

# DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Mrs. Katherine Cagle is a resident at a convalescent home in the Madison area after spending some time in a Jackson area hospital. Sure wish for her healing and return to her home. She is missed.

The congregation at First Baptist Church looks forward to many happy returns for our pastor and his wife, Rev. Lyn and Virginia Nations. Rev. Lyn is leaving our congregation but is to continue being the Baptist Associational Missions Director in Holmes County. We pray they will still be in the county and visit often.

Mrs. Lee (Lucy) Howell is a patient in rehab. We already miss her being at her home. She hasn't been real well for some time. Hope to see her often and feeling

better. Joey and Jackie Hill spent time Saturday in Jackson for Joey's birthday.

Family and friends who know and love Mary Evelyn and Joe Crowder are thankful she is feeling some better. We sure miss them in church and hope to see them well again.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Everette Cain. He lived in the Boyette Community until some time ago but was living near Memphis. Funeral services were held at Culpepper funeral home in Kosciusko. Sympathy is extended to his family.

Carl McLellan recently spent time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carl McLellan. He also visited some of his Durant school friends before returning to



## Living With Children

By John Rosemond

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There is "parenting" and then there is bringing up, rearing, or raising children.

his home. Its always good to be with good friends.

Best wishes to Mrs. Betty Tullos. She hasn't been well for some time and pretty much housebound. We miss seeing her.

I saw the snow fall Monday night while working at the motel. it was sure pretty but didn't last long, which I'm thankful for.

Mrs. Cynthia Bratcher recently broke her wrist. Sure hope she is healed shortly. We miss her up and about, seeing to neighbors and friends. Also teaching our Sunday school class.

The difference is night and day; so are the outcomes, short- and long-term, to all concerned, meaning every single one of us.

Parenting is what the vast majority of American parents have been doing since the early 1970s. It is constituted of putting children center-stage; paying them inordinate, often fawning attention; being in near-constant child-oriented activity; and generally behaving as if the world revolves not only around but also because of them. Parenting is arranging playdates beginning in early toddlerhood; throwing lavish birthday parties every twelve months (beginning at twelve months); asking children what they want to eat, where they want to sit, and what they want to do next; talking to them incessantly and for no apparent reason other than to talk to them; dispensing effusive praise for every little thing they do; being a playmate-on-demand; helping them with their homework; driving them from one supposedly enriching activity to another; and going to great lengths to ensure they do not experience frustration, hardship, defeat, failure, insult, rejection, unhappiness or anything else that goes along with living an authentic life.

Parenting is the vain attempt to emancipate a child who is unburdened by any problems, deficits, weaknesses, shortcomings, faults and (needless to say) is guaranteed to never make any big mistakes. Parenting is hiring tutors, elite coaches and private instructors to remediate, accelerate, and cultivate. Adults who "parent" occupy the roles of mommy and daddy nearly 24/7 until their children leave home (the when of which is anyone's best guess).

By contrast, to raise, rear, or bring up a child is to lift said youngster out of childhood into genuine adulthood; to focus on character rather than achievement; to instill respect for others and love of neighbor (as opposed to self-esteem); to mold the emotionally-driven young child into a rational, responsible, emotionally-resilient, self-controlled adult. Parents who raise children allow their kids to experience controlled doses of frustration, hardship, etc. The parents in question also prioritize the roles of husband and wife. They are macro-managers. Their approach to child rearing is minimalistic, which is why they truly enjoy it (as do their kids).

In recent weeks, I've seen signs - as small as they may be - that parenting may

## \*C-Spire

(Continued from page 3.) and profits," said Jack Phillips, owner of JF Phillips Farms, a row crop farming operation in the lower Mississippi Delta. "There are a lot of variables in growing these crops, but this solution controls risk and manages the resources to produce great results."

C Spire President Stephen Bye said the new automated system for row crops such as corn, soybeans and cotton use moisture sensors monitored from a computer,

be running its course. I've talked with several young parents, for example, who are patiently teaching their toddlers to walk alongside them (usually holding their hands) and not reach out and attempt to handle everything and anything that attracts their attention. This as opposed to rolling children as old as five through public places in portable thrones.

