

Learning tablet adds new checkout option at Durant Public Library

Staff Report

The Durant Public Library now offers a new educational resource for patrons to check-out.

The Playaway Launchpad is the first-ever secure, pre-loaded learning tablet created just for children in a library or school setting. Each Launchpad is pre-loaded with high-quality, ad-free learning apps (applications) grouped by age, grade level, subject area and theme.

Each Launchpad is custom curated with a high-quality, ad-free app pack. App packs are grouped by age, grade level, subject area and theme. Subject area packs



include English language arts, math, science, language learning, critical thinking and creativity.

Themed learning packs include princesses, animals, transportation, dinosaurs, space and more. Each pack

has at least 10 apps pre-loaded for learning and fun.

Launchpads are programmed to ensure no exposure to unintended content with the informational console monitoring how time is spent on the tablet.

Jaguars advance to second round of play-offs



Holmes County Central High School Jaguars won against Lake Comorant advancing to the second round of play-offs. They will face the Olive Branch Conquistadors on Friday, November 16. Jaguars pictured are (from left): Elbert Griffin, #65, Robert Jackson, #4, and Earnest Wade, #14. (Photo by Avery Rucker)



Pictured above: senior athlete Decoria Banks, #3, protects the ball during play against Lake Cormorant on November 9. (Photo by Avery Rucker)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE NATURAL GAS SYSTEM OWNED BY CITY OF TCHULA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Tchula, Mississippi, propose to renew a lease of its natural gas system to Mississippi River Gas, LLC, a Mississippi LLC ("MRG") which currently leases the natural gas system owned by the City of Tchula and operates said system to provide natural gas service to residents served by the Tchula system. The current lease expires December 31, 2018.

The price and other general terms and conditions of such proposed Lease Agreement that differ from the current lease are as follows:

1) **Term:** Term of Lease Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years from and after effective date of January 1, 2019.

2) **Rental:** City of Tchula shall lease the system to MRG for a total five year basic rental sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), allocated as \$20,000.00 per year, and payable as follows: Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) upon execution of the lease; Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) payable on or before January 15, 2019, and continuing in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year payable by the fifteenth day of January thereafter with the last basic annual advance rental payment being due and payable on or before January 15, 2023. Should early termination of the lease occur, MRG shall be entitled to a pro-rata refund of the unearned basic rental amounts paid in advance based on an annual rental payment of \$20,000.00.

3) **Franchise Tax:** In addition to the basic annual advance rental payment, MRG shall pay unto City of Tchula a franchise tax of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per MCF of gas sold to both residential and commercial consumers served by the gas distribution system located within and adjacent to the corporate limits of City of Tchula. Said payments to be made quarterly on the following dates of each year during the term of said Lease Agreement: February 25, May 25, August 25 and November 25, providing however, that the first quarterly payment shall be made on May 25, 2019.

4) **Customer Rate:** MRG shall charge customers in the Tchula system (1) a base rate of \$6.00 regardless of gas usage, plus (2) a volumetric rate of \$5.75 MCF, plus (3) pass-through charges for the actual cost of purchased gas per unit, including, but not limited to, applicable transportation charges, BTU adjustments and any other applicable fees applied by gas suppliers and transmission companies, plus (4) the additional twenty-five cents (\$.25) per MCF franchise fee described in Section 3 that shall be collected monthly by MRG and paid to the City of Tchula on a quarterly basis. The volumetric rate shall increase by a cost of living adjustment on July 1, 2021.

5) **Assignment:** MRG shall have the right to assign its rights and duties hereunder without the written consent of City of Tchula, provided that the assignee is a Mississippi public utility company subject to the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

The entire Lease Agreement which is on file with the City Clerk is hereby referred to and made a part hereof by reference in order that all of the terms, conditions, and agreements of the Lease Agreement will be available for public view and part of this publication but without copying same herein. After ten days from the last publication of this Notice, said Lease Agreement will be entered into by Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Tchula, Mississippi, and Mississippi River Gas, LLC, a Mississippi LLC, unless within ten days after the last publication of said Notice, a petition signed by not less than twenty per centum of the qualified voters of the City of Tchula be filed, objecting to and protesting against said Lease Agreement.

