

Automotive service equipment manufacturer Hunter Engineering growing in Durant creating 60 jobs

Press Release

Automotive service equipment manufacturer Hunter Engineering is expanding operations in Durant. The project is an \$8 million corporate investment and creates 60 jobs.

“Hunter Engineering’s expansion in Holmes County and creation of so many new jobs is a strong indicator that the efforts of our state, regional and local leaders to maintain a strong business environment continue to pay off for our corporate citizens and the citizens of Mississippi,” Gov. Phil Bryant said. Hunter Engineering is a manufacturer of wheel alignment and wheel balancing systems, tire changers, brake service equipment, alignment lifts and inspection lanes. The company’s

expansion includes an addition of approximately 85,000 square feet to accommodate increased manufacturing, painting and shipping operations. The expansion also includes a 500-square-foot workforce training area to support continuous employee development.

“The state of Mississippi has been a great partner throughout our decades of operation at multiple locations in the state. We appreciate Governor Bryant’s leadership and the significant support from the Mississippi Development Authority, Delta Regional Authority and the city of Durant in making this expansion a reality. We will continue to produce industry leading products with our quality workforce and updated facilities, including

new investment in state-of-the-art equipment resulting from this expansion,” said Wayne Bowling, plant manager at Hunter Engineering’s Durant facility.

The Mississippi Development Authority is providing assistance for the building expansion and building improvements to the existing publicly owned facility. The Delta Regional Authority is providing assistance to extend water lines, relocate city-owned electric utility poles and install new electrical equipment in the Hunter facility. DRA funds will cover the cost of new transformers, conductors, switchboards and distribution panels to ensure the manufacturing plant receives safe and reliable power.

“Hunter Engineering’s ex-

pansion in Durant creating dozens of new careers is a shining example of teamwork that wins bringing economic opportunity to the people of Holmes county,” said MDA Executive Director Glenn McCullough, Jr. “We salute the leadership of the Delta Regional Authority and the city of Durant for working with our MDA Team to bring this project to fruition.”

“DRA is proud to invest in vital infrastructure improvements that will help create and retain jobs in Durant,” said DRA Chairman Chris Caldwell. “Our goal is to support projects like this that promote economic development, help rural communities become more competitive and create new jobs for our workers while protecting and securing existing jobs.”

Hunter Engineering employs approximately 590 workers in Mississippi, 192 of which are in Durant. The expansion is slated for completion by the end of 2020.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor of the Holmes County Herald:

The Holmes County Public Schools consolidated mid 2018 under the guidelines of Senate Bill 926-8. All Miss. public school employees have the protection of Miss. Code 37, Chapter 7, Article 7, 37-7-307 which states that the employees’ leave days travel with them when changing districts.

The MALE superintendent, on advice of his MALE attorney with the obvious approval of the predominately MALE Holmes County School Board, has stripped the predominately FEMALE work force of their accumulated leave days which are protected by the above reference statute.

I have confirmed person-

ally that Montgomery nor Sunflower Counties stripped leave days in violation of the statute and am reasonably sure no district has done this.

I was in the workforce for 38 years and know the difficulty women experience - child care, sick children, orthodontist visits, etc.

For the female workforce in Holmes County to be betrayed in such a way by this administration is unacceptable.

I must mention also the extremely long hours these women put in and the personal money they spend on supplies.

Please contact your state representatives and demand that this injustice be corrected.

Jane P. Smith, Lexington

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Congratulations to Shontell March/Baker. She has completed her basic training for the U.S. Armed Forces. I don’t know which branch she enlisted in. She is the granddaughter of Holmes County Chief Deputy Roosevelt March.

All of you that can, please enroll in the adult education night classes. Completion of these classes can possibly

lead to getting a job or a better job.

One morning, Fred’s pharmacy had a problem. Some of the workers hadn’t arrived. They called Mr. Billy Russell on his day off. He didn’t complain. When he got to the drugstore, he cancelled his doctor’s appointment and worked. That is the sign of a good man and dedicated worker.

10th September

ACROSS

- 1 Speaks imperfectly
- 6 Winter dish
- 10 Inits. for the Pres.
- 13 Pamphlets
- 19 Large window
- 20 Laban’s daughter
- 21 Healers’ org.
- 22 Like mall prices
- 23 Two, three, or four, e.g.
- 26 Menu offering
- 27 Ballroom dance
- 28 Aristotle work
- 30 “___ and Away”
- 31 Caprice
- 34 “The Sheik of ___”
- 35 Like Maxwell Smart
- 36 Bee-related
- 41 PDQ, in a memo
- 43 Droopy pooch
- 45 Pre-Xerox need
- 48 Jeans fabric
- 49 School subj.
- 52 Places for nests
- 53 Crete’s capital
- 55 Lower
- 57 Messy place
- 58 Winery affairs
- 60 Knight’s protector
- 61 Wrestler Camacho
- 65 Pantry container
- 66 Exxon, once
- 67 “___ misty...”
- 68 “There oughta be ___!”
- 69 Dutch town
- 71 Magic or Jazz
- 73 “Power” player
- 74 Attractive hook
- 75 “Coffee, Tea, ___?”
- 77 Inlet
- 78 Opposed
- 80 Roof feature
- 81 Shiny
- 83 Precambrian, e.g.
- 84 Strong beer, to a Brit
- 86 1940s computer
- 87 Cries out
- 92 Bart Simpson’s age
- 93 Foyer
- 95 Casino’s persona non grata
- 97 Monstrously large number

