

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Prayers continue for Barbara Kinnebrew. She spent time in a Jackson hospital but is now at the Attala Baptist Hospital for time to recover. Prayers and concern continue for her and others.

The former homes of Mrs. Dollie English and family burned almost completely during last weekend and Mrs. Elizabeth Dunkin's former home on Highway 51 north burned just a few weeks before. They were both land marks. It is sad to see them in that condition. Shortly before the Dunkin hoem burned, Mr. Willie Renacker's burned. Sad, sad to see them in a burned condition.

I am very thankful to have a Godly family. During my time of feeling really bad, my family was most attentive. I am very thankful, I hope to be through with doctors visits for a while and to report most everything is in good shape. Daughter Shirley, Joey and sister Bessie made the time more bearable. Shirley hardly left my side. It was a comfort to have them all go with me to doctor visits and stay with me while I was really in "low cotton" as my dad used to say, when he felt really bad. Thanks for the prayers. May God bless on and all. The food that was brought was so helpful. Thanks every one of you.

Mrs. Katherine Cagle isn't feeling real well. Prayers are for her and others of the community.

Joey and Jackie Hill and others from the Presbyterian church in Kosciusko attended a church meeting in Nashville Monday through Wednesday.

It was good to see Frankie and Judy Bledsoe in church Sunday. She has recently undergone major surgery and still isn't feeling 100%. When they are well, they are nearly always in church every Sunday.

My sister, Mrs Bessie Aldy Easterling of Jackson, went with me last week to the Sunday morning service at First Baptist Church. She really enjoyed Brother Lyn's sermon. Maybe she can attend our singing at church soon. She is really good at the piano and a pretty good singer. We all look forward to our Sundays and the singing programs. All are invited.

I received a good report from the doctors I've seen the last three or four weeks. I have spent several nights with Shirley, Sam and Jay. After the melanoma was removed from my arm, it was a relief to hear that I don't need to be concerned. They got everything. Thank God from whom all blessing flow.

It's good to hear that Mrs. Lucy Howell is home after being a patient in a Jackson hospital. We don't see her

often but it's good to hear that she is somewhat improved.

Call me if you have news items, 601-519-5330.

Have a happy week!

*On August 21, Tuesday, I went to the city hall meeting. In my opinion, first, to me, the meeting was not organized. I went to the meeting to hear about the plant everybody want to open in Durant. The supervisor and others were speaking to the mayor and the aldermen, not to the public. In my opinion, the supervisor and others along with the mayor and board of aldermen should have had their meeting before 6:30 p.m. A special meeting should have been called about the plant. When the plant was going to open? How many people will be hired? What kind of jobs will be in the plant? Will the plant use Entergy or Durant electricity. These are questions we wanted answers to that didn't happen.

At the time, the mayor was not being professional. The mayor said a group had a meeting at a church in Durant, in my opinion, not professional. The mayor told us his age, said he was not a little boy, he was not professional. There was a person who wanted to speak, the mayor would not let the person speak because that person's name was not on the book, not professional. I think the mayor should have let the person speak before they left the room. I know they have rules, that person could have voted for him. In my opinion, the mayor's office and the supervisors are not on the same page. Maybe all of the supervisors should have been at the meeting. At the meeting, I listened to some of the letters that were read, I said 'Wow, those letters sound like the letters I write to the Herald editor. In my opinion, some residents have gotten older, they are tired of riding the road every day, they don't want to work out in Holmes County.

This is my opinion on the people we put in office, they have forgotten who voted for them. They don't think they are getting paid to do their job. They don't want to give the people what they want, Holmes County or Durant. For some of our elected officials they don't want to see you or talk to you. They'll take out their cell phone and almost knock their own heads off by slapping the phone upside their ears. That way they won't talk to you. Or they will go another way if they see you coming towards them. This is what I have seen over the years.

One more thing I've been writing about, people should clean up their property.

Happy Birthday

September 13 - Nathan Taylor, Trace Regan, John

Businesses should clean up around their business. I was at Family Dollar store recently, the person at the check out counter was backing out the front door. In their hand they had a bag. The person was carrying out a snake. Someone had killed a snake in the store, it was a baby snake about 12 inches long. When the person came back, they said that was the third snake at Family Dollar. The other snakes were on the outside of the store, on the side where the tall grass is. This is what I'm writing about, snakes live in the grass with other rodents. If people don't start cutting the grass and clean off their properties, Durant could have a huge problem with snakes, rats, mice, squirrels, fleas, ticks, bedbugs and mosquitoes.

*By Frances Patterson

Ginn, Michael Smith, Madyson Rosamond, Wayne Bugg, Bob Dickard, Shannon Davis, Tacaliya Clerk, McKinlee Fulgham, Trey Taylor, Darren Hanks, Jim Bevill

September 14 - Hollie James McLellan, Robert Ellison, Jordan Langford, Blake Bell, Morgan Loflin, Erin Jenkins, Darien Smith, Harlee Blackstock, Melanie Hardy, David Melton

September 15 - Kasey Hammett, Olymphia Horton, Connor Pritchard, Ellie Gilmer, Edie Gilmer, Cooper Loflin

September 16 - Ina Rigby, Mac Phillips, Maxine Hodges, Olivia O'Reilly, Kristin Smith, Cassey McBride, James Russell, Alvin Russell, Brian Killebrew, Rylee Sizemore, Mike Chandler, Beth Warrington, Diane Whiteside, Madden Bates, Betty Stroud Anderson, Grayson Burwell, Jase Richmond, Jim McCrory

September 17 - Carol Merchant, Jaime Lyn Trotter, Jym Jackson, Niki Walker

September 18 - Brooks Hudson, Cathy Murtagh, Michael Hatcher, Linda

Happy Anniversary

September 14 - Richard Teressa Bishop, Orman and Chris Hammett Katherine Knox

September 17 - Jimmy and Patsy Thomas, Bill and

September 18 - Wayne and Evelyn Bishop

Sullivan, Theodore Martin Garrett, Teressa Bishop,

September 19 - Brandon Ashley Greer Nolan, Robin Byrd, Hannah Trotter, McCrory, Dorothy Brown

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"Notice of a Tax Increase and A Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Proposed tax Levies for the Town of West"

The Town of West will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year 2018 on September 18, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall located at 24839 Highway 51 in West, MS.

The Town of West is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$73,550.68. 28% or \$20,723.44 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$62113.67 of that amount \$22,795.78 or 37%, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the Town of West plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 10 mills from 34.25 to 37.68 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on you home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of the Town of West is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.