

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS



To celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, March 2, 1904, Jeanette Neal (pictured standing), school attendance officer with the Mississippi Department of Education, took time to read to students at William Dean Jr. Elementary School on Friday, March 1. Other local readers (not pictured) included Sherri Reeves and Meredith Fancher. Theodor Seuss Geisel, who died in 1991, was an American author, political cartoonist, poet, animator, book publisher, and artist, best known for authoring more than 60 children's books under the pen name Dr. Seuss. His work includes several of the most popular children's books of all time. (Photo submitted)



Pictured above, Aleycia Morris and Ariyah Taylor. (Photo submitted)



Aliza Levy and William Dean Jr. Elementary School Librarian Zenobia Cockrell. (Photo submitted)

Conservation Corner

by James Cummins
Executive Director
of Wildlife Mississippi

The walleye is native to most of Canada and the Northern United States. However, it now ranges from Canada southward into almost every state in the continental United States, including Mississippi.

In its Southern ranges, the walleye was originally found in Arkansas' White River drainage. Though higher water temperatures and loss of suitable spawning areas has limited the walleye's distribution, there are several good populations due to stocking and expansion of native fish populations. In Mississippi, the walleye occurs in the Tombigbee River, Butahatchie River, Luxapallila Creek and Mackie's Creek.

In some parts of its range, the walleye is also known as pickerel, yellow pike, wall-eye pike or yellow walleye. Although it is not related to

pikes or pickerels, it is the largest member of the perch family in North America.

Walleyes grow to about 30 inches in length and weigh up to 15 pounds. The maximum recorded size is 42 inches in length and 25 pounds. The growth rate of the walleye varies according to where they occur within their range but in general, the females grow larger in size than the males.

The common name, "walleye," comes from the fact that their eyes reflect light, much like those of a cat. This reflection is a result of a light-gathering layer in the eyes which allows the fish to see well in low-light conditions. This is what brings anglers out at night in search of walleyes, coupled with the fact that the night is the time when walleyes feed. Their eyes also allow them to see well in stained or rough, breaking waters giving them an advantage over their prey. Therefore, anglers also know to look for areas of rough water to watch for evidence of the walleye feeding.

Largely olive and gold in color, the dorsal side of the walleye is olive, fading into a golden hue on the flanks.

and reusable shopping bag.

Family Dollar stores are open seven days a week and offer everyday items for the entire family in an easy-to-shop neighborhood location. The store is located at 9563 Main Street.

This olive and gold pattern is broken up by five darker saddles that extend to the upper sides. The mouth of a walleye is large and has many sharp teeth.

The majority of male walleyes mature at 3 to 4 years with females maturing about a year later. Adult walleyes will migrate to tributary streams in late winter or early spring to lay their eggs over gravel and rock. Some populations are even known to spawn in open water reef areas or on sand or vegetation. Spawning occurs at water temperatures of 43° to 50° F. Large females can lay up to 500,000 eggs but no care is given to the eggs by either parent. Once hatched, the free-swimming embryo feed on zooplankton and fly larvae. Juvenile and adult walleyes eat fish, especially yellow perch and ciscoes but they also feed heavily on crayfish, leeches, minnows and earthworms.

Truly a national treasure, our walleye populations will only flourish with continued management, habitat protection and wise recreational use.

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.

Family Dollar set to open new Goodman location

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., a leading small format and convenience retailer, has announced plans for a new store in Goodman, Mississippi.

"Family Dollar is pleased to invite customers to experience our great value and broad assortment of merchandise in the Goodman community," said Heather Briganti, Family Dollar spokesperson. "Our customers can rely on Family Dol-

lar for everyday low prices on household products, food, beauty and essentials, seasonal merchandise, apparel and much more."

There will be a grand opening celebration for the community from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. The event will feature gift basket raffles, giveaways, free samples and family fun entertainment. In addition, the first 50 customers on Saturday will receive a gift card

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

The two choirs from Durant First Baptist Church and Goodman Main Street Baptist Church are preparing for the upcoming Easter Cantata they will perform together at the two churches. More details to come later.

The parking lines on Depot Street sure look better. Most people are actually parking like they are suppose to.

Love and sympathy is extended to Lila Shows and family because of the loss of Mike. May God bless each of you and give you peace. They are a close and sweet family.

Mrs. Lee (Lucy) Howell is now a resident of Jackson after spending time in the Lexington hospital. Thoughts and prayers are for her during this change. Hope she will feel better.

Shirley and Jay spent Thursday through Saturday together. Jay stayed over for a while before returning home in a week or so.

Durant First Baptist Church welcomed Dr.

Daniel Hall from the Mississippi Baptist Foundation to the pulpit for both worship services on Sunday.

Prayers are for Milton and Jean Hoover. Mr. Hoover has been very sick for several weeks. His wife Jean is at his side doing all she can for him. God bless you.

Mark Underwood and Eddy Johnson enjoyed visiting in

Jackson on Monday.

Joey and Jackie Hill visited on Saturday their daughter's in laws, Mr. and Mrs. May, and son-in-law, Derek May.

The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) will meet at the Holmes County Baptist Association Building in Lexington on March 21 at 10 a.m. for the North American Missions Program.



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