

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

The bass fishing tournaments are getting ready to start with a vengeance. Once they begin, each weekend will offer another opportunity to fish for money. All bass tournaments have pretty much the same rules; two fishermen; one boat; the five biggest fish by weight,

win. Some men will literally come to blows in pursuing first prize. And first prize can be worth lots of money even in the smaller tournaments. As I have said before these types of events touch both the competitive and outdoorsy side of men. It's enough fun to fish but add in beating somebody in the process and winning cash to do it, makes it an addictive potion.

Most of the time, each team will spend the first few hours on the water just trying to catch any size fish. The immediate goal is to get five fish in the boat. After (or if) that is accomplished, the goal changes. Now it's time to cull the smaller ones that are already in the live well for bigger replacements. Remember, it's the five heaviest fish. Sometimes the technique changes just for the purpose of perhaps catching less fish but bigger ones. Again, the lesser ones get tossed back in when a better quality one is caught. And there are occasions when some good fish are thrown back because a great one is caught.

Our life is somewhat like these bass tournaments. We know we only have room

for so many things in our life as well. Each one of these can be of little or great importance. Our life's pursuit and God's desire for us is to constantly add something that has a greater value than what we already have. What we must remember, however, is sometimes we must get rid of something that is of great worth in order to add something else that is priceless. This decision always comes with a mixed sense of both loss and excitement. As we mature, we understand it just has to be that way. It's just like that exercise shirt that you once wore that said, "No Pain; No Gain." This is so true. But never forget, what you give up now will not seem so great a sacrifice when you get to the weigh-in. These types of sacrifices will always put you in the money.

The temperature hit seventy degrees the other day in my area. It was during the first week of February! It was a cruel tease to make me think Spring is just around the corner. It's not. It's just around the next three corners, and then it will have
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Local businessman named president to state concrete association

Press Release

The Mississippi Concrete Association elected Tripp Hammett of Hammett Gravel Company as the 2019 MCA President on January 31. He was installed as president of MCA during its Winter Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Hammett is the president and part owner of Hammett Gravel Company where he has worked for 15 years. He received his business degree from the University of Mississippi in 2004. Hammett is also a board member of the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association. He has been a board member of MCA for several years and has served in various roles. This is Hammett's second time to be elected to lead Mississippi Concrete Association as president. The first was in 2015.

The Mississippi Concrete Association was formed in 1956 and represents the ready mix concrete, cement, sand, gravel, and related industries in Mississippi. The association services the



TRIPP HAMMETT

concrete industry in Mississippi by providing certification programs and technical support on concrete topics through seminars and lunch and learns, supports local universities through scholarships and educational materials, and holds an annual high school essay contest.

For its membership, the association provides representation in government affairs through lobbying efforts, promotion of concrete products, and networking opportunities at events and conventions. Each year, the president of the association is instrumental in helping the association set and achieve its goals.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,
On Friday, February 1, I was told people were selling catfish plates at the new Senior Citizens Building in Durant. I went up there Friday and Saturday, and asked why they were selling them. I was told it was to raise money for the Walter Bruce monument that will be in the Durant Liberty Garden. I got so excited to hear about a Walter Bruce monument because I always felt that he should have one along with Dickerson, Ferguson, Sister Margaret, Sister Paula, and Jo Nell Payton. They were beautiful people, they loved helping people. I hope the city would have a Walter Bruce Festival like Octoberfest or a gospel festival, to celebrate his life. All churches, gospel groups, and others should donate money for the monument. Mr. Bruce should also have a place in the museums in Jackson. Funds left over could be donated to the Walter Bruce Center and the Walter Bruce Liberty Hall at Liberty Hill Church. The church Mr. Bruce loved. If anyone wants to know how to donate money for the monument should get in touch with Durant City Hall.

In another matter, I was watching the news on WAPT 16 and saw this man showing potholes in Holmes County. It is so good to see somebody else care about Holmes County. I write about Holmes County and Durant because I care. I know others care also. For me, I am not about to degrade our county leaders in any way. My opinion, it is time for a change. We need to vote for game changers, have leaders that care about our towns, our roads, streets, ditches, landmarks and historical buildings, like the courthouse in Lexington. Our leaders need to bring in more new businesses to the county. I read about Amazon opening a facility in Mississippi with 850 jobs. I said, "What a shame, Amazon could not be in the industrial park by 55 Interstate. It's been there 25 years.

