

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Joey Hill, Mark Underwood and this writer enjoyed spending time with Shirley, Sammy and Jay Higginbotham while in Jackson and Clinton Friday. Jay returned home.

We are very thankful for those who are attending church regularly again at First Baptist, Durant. Sara Jo and husband, Frank Gowan, are big assets to the church. It was good to see their aunt and uncle there recently.

Mark Underwood visited a doctor in Jackson last Friday. Also he visited the

Log Cabin Blues

I have heard that a fire, a total loss on your home, can be described as a death in the family and as I watch our log home being dismantled, pulled apart, and only leaving the outside structure remain standing, I can agree with this.

We built this little house on the Circle S the year that our "triplets" were born, sixteen years ago. It has been a place of escape, and distraction from life's problems for as many years. We have celebrated



Peggy's Take

birthdays, holidays, picnics under the trees, and days of sweet tea drinking and visiting on the back porch. It was my place of shelter from some of my toughest times of discontent. This is my husband's link and dream to his life of being a cattle farmer and to his time and memories of his life growing up on his family's farm.

As we watched our cabin, our place of happiness, go up in flames back in May, so many of the times shared here with family and friends seemed to be as lost as the black smoke that rose from the ashes.

We have started to clean up the burned timbers, all the while trying to retain the memories that did not burn to ashes. So many of my treasured belongings, grandchildren's pictures, toys from their childhood, paintings I painted as well as friends' paintings are just not there anymore, they are gone just as the burned logs, turned to ash.

I am a very impatient person and waiting to see what can be made from this charred and scorched chaos is overwhelming as well as somewhat exciting in the fact that we will have recovered our place of contentment, friends and family gatherings, my husband's dream of what he wants most, and

home of Shirley and Sammy Higginbotham.

Happy Birthday to the grandchild of Betty Murphy and Mr. Murphy. It was celebrated last Saturday at the Murphy home with several friends, grandparents and parents present.

Church members all over are probably thankful, as we are, at First Baptist Church to be almost back to normal. Rev. Lyn Nations in pastor now. We are very thankful to welcome him and wife back.

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Hill

many more years of making memories. Not the same but hopefully better and more valued.

It has, been a nightmare of sorts, but just like the phoenix, the little log cabin will soon come to life again.

CHARRED OKRA

- ½ pound of okra sliced long ways
- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 2 T. chili pepper sauce
- 2 chopped green onions

Heat a cast iron skillet on high and toss in okra and olive oil. Move around in skillet for 3-4 minutes and season with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Pour onto a plate and top with chopped green onions and chili sauce.

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

Legals

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
EX PARTE: MARTASHIA YVETTE RANDLE, AS MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND OF JA 'NYLAH JANAE RANDLE
CAUSE NO. 20-271

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
TO: RICHARD MALLETT, NATURAL FATHER OF JA 'NYLAH JANAE RANDLE, A MINOR

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Martashia Yvette Randle, as mother and next friend of Ja'Nylah Janae Randle, a minor, Petitioner, seeking a determination of heirship of Ja'Nylah Janae Randle, minor. Defendants other than you in this action are none.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint or Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of October, 2020 at the Jasper County Courthouse in Paulding, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 10th day of September, 2020.
Seal /s/ Lee Anne Palmer
Chancery Clerk of Scott County, Mississippi
/s/ Diane Derrick, D.C.

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spent some time during the weekend on the Gulf Coast before the change in weather.

Prayers are for those who live there, that all will be well and everyone else in good ole Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby, and others, enjoyed very much a delightful trip by car recently. We are very glad to have them home again safely.

Mrs. Wiliam (Virginia) Ingram nearly always has out of town guests. William has been to see her lately but has now gone home. Lots of friends and others would sure like to see and visit with him but doesn't seem to have time. Please tell him this Virginia. He still has many good friends here.

It was good to have Betty Faye Edwards and family in church Sunday. She has been sickly. Mr. Edwards worked away for a while and the son also works away. Hope this can be a regular thing at church. They never miss when all is well.

The Mamie Clark Sunday School class has sure missed their teacher, Mrs. Cynthia Bratcher. Those who attend the class sure hope things are getting back to normal. Cynthia is a very good teacher and Christian. Come and join us in the fellowship hall if you enjoy Sunday school.

It was good to have Mr. Green in church recently. He hasn't been well for some time. We sure need

to see and be with members who have been out for weeks. They are important and loved by those at First Baptist. Durant and Lexington have lots of our people.

We sure miss Tom and Cassie Humphries at First Baptist. Also others, including several who go to Kosciusko after moving there. Especially the Land families and Annis Dickerson. Please come visit us.

Several have moved to Madison and Jackson areas where the music and preaching is unusually good. We

are very thankful for Bro. Lyn and wife, to bring great messages. She sings in the choir and he does when not preaching.

Greeting to Eddy Johnson. He remains a resident of a home in Madison. Also love and best wishes to all friends and/or residents in all homes of care. You're not forgotten.

Congrats to Cody Hoover McCrory and Shiloh Womack McCrory who were married at Riverside Ranch in August. A reception was held at the home of Cody's

parents, Richard and Sherry (Hoover) McCrory. It was beautiful.

Joey and Jackie Hill visited daughter Jodi and family in the French Camp area during the weekend. Joey also transacted business in Tupelo during the week.

It is good to have the Methodist church going again fairly normal after being closed to the congregation for several weeks. We at First Baptist enjoyed having some of their people visit us during their closure. Come again often.

GET IT GOING

By Gary Cooper

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CLASSIFIED ADS

A FORTY ACRE FARM for sale: We will subdivide into 3-5 acre home seats. Paved roads with community water, mature trees, rolling hills and plenty of wildlife. No mobile or modular homes. Call Allen at 817-819-4719 for details.
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3 CEMETERY PLOTS in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Lexington, known as Lot No. 606 in the 1967 Addition. Includes a Trust Receipt, No. 376, held in trust by the City of Lexington with the interest to be used for the upkeep and maintenance of Lot 606. Call Bruce Hill at 662-417-9944 to arrange for transfer of Trust Receipt and warranty deed for Lot 606. \$1500 total.
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TOWN CLERK WANTED
The Town of Pickens will be taking applications for a Town Clerk from 09/17/2020. For more information and qualifications, contact Town Hall at 468-2171. The Town of Pickens is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

City of Durant Employment Announcement
OPEN DATE: September 2, 2020
POSITION: City Attorney
CLOSING DATE: September 25, 2020
The City of Durant is seeking to hire an attorney. The candidate will work under the direction of the Mayor and Board of Alderman. The City Attorney is the legal adviser and attorney for all officials, officers, and departments of the City and represents the City in all litigation and proceedings.
Applications can be picked up at Durant City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Deadline for accepting applications will be September 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Durant City Hall.
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City of Durant Employment Announcement
OPEN DATE: September 2, 2020
POSITION: Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk
CLOSING DATE: September 25, 2020
The City of Durant is accepting applications for a Part-Time Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk.
The qualifications are knowledge of Excel, Microsoft Word, QuickBooks, BBI, and Word Processing, office management experience and ability to work with the public. Applicant must have a high school diploma, two-year college degree in Accounting or Business and Office Technology is preferred and **must be able to be bonded**.
Applications can be picked up at Durant City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Deadline for accepting applications will be September 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Durant City Hall.
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