

# Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

I just came back from another great opportunity to speak to some hunters and fishermen in Central Kentucky. For nearly a decade Terry and his volunteers have been hosting an expo. In fact, I spoke at the first one. Terry and his team rent the local high school and bring in vendors and groups from all over the region. They pay a small fee to host a booth and in turn, hundreds of men and women can view and even buy their products. Most of these participants are the exact demographic these businesses look to sell. It's also a great opportunity for the local residents to get great deals on gear for the upcoming season. As well as gear, Terry and his gang will have a wide display of

deer mounts that are state records. One can even have his own buck scored by certified scorers. All in all, it is a great day to scratch the deer hunting itch that is becoming more and more irritating as the days toward deer season come closer and closer.

What Terry and the folks are really interested in doing, is giving each attendee a nugget of spiritual truth. They just know that if their sign just said, "Come on Saturday and Hear a Nugget of Spiritual Truth," no one would show up. For men who may not have very much interest in spiritual things, it's going to take a good seminar on being a better hunter and an opportunity to win a John Deere Gator, for that guy to listen to someone like me tell him how God uses the outdoors as a compass to point a man to God. Now

some bemoan this approach. Someone usually barks, "If a hotdog will get him here, a hamburger will keep him home!" They say this as if incentives are wrong. Well, he is wrong. Let me build the case for those of you who are Christians. Think about the person you would most desire to become a fellow believer. Is it a friend? A son? A coworker? Now, let me ask you. How much money would you be willing to give for 30 minutes of his time for the express purpose of sharing your faith with him and asking him to consider becoming a follower of Christ as well? That's right. And now you know why Terry and his church, and all the volunteers, spend money and time on their good friends and family in Central Kentucky.

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## Bridal Registry

Kenzee Dickard  
Ronnie Dickard

Kasey Hutton  
Robert Hutton  
July 21

Stephanie Gauthier  
Matthew Kelly  
September 29

## Peoples Drug Store

Court Square 834-2721 Lexington

### IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Mr. William Wright is at home from the university hospital in Jackson.

Mrs. Leola Montgomery has been admitted to the swing bed section of the hospital in Lexington.

One of Floyd Moore's sons recently had a wreck. He was on his way to work real early one morning. Up Highway 17 north, a tree had fallen across the highway. By it being early in the morning, he did not see the tree. He hit it and tore up his car. He missed a few days work because something came through the car and hit him. Workers from the school

system are visiting the churches in Holmes County. They are talking to them about what is expected in the schools, to make sure the school system is safe and successful in getting away from the D rating. Please welcome these people in your church and allow them to speak a few minutes.

On August 9, the seniors at the senior citizen feeding site in Lexington had a combined birthday party for six seniors. Those having a birthday were Clara Hathorn, Sarah Deering, Ethel Cobbins, Ivory Walden, Mary Archer and George Harris.

## Algebra teaching and learning support extended to all Mississippi school districts

Starting this school year, all Mississippi public school districts will be able to implement the Algebra Nation program, which is designed to help students perform better in the Algebra I course.

Piloted in approximately 30 districts over the last two years, the Algebra Nation program includes custom-developed Algebra I resources, supports, student performance reports and professional development for teachers.

The program also extends learning outside of the classroom by providing a virtual community of teachers and

students that collaborate and learn online.

Algebra Nation pilot program districts experienced a 7.2 percent increase in the percentage of students scoring at proficient or advanced on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) compared to a 4.8 percent increase for non-Algebra Nation pilot program districts on the spring 2017 Algebra I assessment.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Office of Secondary Education content staff and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University

validated the effectiveness of the Mississippi-developed Algebra Nation resources.

"Mississippi students are benefiting from the instructional support Algebra Nation provides," said Dr. Marla Davis, MDE bureau director and mathematics content specialist. "The program's flexibility allows each district to use it in a manner that fits their individual needs and capacity."

Algebra Nation staff, in partnership with the MDE are hosting approximately 10 regional trainings for teachers around the state during the months of August and September.

The Algebra Nation program is being extended to all school districts through a \$500,000 appropriation from the Mississippi Legislature.

## School Superintendent addresses Rotary Club



Superintendent for the Holmes County Consolidated School District, Dr. James Henderson (pictured standing) gave an informative presentation, as guest speaker, to the Lexington Rotary Club weekly meeting on Tuesday, August 7. Henderson, a Holmes County native, gave an outline for future endeavors within the newly consolidated school district including the building of a new proposed high school. Henderson also revealed that \$1.4 million dollars had been saved in the school district by streamlining staff positions at the central office. Rotary member pictured are (from left): Michael Lawshe, David McMullan, Brandi Hamilton, Ed Wilburn Hooker, Sterling Starns, Chuck Edwards and Robin McCrory. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

## Former education secretary addresses Holmes' educators

The Holmes County Consolidated School District held its inaugural convocation and staff development conference August 1-2. The district hosted former U.S. Dept. of Education Secretary Rod Paige (at right) as its keynote speaker. Paige is a state native began serving in 2001. Paige addressed a packed hall on the campus of Saints Academy (picture below) of administrators, teachers and staff. (Photos by Gail Brown)



## Salute to Our Students!



Saint Paul Church of God in Christ, Elder William Dean Jr., Pastor, honored their 2017-2018 second semester scholars in grade K-12, Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. Regular Church Service. Twenty-one students were meritorious and received honor certificates and monetary awards [Superintendent (S), Principal (P), Honor Roll (H), and Averaged Honor Roll (AH)]. Pictured from left to right on the first row: Yoni Ojoria Farley (S), Sealeah Coleman (S), Ashton Jaquan Friend (P); second row from left to right: Terrell Dean (AH), Tyler Winstead (H), Kristiuanna Reed (H), Jakara Semaj Bankhead (H); third row from left to right: Kaylan Kendarius (P), Bennie Kendrick Powell (S), Kendrick Markel Powell (P), and Jinaya Ford (P). Not photographed: Samantha Deering (S), Darnell Devonte Deering (AH), Titus Da'Monja Dupree Deering (S), Ze'Omarion Ze'Kell Kirklin (P), Ze'Coya Ze'Kya Kirklin (H), Ze'Amanti ZeKill Kirklin (H), Zekeyla Ze'Kia Wilson (AH), James Bankhead (AH) and Rayla Thompson (S). Kristiuanna Reed and Jakara Semaj Bankhead were also given recognition for mastering the third grade test requirements for the State of Mississippi.