And then, lo and behold, I saw a 20-month-old child drinking out of an open cup that he was holding on his own, as 20-month-olds are perfectly capable of doing (and, therefore, should be doing). And to top it off, he was drinking water as opposed to sweetened, turquoise-colored junk. WATER! What a concept! And to top that off, he did not spill a drop because, as his proud mother told me, he's been drinking from open cups since he was 15 months old. At the onset, he spilled, but water doesn't stain and through trial-and-error he quickly mastered the skill. "So-called training cups train nothing but carelessness," she said, displaying wisdom beyond her years.

The Great American Parenting Experiment has been ongoing for some fifty years now, to the benefit of no one. Child mental health is in the loo, mothers are anxious and stressed, the American marriage is but a shadow of its pre-parenting self, and many teachers spend more time dealing with entitlement-related behavior problems than teaching.

Parenting has come at a high cost to all of us. It's time to Make Childrearing Great Again!

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smartphone or tablet that relies on strong wireless coverage to relay critical performance and analytical data. "We're excited to support an expansion of precision farming practices."

Agriculture is Mississippi's leading industry sector and its reliance on water, particularly in the farm-rich Delta region, has led to declining groundwater levels and worries about depletion of its deep groundwater alluvial aquifers. Gov. Phil Bryant and other state leaders and federal agencies formed a task force in 2014 to address the problem and develop solutions.

Recent research shows that precision farming practices and Internet of Things systems can increase yields by up to 15 percent and revenue by \$100,000 annually for a typical 1,000-acre farm. "We need to do more with less and IoT technology-based innovations will help farmers deliver on that precision agriculture promise," King said.

Mississippi has more than 36,200 farms covering 10.7 million acres, much of it in the Delta, producing products ranging from cattle to catfish, poultry to pecans and horses to horticulture, according to the Mississippi Development Authority. The industry sector employs 29 percent of the state's workers and generates over \$6.7 billion annually for the state's economy.

"We have the resources, partnerships and professional expertise to help farmers be successful as they transition from a labor-intensive, high-risk, low-reward industry to one that relies on 21st century technology to feed the world and conserve our precious natural resources," Bye said. "Automation and analytics are the key factors that will help us deliver on that promise."

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### \*In the Kitchen

(Continued from page 5.) pan and sprinkle with the remaining nuts. Bake for 30 minutes. Cool on wire rack before cutting.

### BROWNIE ICE CREAM PIE

1 pkg. family-style chewy fudge brownie mix  
2 eggs  
½ cup vegetable oil  
¼ cup water  
1 (6 oz.) pkg. semisweet chocolate chips  
1 (9 inch) unbaked pastry crust  
Vanilla ice cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine brownie mix, eggs, oil and water in a large bowl. Stir with spoon until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips; spoon into prepared pie crust. Bake 45 minutes, or until set. Cool completely. Serve pie wedges with ice cream.

### UPSIDE-DOWN GERMAN CHOCOLATE

### CAKE

1 ½ cups flaked coconut  
1 ½ cups chopped pecans  
1 pkg. German Chocolate cake mix  
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 stick butter, melted  
1 pound powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 13 x 9 2 inch baking dish. Spread coconut evenly on bottom of pan. Sprinkle with pecans. Prepare cake mix according to package directions for the basic recipe. Pour over coconut and pecans. Combine cream cheese and melted butter in a mixing bowl. Beat at low speed until creamy. Add powdered sugar and beat until blended smooth. Drop by teaspoonfuls on top of batter. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted halfway to bottom of cake comes out clean. Cool completely in pan. To serve, cut into individual pieces; turn upside down onto plate.

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## LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN BRANCH HAFFEY, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 18-0165 ALICE HAFFEY SISCO, EXECUTRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 22nd day of January, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Holmes County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Helen Branch Haffey, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 22nd day of January, 2019.

s/ Alice Haffey Sisco  
Executrix of the Estate of  
Helen Branch Haffey, deceased

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Soybeans G'wood	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.62	-0.32	9.30 -0.02
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