Faith Mitchell, Tchula; Jamal L . Keith, Goodman; Allayna Streeter, Lexington; Tykevia S. McDaniel, Tchula; and Shinaris S. Redmond, Tchula.

Scholar (3.20-3.49)
Amber J. Triplett, Tchula; Jordan Angela D. Jordan, Lexington; and Christeen W. Studway, Lexington.

ally doesn't take long. When you give every dollar a name before the month begins, you're taking control of your money instead of allowing a lack of it to control you.

Start with the income you know is predictable. If that isn't possible, look back over the last few months and find the minimum amount you brought home during a month over that period of time. This will be the basis for your budget. Once you've established a baseline income, you can write down and prioritize bills and other expenses. Just remember, restaurants are not a priority!

When you make a prioritized spending plan, and start telling your money what to do ahead of time, you'll have the ability to do what's important with what you've earned!

—Dave



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Controlling your cash

Dear Dave,

I work long hours, and I make pretty good money. The problem is the money from my paychecks always seems to disappear before the end of the month. I know part of the problem is grabbing quick meals between extra shifts, and eating out a lot after work, because I'm usually too tired to cook when I get home. How can someone who has very little free time start gaining control of their finances? Shelia

Dear Shelia,
No matter how little free time you think you have, or how tired you are, you must make time do a written budget every month. This is essential. Making a budget for the month ahead isn't a lot of hard work, and it re-