

# Former soil and water commissioner pinned for over 25 years of service



Webb O'Reilly (pictured at right), Holmes County Soil and Water commissioner, presented C.E. (Bubba) Barton with a service pin from Holmes County Soil and Water recently. Barton served as a commissioner for HCSWC for over 25 years before retiring. Terry Wynne, president of the Holmes County Soil and Water stated "Mr. Barton was instrumental in implementing conservation practices and educating landowners throughout Holmes County." Wynne added that Barton was faithful in his years of service and dedication to "preserving Holmes County's natural resources." (Photo submitted)

# Facebook says service hindered by lack of local news

**Associated Press**  
Facebook's effort to establish a service that provides its users with local news and information is being hindered by the lack of outlets where the company's technicians can find original reporting.  
The service, launched last year, is currently available in some 400 cities in the United States. But the social media giant said it has found that 40 percent of Americans live in places where there weren't enough local news stories to support it.  
Facebook announced Monday, March 18, it would

share its research with academics at Duke, Harvard, Minnesota and North Carolina who are studying the extent of news deserts created by newspaper closures and staff downsizing .  
Some 1,800 newspapers have closed in the United States over the last 15 years, according to the University of North Carolina.  
Newsroom employment has declined by 45 percent as the industry struggles with a broken business model partly caused by the success of companies on the Internet, including Facebook.  
The Facebook service,



## Spring Break Recipes

Just before Spring Break, I judged a beauty pageant and they had a basket of goodies for each judge. One of the things in the basket was a local cookbook. I received several food magazines the next day. I was ready for the beginning of our break.  
Many people want to travel during Spring Break – not me! All I want to do is stay at home, chill out, watch television, and cook. I had a myriad of sources to try some new recipes and reach back and enjoy a few oldies but goodies.  
My sister was here from California for the week and we had many meals to share.  
They were my guinea pigs and also the recipients of some recipes from our family's past.  
I hope you will give some of these a try. Thanks for

reading.  
**LASAGNA TOSS**  
\*I do love lasagna, but it is a lot of trouble and very time consuming to make. This recipe tastes a lot like lasagna, but much less time to put together  
1 lb. ground beef  
½ cup chopped onion  
1 tsp. minced garlic  
1 tsp. salt  
2 cups spaghetti sauce  
6 oz. spiral noodles, cooked and drained  
1 cup (8 oz.) small curd cottage cheese  
2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese  
Grated Parmesan cheese  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown ground beef, onion, and garlic in a large skillet; drain fat and add garlic. Stir in spaghetti sauce and simmer until heated. Remove 1 cup of the sauce and set aside. Stir in noodles with the remaining sauce. Place half of the noodle mixture into a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Cover with cottage cheese and 1 ½ cups of the

have a real lack of original local reporting," said Penelope Muse Abernathy, a University of North Carolina professor who studies the topic. She said she hopes the data helps pinpoint areas where the need is greatest, eventually leading to some ideas for solutions.  
Facebook doesn't necessarily have the answers. "Everyone can learn from working together," said Anne Kornblut, director of news initiatives at the company.  
The company plans to

alize fish live in the entire lake, so it all looks fishy. Again, the signs were no assurance I would have an encounter with the bass I came after.  
Now it is true the more signs one has, the greater the opportunity. This goes for fishing or hunting, and yet we have all been in the perfect place only to leave empty handed. Sometimes the barometric pressure is not right. Sometimes the wind is not right. And sometimes the water is too high or too muddy. Signs are a great thing to use but signs are not what we are hunting or fishing for. They simply point to the real thing.  
This fact is especially true



Whether you are on the water or in the woods, if fish or game is involved, so is scouting. Just because your boat is in the water, doesn't mean all you have to do is drop a line in order to catch fish. The same goes for the woods. It doesn't matter what game you are after, just surrounding yourself with trees will not guarantee any success. And then there are the signs that give proof that fish or game have been there before. This is especially evident in hunting. Game trails run throughout the woods. These paths are proof posi-

tive that some or perhaps many types of critters are moving throughout the area you are in. But again, these signs do not guarantee a successful place to hunt. I can remember the early years of deer hunting being so excited about these trails only to realize that I knew nothing about what was using them or when they might be using them. This was of course before trail cameras. I can also remember the days when I would unload a boat and immediately begin to fish the first place that looked "fishy." It didn't take me long to re-

mozzarella cheese. Add the remaining noodle mixture, top with the remaining spaghetti sauce, mozzarella cheese, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

## BIG & BUTTERY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

\*I make a lot of homemade cookies. These are delicious. I like to make up the dough and freeze it. It can be taken out and thawed to make cookies at a later date. These can be made out and quick frozen to pull out for a quick cook for a delicious homemade cookie.  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
¾ cup sugar  
2 large eggs, room temperature  
1 ½ tsp. vanilla extract  
2 2/3 cups flour  
1 ¼ tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 (12 oz.) pkg. semisweet chocolate chips  
2 cups coarsely chopped pecans, toasted  
In a large bowl, beat butter and both sugars until well blended. Beat in eggs and vanilla. In a small bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, and salt; gradually add to the butter mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Shape ¼ cup of dough into a ball; flatten into a 2 ½ inch

award some 100 grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, to people with ideas for making more news available, said Josh Mabry, head of local news partnerships for Facebook.  
That comes on top of \$300 million in grants Facebook announced in January to help programs and partnerships designed to boost local news.  
The company doesn't plan to launch newsgathering efforts of its own, Kornblut said.  
"Our history has been — and we will probably stick to it — to let journalists do what they do well and let us support them and let them do their work," she said.



The Polk family would like to thank everybody for calls, visits and prayers during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to Sta-Home Hospice, Mrs. Linda Powers and Mrs. Mary Jones for twenty-four hour care given to our loved one.  
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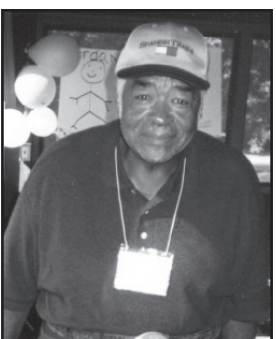
cookie. Place on parchment lined cookie sheets and bake at 400 degrees for 10 – 12 minutes. Cool on pans for 2 minutes and transfer to wire racks to cool.

## MAMAW'S FROZEN FRUIT SALAD

\*My Mamaw was an excellent cook. She always had this salad in her freezer for a meal or a delicious snack. I always think of her when I serve it, but it is never as good as hers.  
1 (8 oz.) block cream cheese, softened  
½ cup sugar  
1 flat can crushed pineapple, drained  
1 (10 oz.) jar maraschino cherries, drained and chopped  
¾ cup chopped fresh strawberries  
1 (8 oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained and chopped  
½ cup chopped pecans  
½ cup coconut

1 (8 oz.) carton Cool Whip  
Whip cream cheese and sugar until fluffy; add pineapple, cherries, strawberries, oranges, pecans and coconut and mix until combined. Fold in Cool Whip and freeze in cupcake liners. After frozen, place in a ZipLoc bag to store until use.  
\*Lee Ann Fleming is a Holmes County native, food columnist and has garnered fame for her recipes featured in the film, *The Help*. Fleming can be reached at lafkitchen@hughes.net.

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