

Adventures in automobiles

I have been driving since I was twelve years old. Where we lived on East Adams Street, we had a small ‘mom and pop’ store a few blocks away and my mother would let me drive there to pick up forgotten things that she needed. I could barely see over the steering wheel because of my short stature. I always sat on a small pillow to make me taller and pulled the seat as close as I could get it to the wheel so that I could reach the brake and accelerator. We drove a Studebaker that shifted with push buttons on the dash left of the steering wheel.

When I started to date my now husband, he drove a ‘56 Chevrolet, straight shift. I had to learn to shift as he could only use his left hand because his right arm was around me! I would pull the gear shift into position.

We have several cars through the fifty years plus of our marriage, but my favorites were always the small ones that again fit my frame. We had a big “decked out” van during the years they were popular, and it was so big when I drove, I

would jump on the curbside and ride it until it gave way to the flat street.

Sometimes I even do this now and I drive a small car.

My favorite car of all time is the one I have been driving for thirteen years, a white Lincoln MKX. It has been wrecked once and repaired, Roy ran into it with our 4 X 4 and it was fixed, Pam hung my brick column on our driveway and tore the back fender off, it was fixed, when I back



Peggy’s Take

up it sounds as if someone is screaming because of my brakes, and the inside could use some repair, but I love that little car. It has carried me on adventures I will always treasure.

Last week I was stopped at a red light here in town and all of the sudden I was whip lashed and jolted, shaken and bumped from a big passenger truck that had accelerated rapidly, and my little car was smushed beyond belief from the rear. The driver pulled up beside me and asked, “Are you okay?” I still don’t know if I am. It upset me so badly that I thought that my body might be frozen into a pret-

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker: Innovation is key to overcoming COVID-19 *Pandemic Highlights Importance of Telehealth and Medical Research*

When the coronavirus outbreak first reached America, experts warned that a flood of new cases could push hospitals to the breaking point. Yet several months later, it is now clear that our early actions and months of sacrifice have prevented such an outcome. We have made real progress in flattening the curve, allowing hospitals to begin resuming elective procedures on a case-by-case basis.

Recent advances in technology and medical research have played a major role during this crisis. Continued

investments in telehealth, testing, and vaccine development will be critical to overcoming COVID-19 and preparing for future health challenges.

Telehealth Makes Up for Distance

In a time when many health facilities have cut down on non-emergency visits, telehealth has been pivotal in helping people connect with their health care providers. For years now, telehealth has allowed patients to consult a physician over the phone or through video – from the

zel. Physically I was and am fine but my CAR, the one I declared I would drive until it died in the middle of the road, well I just don’t know. If the body shop can fix her then I will drive her until she dies a faithful and loyal death.

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- ¾ cup of melted butter
- 3 T. sugar
- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 cup white sugar
- 8 ounces of whipped topping
- 2 (3 oz) packages of strawberry Jell-O

- 2 cups boiling water,
- 1 (10 ounce) packages of frozen strawberries
- Stir crushed pretzels and butter together with 3 T. sugar and mix well and press into a 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake ten minutes and set aside. Mix cream cheese and 1 cup of sugar and fold into whipped topping and spread onto cooled crust. Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water and stir in frozen strawberries and allow to briefly set. Then spread over cream cheese layer and refrigerate till set.

** Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.*

comfort and safety of their home. This is especially helpful to people in rural areas and communities located far away from health specialists. This revolutionary form of care has grown exponentially during the pandemic.

Unfortunately, Medicare patients have been unable to take full advantage of telehealth until recently. When Congress drafted the CARES Act, I worked to include provisions expanding Medicare coverage to include telehealth services. This has enabled millions of Medicare beneficiaries to access telehealth during the pandemic. I am now pushing Congress to make the provisions permanent by passing my CONNECT for Health Act. This legislation would help telehealth become a mainstay for Medicare beneficiaries over the years to come.

Supporting Critical Research

As important as our efforts have been in slowing the spread of COVID-19, true relief will come only when a vaccine or cure is found. The FDA is fast-tracking the development of a made-in-America vaccine, and about a dozen other vaccines are being tested worldwide. Some of the early results have been promising.

In the meantime, the U.S. government is ramping up testing efforts, which will enable healthy people to go back to work and resume their social lives safely. Recently the federal government awarded Mississippi

\$91 million to expand testing in our state. Nationally we have already seen a dramatic increase in testing, as daily tests have nearly doubled over the past month. But continued growth is needed to provide tests for hundreds of millions of Americans.

Beyond developing a vaccine and improving testing, we should expect to face more hurdles in our fight against the coronavirus. To address unforeseen challenges, I recently requested that the Trump Administration host prize competitions to spur innovation among private companies and researchers. I first began to champion these competitions in 2015 when I introduced the EUREKA Act. As a result of this law, three prize winners are now developing technologies to improve the lives of Alzheimer’s patients. In the same way, government should harness the power of American ingenuity to meet the challenge of COVID-19.

Innovation Is the American Way

Our nation’s story has always been one of overcoming odds by thinking big and thinking outside the box. When faced with a challenge, we see opportunity. Americans invented the telephone, the automobile, the computer, and the vaccine for polio. Each new innovation has made our nation stronger and safer. I believe the coronavirus is one more occasion for American ingenuity to rise to the challenge.

Businesses and Services Directory

Need help getting approved for Long Term Care?
Let us guide you through the application process.

Durant Healthcare, LLC

MON. - FRI. 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • 662-653-4106
15481 BOWLING GREEN ROAD • DURANT, MS

Reach Your Customers...

By Advertising Your Business in the Herald’s Business Directory. Call 662-834-1151 to find out how.



Close-out Prices on 2019 Models

FINANCING LOW AS

0%

UP TO 72 MONTHS ON SELECT MODELS



HAMMETT MOTOR CO.

INTERSECTION OF HWY. 12 W & 51 N

662-653-3141
DURANT

2020 MODELS NOW IN STOCK

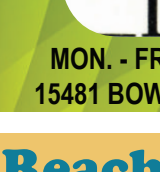
REBATES AVAILABLE!

CHECK OUT OUR PRE-OWNED VEHICLES @

www.hammettmotorco.com

SCOTT PETROLEUM CORPORATION

www.scottpetroleuminc.com



SCOTT

KENNY JOINER

Division Manager

309 Depot St.
Lexington, MS 39095

Office: 662-834-1089
Fax: 662-834-6082
Cell: 662-299-7461

Visit us in Tchula, Lexington, Durant, Pickens and Canton.

LEXINGTON HOME CENTER

**New Manager
Bubber Carnathan**

662-834-9007



Affordable
FUNERAL HOME OF DURANT

James and Veronica Smith, Owners

390 East Madison Street
Durant, Mississippi 39063
662-653-3770 / 662-653-3711 fax
www.affordablefuneralhomeofdurant.com