This the 29th day of October, 2018.
CITY OF TCHULA, MISSISSIPPI
By: s/ Tyisha Horton
City Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SKL INVESTMENTS INC PLAINTIFF VS. CAUSE NO. 18-0143

WILLIE BLUE; BRENDA JACKSON; MARY SMITH; TOMMIE D. WASHINGTON a/k/a TOMMIE D. BROWN; VERA J. BLUE; ESSIE M. BLUE; JOHNNY BLUE, JR.; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 27, 2007, PARCEL NO. 0091500700, NW ¼ OF NW ¼, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 27, 2007, PARCEL NO. 0091500700, NW ¼ OF NW ¼, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by SKL Investments, Inc., Plaintiff, seeking the Court to confirm the tax sale of property in Holmes County, Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Willie Blue; Brenda Jackson; Mary Smith; Tommie D. Washington A/K/A Tommie D. Brown, Vera J. Blue; Essie M. Blue; Johnny Blue, Jr.; State of Mississippi; Holmes County, Mississippi; and District Attorney for Holmes County, Mississippi

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Andrew Hammond, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 15 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 30th day of October 2018.
HENRY LUCKETT, CHANCERY CLERK
HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: Charlie Luckett, D.C.

11-15,22,29b

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2017, Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge, 1562 Providence Road, Cruger, MS 38924, filed renewal application No. MS-GW-05526 for a permit to continue to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use from the Meridian-Upper Wilcox Aquifer, in the county of Holmes, for Institutional/Wildlife Management purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amount of water at the indicated location:

PERMIT #	VOLUME	RATE	LOCATION
MS-GW-05526	78 AFY	300 GPM	SW, NE, S28, T16N, R01E

Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication. If not protested, a permit will be issued on or after ten (10) days following publication date.

If protested, the application will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after, Tuesday, the 11th day of December 2018, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES
Chris Hawkins, P.E.
Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division

IN THE CHANCERY COURT HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OZENA TIDWELL, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 18-0039

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OZENA TIDWELL.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Loretta Tidwell, Administratrix, on behalf of her father, Alvin G. Tidwell, ownership of the real property of Ozena Tidwell, deceased located Holmes County. There are no other defendants in this action.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 13th day of December, 2018, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Holmes County Courthouse in Lexington, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 6th day of November, 2018.

Holmes Luckett,
Chancery Clerk
Holmes County, Mississippi
By: /s/ Charlie Luckett
Deputy Clerk

11-8,15,22b

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HOLMES

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2016, executed by TERRY JAMES LARGE, conveying certain real property therein described to TITLE WORKS OF VIRGINIA, INC., as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR LIVE WELL FINANCIAL INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi filed and recorded October 13, 2016, in Deed Book 2016, Page 3461; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Live Well Financial, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on **December 6, 2018** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the

Conservation Corner

by James Cummins
Executive Director
of Wildlife Mississippi

Wildlife Mississippi has applauded President Donald Trump's intent to nominate Aurelia Skipwith as the new U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service director. Wildlife Mississippi works with the Service to benefit Mississippi's fish and wildlife and the lands and waters they need

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north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Holmes County, Mississippi, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HOLMES, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT PART OF LOT 165 IN SAID CITY OF DURANT, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS, TO-WIT:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 165 AND RUN THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY 100 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY 62 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF EAST MADISON STREET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF EAST MADISON STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN AS "TURNPIKE ROAD") TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS AND EXCEPT 75 FEET EVENLY OFF OF THE EAST SIDE THEREOF.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **491 E MADISON STREET, DURANT, MS 39063**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107
Oxford, MS 38655
rubinlublin.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (404) 601-5846

to thrive. Skipwith, an attorney and scientist, currently serves as deputy assistant secretary for fish, wildlife, and parks at the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Fish and Wildlife Service is an arm of the Department. The Service manages 15 national wildlife refuges in Mississippi, operates the Private John Allen National Fish Hatchery in Tupelo, and works for the protection and restoration of more than 50 birds, fish, mussels, plants, and other species in

Pearl River systems; restoring wetlands, coastal, prairie, longleaf, and other habitats with private landowners; and developing the Theodore Roosevelt Visitor Center in the Mississippi Delta. I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Skipwith in her current capacity at the Department of the Interior. The nation is fortunate to be the beneficiary of her service. Furthermore, she has Mississippi roots as her parents are from Columbus. I recently spent a large part of a day with her, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Senator Roger Wicker, Governor Phil Bryant, and many of Medgar Evers' family announcing the induction of the Medgar and Myrlie Evers home into the American Civil Rights Network. She provided the leadership that ensured the home was added to this very important network.

We look forward to working with Ms. Skipwith to further these relationships and this important work for the state's rich natural resources and the people who value and enjoy them. Wildlife Mississippi works on a number of habitat conservation and conservation education efforts with the Service and other federal and state agencies. They include working to protect and restore the Lower Mississippi River, Buttahatchie River, Bayou Pierre and

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.