

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**March 28** - Andrew and Hoover  
Andi Frank  
**March 30** - Gregory and Jenny  
Shinna Anderson  
**April 1** - Jody and Amanda  
Beau Trotter, Jeremy and Erica Moore  
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Beau Trotter, Jeremy and Erica Moore

To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email to hcherald@gmail.com; or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.

## \*Library Week

(Continued from page 1.) technologies like 3D printing or learn alongside one another in English language or technology classes. Library staff also partner with other civic and service organizations to actively engage the people they serve, always striving to make sure their community’s needs are being met.

Listed below are upcoming local events at the county’s six municipal libraries:

**Durant Public Library**  
Durant Public Library has a special surprise for National Library Week, a painting party on Monday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m. First 10 to sign up are free and supplies are provided. We will be painting a door hanger. On Tuesday, April 9, we will go to William Sullivan School for a story time with preschool and kindergartners. Miss Lindsay will host Durant Headstart for a time of singing, dance and stories on Wednesday, April 10. Then on Thursday, April 11, please join us in the library at 1:00 p.m. for Sylvia Thomas from Delta Health Alliance to talk about healthy choices and being healthy. We will also play bingo for prizes at that time. Come and join us and shop our book sale all week. We have newly donated books as well as discarded books. Hope to see you there! For more information call Durant at 662-653-3451.

**Goodman Public Library**  
At the Goodman Public Library we are bringing awareness to the fact that libraries

equal strong communities by offering the following programs and activities during National Library Week: On Tuesday, April 9, starting at 9:30 a.m., we will have Storytelling and Puppetry with Miss Lindsay from the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System. At 3:00 p.m. win books and other prizes as the Friends present Bingo for Books.

Also, on Tuesday, April 9, The Friends of the Goodman Public Library will have books that will be given for a donation during regular library hours.

On Thursday, April 11, The Friends of the Goodman Public Library will continue with their books that will be given for a donation during regular library hours. Starting at 11:00 a.m., a program will be presented “Remember Then and Now in the Community of Goodman” with lunch for those who give a special donation for a book. For more information call Goodman at 662-472-0550.

**Lexington Public Library**  
The Lexington Library will have library scrapbooks on display during the week. On Tuesday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m., Ms. Jackie Harmon, MSU Extension Agent-Holmes County, will present “Making Yogurt Parfait,” a free SNAP-ED food and nutrition program for all ages. Mrs. Lindsay Fitts, MMRLS Youth Services coordinator, will present a free preschool story hour on April 11 at 10 a.m. The afternoon of April 11 at 3 p.m. Mrs. Betsy Padgett, MSU Extension Agent-Holmes County,



**March 28** - Roxann Malone, Glen Lawson, Landry Gardner, Wyn Diggs, Debby C. Meeks, Carolyn Love, Cortez Epps, Sasha Harrell, LaShunkeita Clark

**March 29** - David McBride, Antonio Bailey, Marvin O’Reilly, Kilpatrick Sims, Maggie Garrett, Kalen Joe, Dakota Webster, Cindy Gnemi Woody, Janet Martin, Jessie Williams, Mason Ables, Neal Frazier, Chanel Burns

**March 30** - Victor Gilbert, Debbie McLemore, Lance White, Cha’mylah Miller, Chanta Grayson, Carrie Dillon

**March 31** - Bro. Jack Wooten, Sara H. Roberts, Jim Harrell, Cartrina Benson, Bubba Spell, Jr., Sandra

will present for all ages a free program about bees. The Friends of the Library will have a book sale during the week also. For more information call Lexington at 662-834-2571.

**Pickens Public Library**  
On April 9, “Read a Book and Discover the World!” Receive a gift from the treasure chest for reading at least five books this week! The Friends of the Library Annual Luncheon will be April 10 at 11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. with guest speaker Mr. Josh Haidet, executive director of MMRLS. April 12 is Let’s Make Our Mark...Arts and Crafts Day, creating unique bookmarks! For more information call Pickens at 662-468-2391.

**Tchula Public Library**  
The Tchula Public Library will host its 2019 National Library Week Program, April 9 through April 11. De’kendrick Clark with

Jenkins, Tissie Brock, Agnes Williams

**April 1** - Christin Smith Downs, Liz C. Taylor, Rufus Waddell, Jr., Mary Grace Allen, Haleigh Hutchison, Iva Beth Lindsey, Ella Mae Boykin

**April 2** - Trent Floyd, Clayton Edwards, Nobbie Garnett, Dick Atkinson, Houston Grantham, Laura Kathryn Rutledge, Markus Horton, Jr., Lyn Browning Stewart, Ann Eldridge

**April 3** - Danny Robertson, John Riley Poe, Nancy Spell, Cor’Jerris Miller, Leo McBride, Truevane Gibson, Sr., Arlene P. Easterling, Steve Blackstock, Jeremy Moore, “Little David” Chiz, Tiffany Byrd, Glen Causey, Debra Martin Cross

Families First will do a story hour on Tuesday, April 9, at 10 a.m. for Tchula Wee Care. April 10, at 1:00 p.m. our senior citizens will have a day with Delta Health Alliance, Delta Pre-Diabetes Program. Darrius Moore, Population Health Care coordinator, will be the presenter. Our senior citizens will spend additional time enjoying a movie of their choice at 2:00 p.m. There will be a story hour on Thursday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc. Head Start will visit the library. Presenter will be Ms. Tyisha

## Speaker: Lawmakers eye \$1,000 raise for Mississippi teachers

**Associated Press**  
House Speaker Philip Gunn said Monday that Mississippi public school teachers are likely to get a one-time raise of \$1,000 in the coming year.

