

WEST REPORT

by
West Civic Club

The Wests Civic club met on February 24, one week later than their normal date due to the ice storm. It was good seeing the members. Club president Carol lead us in the prayer and Lynn Hathcock led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were eight members present. Mary Cade, Inez Dickerson and Jolynn White were our hostesses for this month. The refreshments of homemade pound cake with strawberries and topping were delicious and made us of think of spring. Carol read a couple of Christmas cards from some of the people that we usually send Christmas baskets and couldn't do it this year. She also read a resignation letter from Pat Ellis, stating she was not going to be able to continue with the club as they have moved closer to family and wished us well. Pat will be missed not only by the club members but the community.

Our next item was the school reunion that we have been having each year until the COVID-19 appeared.

We discussed wether to try serving a meal this year or to do as we did last year and just send out letters to all of the past participants explaining why we were not going to serve food; and mentioned that if they felt like donating to the fund to help with the work on the school house we were very willing to accept the donation. Mary Ann moved and Suzanne seconded that we again this year send out the letter to all interested. This is the year that we elect our new club officers, Jean Aldridge and Kathy Gelston will be reaching out to people about holding office. If you are interested in a particular office, please get in touch with Jean or Kathy as they will be happy to hear from you.

We will be getting together the 17th of March and putting together Easter baskets. Mary Ann, Mary Cade and Suzanne are in charge of getting the supplies.

Immediately following this, we will be holding our March club meeting.

The meeting was then ad-

Mississippi Class of 2020 improves Advanced Placement achievement rate

Mississippi Department of Education

Mississippi's graduating class of 2020 achieved a 38.2% qualifying score rate for Advanced Placement (AP) exams, an increase from the previous year's achievement rate of 32.5%.

AP courses are college-level courses offered by trained high school teachers. Every qualifying AP score of 3, 4 or 5 entitles students to earn at least three college credits at any Mississippi public university or community college.

Among the class of 2020, 20.7% (5,235) of graduates took a total of 11,526 AP exams during their high school experience, according to the College Board's AP Cohort Data Report for Class of 2020 issued today. Though achievement on AP increased, the number of students taking AP

exams declined. Among the class of 2019, 22.7% of graduates (5,801) of graduates took 13,178 AP exams.

Though the class of 2020 saw a drop in AP participation, overall, the number of Mississippi students taking AP courses and passing AP exams have both nearly doubled since 2013.

“The AP experience is an extremely valuable learning opportunity for students. It exposes students to college-level work and helps them develop the study skills they need to be successful in college,” said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education.

“Students who earn qualifying scores on AP exams can reduce the cost of their college education.”

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These scores translate into a potential savings of close to \$5 million in tuition for students and their families. Research shows AP students are better prepared for college and more likely

to graduate college in four years than non-AP peers. Students earning college credit can save what they would otherwise have to pay for another year of college.

In-person classes, campus experience will resume at Ole Miss

Press Release

The University of Mississippi announced Friday, February 26, that the fall 2021 semester will be offered fully in person and on campus, a return to pre-COVID-19 operations.

UM Chancellor Glenn Boyce shared the announcement with students, faculty and staff, stating that adjustments will be made if necessary based on government orders and public health guidance.

“The growing adoption and distribution of multiple vaccines against the COVID-19 virus enables us to plan for a full resumption of in-person classes for fall 2021 and fully return our campus to pre-COVID-19 operations,” Boyce said. “As we remain committed to doing all we can to operate similar to fall 2019, we will monitor the distribution of the vaccine closely, as

well as other relevant indicators.”

Decisions regarding the summer session and inter-session will be announced soon.

“Thank you again for all of your efforts and contributions to our campus community, and for your continued commitment to keeping our campus safe and healthy,” Boyce said. “Like you, I’m very excited and looking forward to returning fully to the academic, operational and campus atmosphere that we all know and cherish.”

In October 2020, the university announced a modified academic calendar for the spring 2021 semester and additional details regarding in-person Commencement activities for 2020 and 2021 graduates.

For further university COVID-19 updates and information, visit coronavirus.olemiss.edu.

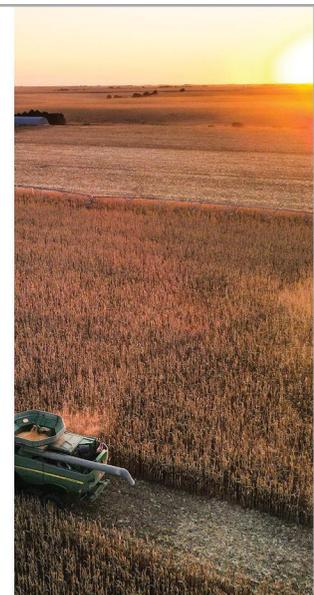
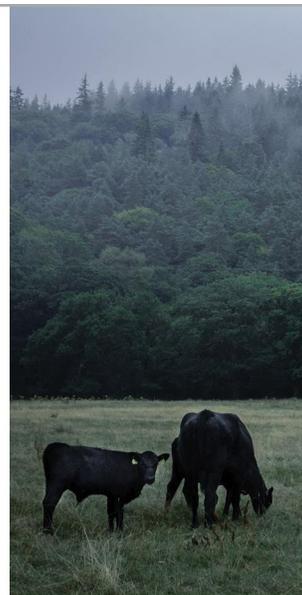
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