We need go getters, we need people that are sick and tired seeing our towns, our county going down. We are voters who need to make a change, we can make a change. This is my hope for the 2019 election.

Frances Patterson
Durant

Obituary

JANICE FRAZIER CHISOLM

Janice Frazier Chisolm, 82, died Friday, February 15, 2019 at her residence. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, February 17, 2019 at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 18, 2019 at Southern Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Harland Creek Cemetery in Lexington. Pallbearers were Al Killebrew, Brooks Chisolm, Stephen Huffman, Louis Chisolm, Curtis Ray, Jr. and Cliff Ray. Honorary pallbearers were Jordan Eldridge, Julio Hernandez, Ethan Norwood, P.J.

Huffman, John David Hitt, Jr. and Edward Chisolm. Rev. Brian Chisolm and Rev. Tracy Eldridge officiated.

Janice was born May 6, 1936 to Flossie Tringleth Frazier and Robert L. Frazier. She was the owner/operator of the Produce Stand. She is survived by her son Robert A. Chisolm of Lexington; daughters, Leigh Chisolm of Lexington and Susan C. Hitt of Paris, TN; six grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Chisolm was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Pete" Chisolm; son George Chisolm; brothers, Robert L. Frazier, Jr. and Dennis O. Frazier; and sister Juanita F. Bonin.

ASIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Asia Baptist Church will hold its Senior Recognition Program on Sunday, February 24 at 3 p.m.
2-14,21

ST. JOSEPH C.O.G.I.C.
St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Flemmings Family and Friends Day Program on Sunday, February 24 at 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.
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DURANT FOUNDATION
The Committee to Erect the Walter Bruce Monument in Durant is seeking donations for the monument. Call 662-582-6462 for more information.
2-21,28

WORCCI
Word of Righteousness Christian Center in Durant will hold its 2019 Leadership Conference from Wednesday, February 27 through Friday, March 1. Classes at 9 a.m., services at 7 p.m.
2-21,28

POPULAR SPRING
Popular Spring M.B. Church will host its Pastor's 36th Appreciation Service on

Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.
2-21,28

DOTCC INC.
Do All Things Children's Circle Inc. in Lexington will hold its Second Annual Black History Program on Saturday, February 23 at the Holmes County Arts Council Building at 2 p.m.
2-21

HC ARTS COUNCIL
The Holmes County Arts Council will hold its annual fundraiser with this year's theme being "Come In Your Camo & Join The Hunt." The event will be on Friday, March, 1 at the HCAC Building on the Square in Lexington at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Sam Brown (WJMI) and Stephan Mathis. Tickets are \$50. Call 601-927-5155 to purchase tickets.
2-21,28

WEST GROVE M.B.C.
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will have its Black History Program on Sunday, February 24 at 11 a.m.
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CAREER/TECH CNTR
The Holmes County Career and Tech Center (Vo-Tech)

in Lexington will host a Tour Day on Thursday, February 28 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All residents, parents, business leaders, industry representatives and retire Vo-Tech teachers are invited to attend and tour the center. RSVP by calling 662-834-3052.
2-21,28

BEULAH BAPTIST
Beulah Baptist Church in Lexington will have a garage sale to raise money for the church on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 starting at 7 a.m.
2-21,28

LEXINGTON LIBRARY
Lexington Public Library will hold its monthly Third Thursday movie event for children on February 21 at 3:15 p.m. Third Thursday is co-sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library. A parent or responsible caregiver must accompany any child under 9 years of age. For movie title and further information, please call 834-2571.
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HEAD START
Ambrose Head Start Center in Lexington is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year, ages 1-5. Families of children

with disabilities are encouraged to apply. For applications requirements call 662-450-3306.
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NEW BEGINNING
New Beginning Church in Durant will host the Generation Praise 2nd Annual Anniversary on Sunday, February 24 at 3 p.m.
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