

Tunica paper prints final edition Friday, October 2



The Tunica Times



Always remembering that Tunica means 'the people'

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After 116 Years, *The Times* to Cease Operations

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

It is with overwhelming sadness that Tunica Times owner Brooks Taylor and publisher Catherine Howe announce today that this issue, Volume 116, Issue 40, dated October 2, 2020, will be the last printed issue of *The Tunica Times*.

"Small weekly community newspapers have struggled to remain alive and relevant since the late 1990's with the rise of the internet and instant access to worldwide information,"

stated Howe. "But through good stewardship and a continued love for her profession and this county, for twenty-seven years Brooks Taylor found a way to keep this newspaper going every week without fail, as have I these last two.

"But then out of nowhere, the third week of March 2020 brought the hammer in the form of a worldwide pandemic which essentially nailed the coffin shut on this publication. With businesses shut down and events cancelled, our advertising

revenue dropped to almost nil. The weekly and monthly expenses of producing this newspaper, however, remained the same."

Howe continued, "And even though restrictions with the pandemic are slowly easing, the simple hard truth of the matter is this: with expenses being what they are to produce, print, and mail out a newspaper every week, no newspaper can survive in a community where only ten percent of the business community supports its local

newspaper through advertising dollars.

"My heart is heavy and hurting today for what Tunica Countians are losing in the form of their hometown newspaper."

The Times has been locally owned for nearly two-thirds of its 116 years, first by the Paul Phillips family and then by Taylor and longtime business partner, the late C.P. Owen. Taylor's daughter Meg Coker was an integral part of the newspaper from the beginning, officially joining the staff in 2003. Gloria

Hailey ably manned the front office from 2005 through 2018.

"It has been my honor to own *The Times* for 29 years," Taylor said. "I deeply appreciate the newspaper's loyal readers and those businesses that faithfully supported us through the years with their advertising dollars.

"I also thank Catherine Howe for ably taking on this responsibility for almost two years - I know intimately what this work demands - and all those through the years who contributed so much in

their columns, news stories, photography, features, sports coverage, advertising sales, circulation, and the myriad of tasks that a newspaper demands.

"Your work is not and will never be forgotten by me and so many others. That work lives on in the yearly bound volumes and cherished clippings that many have saved and hold fast."

Yearly bound volumes of *The Tunica Times* are located in the vault of the Tunica County Chancery Court's offices in the Tunica County Courthouse.

The final edition of *The Tunica Times* was printed on Friday, October 2. The weekly paper shuttered its doors after printing for 116 years. Pictured above is the page one announcement made earlier this month. (Photo by MPA)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1) South Pacific island group
- 6) Chases away, as a pest
- 11) Ambulance letters
- 14) Not fitting for a purpose
- 15) Loose fiber for caulking
- 16) "That feels good!"
- 17) Some ceramic pottery
- 19) Biochemistry abbr.
- 20) Lean
- 21) Communist leader, once
- 23) Abolitionists wanted to end it
- 27) Cal Ripken's record was about one
- 28) Musk-secreting cats
- 29) Charitable organizations, often
- 31) Make reparations, e.g.
- 32) Three-toed animal with a snout
- 33) Shortening used in recipes?
- 36) Type of tape
- 37) Short choral composition
- 38) Catch ___ (begin to get)
- 39) Posh health resort
- 40) Murnured affectionately
- 41) Floorboard sound
- 42) Lives
- 44) Ship area, to a bo's'n
- 45) On a train
- 47) Some patterned fabrics
- 48) Small woods
- 49) Your aunt's little girl
- 51) Trash bag accessory
- 52) Use
- 58) Shuttle letters
- 59) Dreadlocked one, often
- 60) Like cheap red meat
- 61) One ___ person
- 62) "See you later, amigo"
- 63) Bowling scoring unit

DOWN

- 1) Bring legal action
- 2) "Santa" trailer, geographically
- 3) Vandalize
- 4) Decide
- 5) Olympics VIP
- 6) Vito Corleone's eldest
- 7) Atlanta hoopster
- 8) "All right"
- 9) Sharers' word
- 10) Metal factory
- 11) Serious-mindedness
- 12) Craze
- 13) Meat cut
- 18) This puzzle's theme
- 22) Long introduction of yore?
- 23) Quite a few
- 24) Showed sudden joy
- 25) Guacamole source, often
- 26) Blow off steam
- 27) Agitated state
- 29) Some are blind
- 30) Newspaper opinion piece
- 32) It helps to get the job done
- 34) Celery unit
- 35) Jobs
- 37) Indication of spoiled food
- 38) Dangerous whale
- 40) Where great ideas come from
- 41) Give an impression
- 43) Is no longer
- 44) Almanac tidbit
- 45) Behave badly
- 46) Capital of Idaho
- 47) "After the Bath" painter Edgar
- 49) Not yet final, at law
- 50) "What's gotten ___ you?"
- 53) Cool, old-school
- 54) Place to drink up
- 55) In-flight info
- 56) Cash dispenser
- 57) Type of whiskey

LISTEN IN

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