

# Bionic woman?

We were having supper one night this week and our grandson, Jake was here. He plays on the varsity baseball team and had been trying to bunt the ball during practice one day this past week and the ball had hit his hand, his dominant hand, the left, and he is wearing a brace on that hand for several weeks.

We were talking about broken bones that we had in the past and he said he only had this and a broken arm when he ran into a tree on his four-wheeler.

I told him that I guess I was an expert at broken bones as I had five to deal with over the past few years. He wanted to know if I was bionic and I said “almost.” I have to carry a letter from my doctor stating that I have stainless steel in my extremities so that I can go through airport security because I set off all the alarms and they are search-

ing me for hidden weapons.

The first bone I ever broke was my right ankle as I was coming down from our third floor and slipped on the stairs and bumped down the stairs sitting on my right ankle. I could not



## Peggy's Take

come down to the first floor before the ambulance got here and they helped me to come down to get on the stretcher on my behind bumping on each step. The next break was my right shoulder when I fell on a pile of wood outside our den door. This was the time that they would not fix it on the weekend, so I wore a sling with a dangling arm for two days and my husband, thinking he was being nice took me to The Outback while in Jackson to eat. This was my dominant hand, so I had some trouble eating pasta with my left hand and being “souped” up on pain killers.

The next bone was my

left shoulder and as I was taking bacon out of the oven one morning, I spilled some of the bacon grease and slipped and broke my left arm just below my shoulder. We went straight to Jackson to the Sports Medicine Clinic, me still in my night dress and as we sat waiting someone asked, “Who brought the bacon and biscuits?” I just raised my hand as I was covered in bacon grease.

Then there was my right foot and right little toe. These were not as encumbering as the other breaks but aggravating just as much. I really could be called the “bionic woman” as I have enough stainless

## \*Holmes County

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At first glance, it seemed that the work to be done was overwhelming, however, as is the case with this group, many rose to the occasion and got it done!

Time and again, the term tradition has been used when writing about this show, the love of it and for it, and, especially for these 4-H Youth will see it once again “go on” Saturday, January 30. There are more that have now passed on that donated the property, Mrs. Pat M Barrett; that worked to have the barn built, Lexington Jay-Cees; and numerous farmers and businessmen led by J. E. “Bubba” Cunningham that saw this county’s youth livestock program become and sustained successful, not to mention Duane Tucker, 4-H Agent and instigator, that saw the founding pieces put together.

The sustaining part has come from the outstanding



The family of Goldie Ables would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their acts of kindness and love. The flowers and plants were beautiful, and the food was delicious. We also greatly appreciate our family at Oak Grove Baptist Church and the wonderful members of Harland Creek Baptist Church for everything they have done for our family during the loss of our mother and Nanny. The calls and prayers meant so much to us. May God bless you all daily. Love, Martha Jo Amy Michael

steel inside me to build a small robot.

I am always experimenting with different recipes and this is my newest.

### APPLE SPICE CAKE

One box of spice cake mix  
4 eggs  
1/3 cup of oil  
1 cup of milk  
2 cans of apple pie filling  
1 cup of raisins  
¾ cup of chopped pecans  
1 t. vanilla

Mix all except the raisins and chopped pecans and before adding them roll them in a little flour to keep them from sinking to the bottom, mix all well. Bake 350\* for 50 minutes.

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

group of parents from over more than 62 years that have given their children this opportunity, and those youth who have had their own kids and continue to “reload” the system and “give-back” in other ways.

# School assessment policies changed for 2020-2021 school year

### Press Release

The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) voted on January 21 to suspend three statewide policies regarding assessment and accountability to manage the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the 2020-21 school year.

All required state and federal assessments will be administered this school year as usual. However, the policy suspensions mean schools and districts will not be assigned A-F letter grades for their performance during the 2020-21 school year, 3rd graders do not have to pass a reading test to qualify for promotion, and high school students do not have to pass end-of-course assessments to meet graduation requirements.