Gunn made the statement after legislative leaders met Monday to increase their revenue outlook for the current budget year, as well as the 2020 year beginning July 1.

The debate over how much of a raise to give teachers has been a centerpiece of this election-year legislative session. Gunn and Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves had both proposed a \$500 raise this year followed by a \$500 raise next year. House Democrats prompted that body to demand a pair of \$2,000 raises. Now Gunn says lawmakers will do \$1,000 in the coming year and not promise anything for the 2021 budget, which will be written by lawmakers chosen in this November’s elections.

“We feel pretty good if we are able to get a thousand

## \*Kidnapping

(Continued from page 1.) Department.”

Law enforcement arrested Tajavis Haymon and Jamarcus Williams (no relation) in connection to the incident along with Crystal Pernell, all charged with aggravated assault, kidnapping, auto theft and armed robbery.

March said Pernell was arrested because she was in the vehicle with the suspects at the time of the robbery and did not contact police.

“We figured she had to be involved or withholding evidence on what took place,” said March. “That’s why she had been charged with armed robbery also.”

March said the suspects were to get over \$100 from the victims.

All three suspects were still being held at the Holmes-Humphreys Regional Correctional Facility as of presstime Tuesday, March 26.

The car that was taken, 1999 Chevy Cavalier SD, was later found by law enforcement on Long Ranch Road in West.

Horton, city clerk for Tchula. For more information call Tchula at 662-235-5235.

**West Public Library**  
On April 8 through April 12, West Friends of the Library will have a book sale from 12:00 noon till 4:00 p.m. From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 11, we will play bingo for our local citizens (adults only). On April 18, we will have a bake sale by Friends of the Library just in time to have sweet treats for Easter. For more information call West at 662-967-2510.

this year,” Gunn said. Teacher advocates said they would be disappointed with only \$1,000.

“That means the House caved,” said Kelly Riley, executive director of the Mississippi Professional Educators, a teachers’ association. “That is not a strong sign of commitment for our public school teachers and I anticipate our educators will hold our lawmakers accountable this coming election,” Riley said.

The high-ranking Joint Legislative Budget Committee voted on Monday to accept an estimate projecting at least \$202 million more in state revenue to spend in the upcoming year, compared to the budget with which the state started the current year.

Overall, Mississippi is likely to spend more than \$21 billion in the coming year. Of that, more than \$6 billion is state revenue to which lawmakers pay closest attention.

A one-time teacher pay raise of \$1,000 is projected

## Motorcyclist dies after hit by state trooper

**Associated Press**  
A central Mississippi motorcyclist has died after he hit a sheriff’s cruiser, was thrown onto the road, and was then hit by a Mississippi Highway Patrol vehicle.

Highway Patrol spokesman Cpl. Kervin Stewart says 19-year-old Justin Collins of Benton died in Yazoo City Sunday night before he could be taken to a hospital.

Stewart says a chase began about 11:15 p.m. when Yazoo County sheriff’s deputies were called regarding motorcycles drag racing on Mississippi 149 just west of Yazoo City. Three motorcyclists sped away with deputies pursuing them. As the high-speed chase entered Yazoo City, a deputy and Collins collided and Collins was thrown from his bike onto the road. A vehicle driven by a trooper involved in the chase then hit Collins.

Stewart says the Highway Patrol is investigating.

## \*Grocery Store

(Continued from page 1.) healthful whole foods, usually found in impoverished areas. This is largely due to a lack of grocery stores, farmers’ markets, and healthy food providers.

“This has become a big problem because while food deserts are often short on whole food providers, especially fresh fruits and vegetables, instead, they are heavy on local quickie marts that provide a wealth of processed, sugar, and fat laden foods that are known contributors to our nation’s obesity epidemic. The food desert problem has in fact become such an issue that the USDA has outlined a map of our nation’s food deserts.”

The *Herald* made contact with Pickens store manager Demetrius Bell last week but was told to call the corporate number for any questions. A message for comment was left for Rushing on Monday, March 25, but with no response as of press time.

to cost more than \$50 million. Also a cornerstone of the budget is \$61 million more to begin paying down an accumulated shortfall in state pension funds managed by the Public Employees Retirement System. Lawmakers also plan to cover the increased cost of health insurance.

Gunn and many other lawmakers hope to conclude 2019’s regular session this week, but there are other hurdles in addition to passing a budget. Lawmakers must also agree on their annual plan for state borrowing, for example, a document Gunn said was unlikely to emerge until Wednesday.

**WHO WILL WIN?**  
**AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL:**  
**“A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS” EVENT**  
**WHEN: Thursday, May 2, 2019 @ 6 p.m.**  
**WHERE: Lexington Multi-Purpose Complex**  
**GUEST SPEAKER: RAYFORD HORTON, SR.**

**TICKETS ARE \$25.00 OR TABLE OF SIX, \$125**  
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