DOWN

- 99 Near, poetically
- 100 “___ Gay”
- 101 Caulking material
- 103 Ingenuous
- 107 Glow
- 109 Dairy case unit
- 110 In ___ (jointly)
- 112 More spiffy
- 118 Refugee
- 120 Account fee
- 123 Make a pit stop, perhaps
- 124 G&S operetta start
- 125 Barre bend
- 126 Spoleto solos
- 127 “...skies ___ cloudy...”
- 128 Shaq’s shoe width
- 129 Pipe bends
- 130 Didn’t exist

DOWN

- 1 Crazy
- 2 Qom’s nation
- 3 Breed
- 4 Footlet brand
- 5 Tear

6 Like Curly at the end of a take?

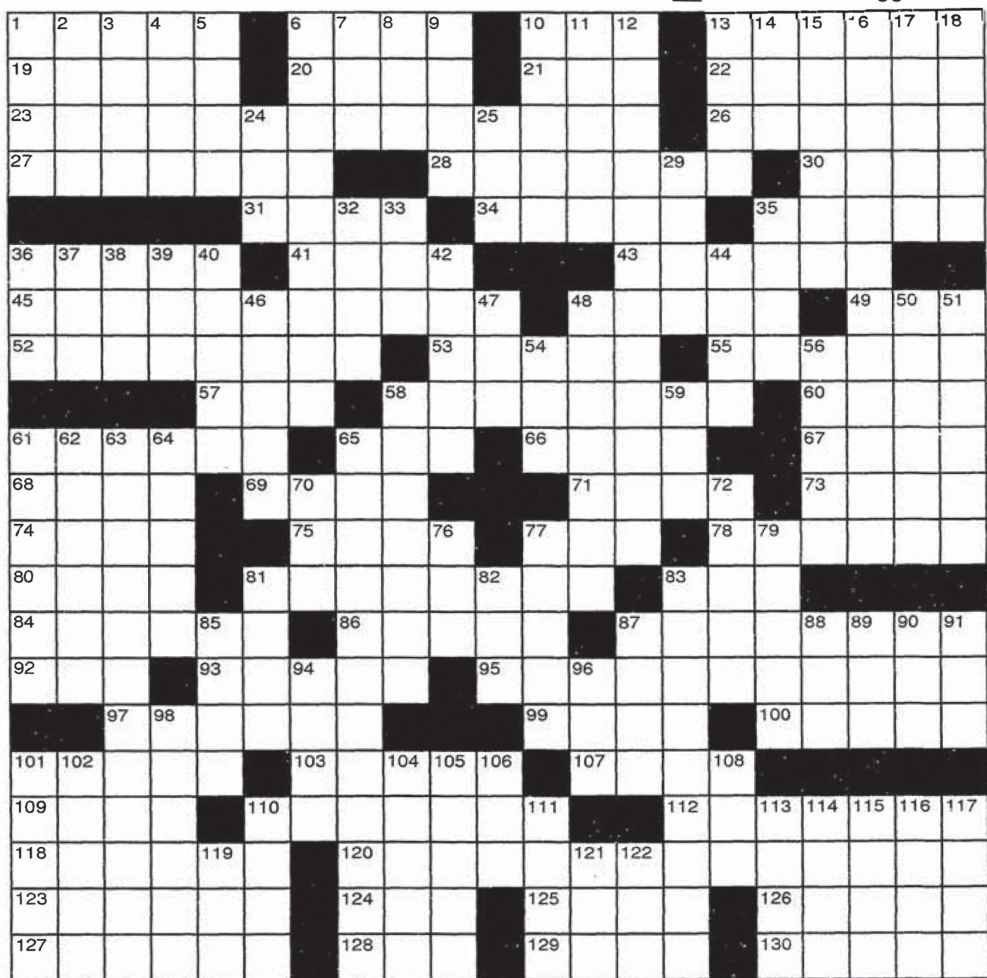
- 7 ___ Aviv
- 8 Bring forth young
- 9 Defeat, slangily
- 10 Pole thrown by Scots
- 11 “___ man with...”
- 12 Stomping grounds for some pirates
- 13 Very, in Vichy
- 14 Stimp’s companion
- 15 Bring into harmony
- 16 Postwar opportunist
- 17 Traffic snarl
- 18 Slumbered
- 24 ___ moon
- 25 Kiwi’s extinct kin
- 29 Dark blue: prefix
- 32 “A miss ___ good...”
- 33 Orienteering tool
- 35 “Woe ___!”
- 36 Take to the stage
- 37 Golf norm
- 38 Wrath
- 39 Playwright Burrows

40 False

- 42 Hickory nut
- 44 Caesar and others
- 46 ___ Dame
- 47 Eastern title
- 48 Like Voltaire’s religious beliefs
- 50 Willows
- 51 Exam taker
- 54 Test for prospective educators: abbr.
- 56 Foundation tint
- 58 Tweed’s Hall
- 59 Part of India
- 61 Most healthy
- 62 Impurities removed by washing
- 63 Thanksgiving need
- 64 Twixt
- 65 Unlimited authority
- 70 “Meet John ___”
- 72 Rubio of the GOP
- 76 Hophni’s dad
- 77 Puerto ___
- 79 Cherish
- 81 ___ synthesizer
- 82 Lancelot du ___

83 Stock-trading marts

- 85 Steal, slangily
- 87 Favorable margin
- 88 Massachusetts cape
- 89 Robert or Lance
- 90 Singer Tormé
- 91 Mrs., in Malaga
- 94 U2 singer
- 96 ___-tickling
- 98 Best in a duel
- 101 “Norma,” for one
- 102 One with a goal
- 104 “Veni”
- 105 Song section
- 106 Do the wrong thing
- 108 Brit’s slicker
- 110 Gael
- 111 Category
- 113 Melt
- 114 “GWTW” locale
- 115 Bulb bloom
- 116 Eddie or Richard
- 117 Enjoy the La-Z-Boy
- 119 Model T competitor
- 121 Fluish
- 122 Goose egg



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