Below is a summary of the key statewide policy suspensions enacted today. View the SBE meeting back-up material on the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) website for full details and additional policy suspensions for the 2020-21 school year.

### 3rd Graders

Current 3rd graders will take the 3rd Grade Reading/Language Arts assessment. Students are not required to meet a passing score on the assessment to be promoted to 4th grade for the 2021-22 school year. Students still must meet all other district requirements for promotion.

### High School Students

All eligible students who take required end-of-course

## \*Circuit Court

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On Wednesday, February 10, cases to be heard are: case #20-0030, Zamarcus Smith, Ct. I murder, Ct. II attempted murder, Ct. III aggravated assault, Ct. IV shooting into a motor vehicle; case #20-0063, Shaquille Brown, aggravated assault - domestic violence, aggravated assault; case #20-0067, Kiara Brown, aggravated assault on law enforcement; case #20-0071, David Hightower, Ct. I & II grand larceny; and case #20-0049, Coredale Thomas, Ct. I possession of marijuana with intent, Ct. II possession of controlled substance.

On Thursday, February 11, cases to be heard are: case #20-0058, Lakendrick Space, burglary - breaking & entering of a dwelling; case #20-0065, Rodney Burns, simple assault - domestic violence; case #20-0057, Terrance Wright, Ct. I possession of a firearm by convicted felon, Ct. II & Ct. III possession of a controlled substance; and case # 20-

high school assessments including Algebra I, English II, Biology and U.S. History in the 2020-21 school year are not required to meet a passing score to meet high school graduation requirements. Students must meet all other state and district requirements to graduate.

### A-F Accountability Grades for Schools and Districts

Schools and districts will not be assigned A-F letter grades for their performance in the 2020-21 school year because the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) will not have sufficient data to calculate grades based on state and federal requirements. Schools and districts will retain their most recent letter grades earned in the 2018-19 school year.

The MDE will calculate and report the results of all statewide assessments administered during the 2020-21 school year and will submit information and a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education to meet federal requirements for assessment and accountability.

“This year’s statewide assessments will provide valuable information about the impact of COVID-19 on learning and will help identify where accelerated learning opportunities for students are most needed,” said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. “The policy suspensions are intended to support schools through this intensely challenging year for educators and students.”

0052, Calvin Wilson, false pretense.

On Friday, February 12, cases to be heard are: case #19-0010, Marshall Howard, armed robbery; and case #20-0064, Timothy S. Hunt, simple assault on law enforcement officer.

On Monday, February 15, President’s Day will be observed.

On Tuesday, February 16, cases to be heard are: case #2019-0017 Pretzea Love, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. V possession of firearm by convicted felon, Ct. VI armed robbery habitual offender; case #2019-0017, Damantreas Love, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. VI armed robbery; #2019-0017, Jamar Newsome, Ct. I capital murder, Ct. II aggravated assault, Ct. III armed robbery, Ct. IV armed robbery, Ct. VI armed robbery; case #20-0066, Porter Williams, Ct. I & II aggravated assault, Ct. III shooting into an occupied dwelling, Ct. IV malicious mischief, Ct. V Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; case #20-0059, Rachel Dixon, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; and case #20-0070, Edward Adrian Ross, DUI 4th.

On Wednesday, February 17, cases to be heard are: case #20-0046, William Haymon, Jr., armed robbery; case # 20-0046, Curtis Williams, armed robbery; case #20-0068, Bentravius Brown, Ct. I & II aggravated assault, Ct. III shooting into motor vehicle, Ct. IV malicious mischief; case #20-0060, Zachary Wise, armed robbery, and case #20-0062, Sharetta Lewis, felony DUI.

On Thursday, February 18, cases to be heard are: case #20-0069, Sebrenda Tillman, bribing a witness; case #20-0069, Louis Thurmond, bribing a witness; case #20-0053, Timothy Peppers, possession of contraband in correctional facility; and case #20-0061, Edwin Steen Johnson, DUI 3rd.

On Friday, February 19, arraignments will be held.



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