

Obituaries



MARION DUNCAN JOHNSON

Marion Duncan Johnson, 94, died November 14, 2018 in Ackerman. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 19, 2018 in the West City Cemetery in West, MS. Rev. Bill Heard officiated.

For 17 years, Mrs. Johnson served as the city clerk for the City of West. She was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Starkville.

Survivors are son William R. Johnson, Jr. of Sturgis; daughter Mio Kemp (Bill) of Sturgis; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband William R. Johnson and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to French Camp Academy, One Fine Place, French Camp, MS 39754; Old Wheeling Cemetery, P.O. Box 66, West, MS 39192; or Grace Presbyterian Church, 525 Academy Road, Starkville, MS 39759.

met.

The funeral service was held at 12:00 noon Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home on Northwest Highway in Dallas. Reverend Cheryl Popple officiated.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity in Mrs. Allen's name.

BESS HAMMETT ALLEN

Bess Hammett Allen of DALLAS, TX passed away on Saturday November 10, 2018.

Bess, best known as "Tish" was born on October 26, 1924 in Lexington, Mississippi to Benjamin Richard Hammett and Flossie Dodd Hammett. Tish married Bishop Julius Allen in 1946 and together had five wonderful children: Bishop, Ruthe, Bud, Art and Dodd. She is survived by her five children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Tish enjoyed a very fulfilling career at Frito Lay in Irving, Texas for 37 fruitful years. She made many lifelong friends throughout her career and thoroughly enjoyed her work.

Tish was happiest when she was in the presence of her large, loving family and extended family. Her unending energy and hospitality was contagious to all she

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Hood, state officials address E-Cigarette "epidemic" among teens

The e-cigarette trend is now being called an "epidemic" by the Food and Drug Administration, and Attorney General Jim Hood announced on Friday, September 28, he is taking specific actions to protect youth in particular against these addictive products.

General Hood is joining the Mississippi Department of Health, Mississippi Tobacco Data at the Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, and The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi to alert parents and teenagers of the dangers of teens using nicotine-packed electronic cigarettes, or "vaping" as it is commonly called. He is also calling attention to legislative needs regarding potency standards of nicotine and other chemicals used by unregulated stores throughout Mississippi where the

chemicals are mixed and placed in the pods used in these electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS). General Hood's office is drafting legislation to revise the definition of tobacco to include a tax on the ENDS just as with tobacco.

"Many people were misled to think that vaping was a safe alternative to cigarettes, but the truth is we don't know what kinds of concoctions are brewed up in these unregulated stores mixing these chemicals. I want parents to know what their kids are doing, because it's incredibly easy to hide these devices, and many teenagers don't even know how dangerous it is to their health," General Hood said. "One JUUL pod—the

most popular brand—has just as much nicotine in it as an entire pack of combustible cigarettes. Some pods, found right here in the Jackson Metro area recently, are laced with the deadly opioid fentanyl. Others are used to smoke cannabis. There are practical ways we can prevent the sale of these items to teenagers, and I plan to work on legislation with anyone who is committed to protecting the health of our youth."

Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics John Dowdy echoed General Hood's concerns surrounding the ability for sellers to mix drugs into the vape liquid, as he and MBN have found recently.

"As has been reported, as the result of MBN investiga-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Citizen safety is of utmost importance and concern

During these holiday seasons, all merchants should make sure your business is safely locked and alarm activated, after closing. We also encourage merchants to contact the Lexington Police Department for escort ser-

vices.

All citizens need to beware to always lock your vehicles and never leave items visible as well as keeping your homes locked and secure.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Robert Kirklin, Sr.
Lexington Police Chief

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEX. X-MAS PARADE

The city of Lexington will host its annual Christmas parade on Thursday, November 29, 6 p.m. at the Lexington Court Square. Line-up begins at 4:30 p.m., Highway 12 east/ Highway 17 south bypass to South Vine. Judging before the parade begins at 5:15 p.m. Registration forms may be picked up at City Hall. For more information call 662-834-1261. Registration deadline is November 26.

will be door prizes and light refreshments.

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WADE CHAPEL CME

Wade Chapel CME Church in Durant will host its Annual Family and Friends Day Program on Saturday, November 24 at noon, 411 Old Pilgrim Rest Road, Lexington.

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LEXINGTON LIBRARY

The Friends of the Lexington Public Library will hold the quarterly book sale at the library from November 26 through November 30. Prices range from ten cents to \$1.00. Hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m.

The annual Jail for Dollars Fundraiser will also be held in the library foyer during the sale. Donations and pledges will be accepted to bail out "local celebrities." All proceeds will be used to provide materials and to fund programming at the li-

brary. Call 662-834-2571 for more information.

11-15,22

ST. JAMES C.M.B.C.

St. James Community M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Annual Men Day on Sunday, November 18 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Annual Women Day will be on Sunday, November 25 at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A Musician Appreciation Service will be held on Saturday, November 24 at 5 p.m.

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WEST SHADY GROVE

West Shady Grove Baptist Church will 30 years with its pastor and wife on Sunday, December 2 at noon.

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TCHULA XMAS PARADE

The town of Tchula will hold its 2018 Christmas parade on Saturday, December 1 at 10 a.m. For more info call 662-235-5112.

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tive efforts, the products that are being sold for vaping devices can contain controlled substances. The dangers associated with these products could substantially impact the health and well-being of youth and adults alike," Dowdy said. "We will continue to use every means available to law enforcement to ensure that these products containing controlled substances are not being sold to Mississippians."

A recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found more than 2 million middle school, high school, and college students are vaping, which is when a person inhales vapor from an electronic device that contains liquid-based nicotine. The CDC states these devices are a significant health risk to kids, teens, and young adults because nicotine is harmful to the developing brain, and it can increase risk for future addiction to other drugs. It is easy to disguise these devices, particularly JUUL products, because of its strong resemblance to a USB flash drive and the fact that there is no smoky smell or ash as there is with a combustible cigarette.

In addition to nicotine, e-cigarettes are made up of at least 60 other ingredients, including formaldehyde, arsenic, and acetone. Most of them are made attractive to teenagers by the thousands of variations of flavoring, such as cotton candy, mango, cinnamon, mint, and more. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that 43 percent of young people who ever used e-cigarettes tried them because of appealing flavors. "The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi has been doing battle with Big Tobacco for 20 years. While

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