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Mason Monty, Joan Padgett  
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**August 6** - Charlie McBride, Andrew Gilmore, George Ables, Joy Donald, Warren McMorris, Lisa Dew, Eden Davis, Aubrey Pierce, IV

**August 7** - Barbara McBride, Hannah Malone, Katelyn Walker, Latasha Clark, Shanette Williams, Sydney Gardner, Wayne Jobe, Matthew Engle, Jackie Killebrew, Joel Smith, Strider Walker, Pacey Thompson

**August 8** - Brittney Nichole Roberts, Dr. Charles Campbell, Hastings Bullock, Bill Warrington, Stephanie Bonds, Emily Perry, Brett Spell, Ellen Carr

## Computer Genius

I suppose like everyone else, with school looming in the very near future, we are all trying to squeeze in just a few more day trips with our children just maybe enough to last us until the Christmas break.

Yesterday I enjoyed a short trip in search of a new computer. Like my car of eleven years old, my pieced together supercomputer is not quite so super anymore with the age it bears. I remember my first computer



### Peggy's Take

was a Gateway and I had a contract with them so that I could call with any problems that I might experience. We chatted at least once a week for many years. I had become really good friends with a guy named "Rielley" in that I always asked for him as he was my "go to man". At that time I could also take my whole component to Jackson and they had a store that could fix anything. I had gotten incredibly confident on that small piece of technology. I worked with my Gateway for years until one day it crashed and gave up its ghost. Now a gateway is not the name of a computer, gateway is almost the same as a router as it regulates network traffic between two or more separate networks. No more gateway computers, Acer bought them out in 2007.

Let me say that my knowledge of computers is somewhat limited as in I can turn it on, find my e-mail, google, and thank goodness pull up Facebook and Pinterest! I just need a "so so" system but I made the oversight of

carrying my thirteen year old grandson to help me. I don't know if you are aware of the fact but a thirteen year old is a computer mastermind. He knew about memory, or ram and hard drive, processor, moveable mouse, or a touch

finger pad, what speakers will be best, how many kilobytes, megabytes, and gigabytes were inside each computer, and what size monitor I needed. I believe I can realize now he was making sure that "Fortnight"

could be pulled up on this central processing unit. We decided as to which one would be best for me/us and I now have a big monitored Mac! He promised to come over and "teach" me all he knew and then I am sure I too will be a wizard. After I have mastered this big Mac machine, I have considered perhaps giving computer lessons to those less clever.

This is a very inexpensive meal or "Budget Bytes" and really delicious.

#### Pasta with Tuna and Olives

1 pound of Bow Tie Pasta, boiled and drained  
1 pint of cherry tomatoes cut in half,  
2 5-ounce cans of drained tuna  
1 cup of pitted black olives,  
Mix the dressing - 2 T. Olive oil, 1 T. red wine vinegar, ½ dried basil or 1 T. fresh, and pepper to taste. Add into the dressing ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, ¼ bunch of fresh parsley and pour over all. \Refrigerate.

\*Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.



**August 2** - Sammy and Diane Niven, Jeff and Carrie Sims, Jeff and Mandy Burrell

**August 3** - William and Pauline Tomlinson, Matt and Maegan Meeks

**August 4** - Johnny and Mary Jane Allen

**August 6** - Danny and Anna Holt

**August 7** - Robert and Martha Jo Dickard, Jim and Lynne Beville

**August 8** - Nick and Beverly Nichols

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## Commissioner Sam Britton calls for High-Speed Internet access for all Mississippians

Access to High-Speed Internet is an increasing problem in rural areas across the country. Currently, Mississippi is ranked 49th in connectivity with nearly thirty percent of the population lacking broadband service as reported by the Federal Communications Commission.

Internet access can be compared much like electricity was one hundred years ago. With businesses and individuals making decisions on where to locate based on expected services like High-Speed Internet, this remains an important issue that must be improved. Mississippi will fall further behind in education, healthcare and business if solutions are not found.

"It is my goal for all Mississippians to have access to High-Speed Internet." Public Service Commissioner Sam Britton said. "The service offered today is inad-

## Person of interest in murder surrenders to law enforcement

A probationer wanted as a person of interest in a homicide that occurred Sunday, July 22, in Holmes County is in custody.

Joseph Keys, MDOC #178985, surrendered to the Holmes County Sheriff's Office at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, July 26, on a county road near Lexington.

Keys, 25, had been sought for questioning in the shooting death of Tyronne Wise at the Yellow Tree Lounge on Highway 12 near Lexington. The shooting happened about 5 a.m.

Keys was convicted of



JOSEPH KEYS

burglary/larceny of an unoccupied dwelling on Sept. 28, 2012, and received three years to serve and four years of probation. He was released on probation Feb. 15, 2015.



SAM BRITTON

equate and nothing short of a crisis in rural Mississippi. It is important to remember there is no quick fix and no single solution to this issue, thus an "all hands on deck" approach is appropriate. As a supporter of free-market solutions, I believe any entity that wants to offer High-Speed Internet service should be allowed to do so."

Current Mississippi Law prohibits Electric Power Associations from providing

High-Speed Internet.

In other states, there are models that allow these associations to provide Internet service which Britton believes should be considered as a possible solution in Mississippi.

"Following models established in other states, I support state law allowing Electric Power Associations to offer High-Speed Internet service in Mississippi," Britton explained. "This is a complex and expensive issue to implement. Ventures of this sort should be heavily vetted and discussed openly. I believe the state's pursuit of universal access to High-Speed Internet would be benefitted if Electric Power Associations would explore their potential role in solving this issue."

"As a state", Britton concluded, "we should be proactive in seeking out solutions to deliver this service to all Mississippians."



The last summer library program for this year will be Magic Mr. Nick. He will be at the library Thursday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m. He is an award winning magician and children's author. He has been entertaining thousands of children all over the mid-south and beyond for over 23 years. Each year Mr. Nick makes over 400 personal appearances. So plan on coming and having an enjoyable afternoon with friends and Mr. Nick.

It's hard to believe that it is all ready time to start acting on getting children ready for school. That means we all need to start watching out for the school buses mornings and afternoons.

The next meeting for the planning of the Big Black River Festival will be held on August 15. This will be the last meeting before the Festival on September 8. Everyone is asked to attend if possible. It will be at 2 p.m. at the club house.

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#### SEED OF HOPE OUTREACH

sponsored a showing for Caterpillar to display one of their heavy equipment motion simulators. It was an awesome event. Some of the city supervisors, Mr. Danny and Tim, showed their skills. Not to be outdone, Mayor McCrory performed a few smooth moves on the equipment as well. A nice food table was present and enjoyed.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Janie who provided some of the best coffee in the surrounding area from Southern Coffee Services. Representative of North

Central Planning and Development District, Mrs. Greer, and representatives of Mississippi Department of Human Services, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Peoples, kept me organized and gave moral support. We look forward to future collaborations, training individuals on motion simulators in Lexington.

My top dog operator John Sample was the first on the machine to get the equipment set to go. All in all it was a fantastic day.

Thank you one and all,  
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