Obituaries

GLENDA ABLES LAWSHE

Glenda Ables Lawshe passed away at her home in Goodman, MS on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. She lived at her beloved "home place" where she was born and grew up.

Glenda was born in 1940 to Martin Levi Ables and Virginia Burrell Ables. She graduated from Holmes Jr. College with a degree in accounting. In 1959, she married her husband, William "Bubba" Lawshe. They lived in Lexington, MS, Memphis, TN and Jonesboro, AR before returning to Kosciusko and Goodman in 1978. They have loved each other through all that life has thrown at them for over sixty-one years.

Glenda had a long and successful career with USDA Farmers Home Administration while raising her four children. Glenda always cherished the friendships she made while working, especially JoAnn, Dot, Doris and many others. She also helped her husband run several successful businesses over the years.

Glenda was a devoted member of the United Methodist Church her entire life. Taking her children to church was always a priority.

After retiring, Glenda enjoyed traveling with her husband and four sisters, gardening, and collecting antiques. She was a volunteer at the Goodman Public Library. Glenda was an excellent cook and enjoyed nothing more than cooking for all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Always the gracious hostess, she wouldn't sit down until she made sure everyone else was at the table. Glenda will always be remembered for her kindness that was shown to everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael "Mike" Allan Lawshe, her parents and her sisters, Marilyn Ables Castle and Frankie Lloyd.

Glenda is survived by her husband William "Bubba" Lawshe, her children Barry Lawshe (LaWanna), Jeff Lawshe (Pam) and Laurie Parks (Jeff); grandchildren Michael Lawshe (Suzanne), Whitney Robinson (Kevin), Maggie Lawshe, Brandon Lawshe (Olivia), Jack Parks, Emmie Parks, five great grandchildren and two sisters, Mollie Smith and Virginia Smith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Goodman United Methodist Church. The burial followed at Seneasha Cemetery in Goodman, MS.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Goodman United Methodist Church.

The family would like to thank Sherry, Loretha, Mary, Diane and Jackie for the loving care they provided to Glenda.

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MANNIE LEWIS, JR.

Mannie Lewis, Jr., 86, of Goodman, passed on March 30, 2021. He will be laid to rest on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Church Cemetery in Camden, MS. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021 between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. at 300 West Madison Street in Durant. Services are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

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CHARLES EARL MATTHEWS

Charles Earl Matthews age 76 passed away on November 4, 2020 in Baltimore, Md. Beloved son of the late Jerry Matthews and Andrew Clark; dearest brother of Richard; father of Michael, Michelle and Edward; grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend of many. He graduated from Holmes County Training School, class 1962, and Mississippi Industrial College, class of 1966. He taught at Lexington Attendance Center and Long Creek High School. He also officiated basketball and football games in Holmes County before moving to Baltimore, MD. He retired from the Baltimore City Public School System. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

MSDH looking for community vaccination partners

News Release

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi State Department of the Health's (MSDH) Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity, which works to reduce health disparities related to COVID-19 in minority and rural populations, is seeking organizations statewide to host vaccination efforts in their community.

"The Office of Health Equity addresses disparities primarily in Hispanic, Black, Vietnamese and rural populations. We identify the disparities and gaps that exist and find ways to engage with the communities to get them what they need. We have been providing testing opportunities, giving out PPE and promoting health education in these communities. Vaccination is our next step in reducing the impact of COVID-19," said Victor D. Sutton, Ph.D., MPPA, Director of the Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity.

"We are partnering with Federally Qualified Health Centers to increase vaccination efforts around the state, focusing on vulnerable and rural populations. What we need now are new local partners to help us bring vaccinations into communities that have not had the access that other Mississippians have had so far," said Chigozie Udemgba, Dr.PH, CHES, Director of the Office of Health Equity.

All organizations, groups, businesses, municipalities and even cities are potential partners for MSDH. As a community partner, you will help identify those needing vaccinations, and the COVID-19 Health Equity Response Team will work to schedule the event.

Please call the Mississippi COVID-19 Hotline at 1-877-978-6453 if you would like to host a vaccination event in a minority or rural Mississippi community.

Keep up with the latest COVID-19 information by downloading the free MS Ready mobile app or follow MSDH by email and social media at www.HealthyMS.com/connect.

Yazoo City man sentenced to 50 years for drug trafficking

Office of the District Attorney Office, 21st District
Mrs. Akillie Malone--Oliver, District Attorney

Monday morning, April 5, 2021, Yazoo City resident, Robert Earl Fisher, Jr., was sentenced in the Yazoo County Courthouse to 50 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. Following a two-day trial that began March 24, 2021, a Yazoo County jury reached a unanimous verdict finding Fisher guilty of COUNT I Possession of Marijuana with Intent, COUNT II Possession of a Controlled Substance, COUNTS III-IV Aggravated Trafficking and COUNTS VVII Trafficking. Fisher was sentenced COUNT I to a term of ten years, COUNT II to a term of four years, COUNT III to term of 25 years, COUNT IV to a term of 25 years, and COUNTS V-VI, each, to a term of ten years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. Sentenced as an habitual offender during sentencing, Fisher will serve time consecutively for COUNTS III - IV and time will be served concurrently for COUNTS I, II, V, and VI for a total of a mandated fifty years. This sentencing was handed down for the March 2020 incident where Fisher was found to be the renter of a storage unit in Yazoo County that contained the street value of a half million dollars in marijuana. Following the seizure of drugs at the local storage unit, Fisher's home was, also, found to contain more marijuana, cocaine, and a plethora of other narcotics. The presiding judge for this trial was Special Circuit Court Judge Barry Ford and acting on behalf of the state from the office of District Attorney Akillie Malone Oliver were Assistant District Attorneys Sharon A. Spencer and Timothy C. Howard.

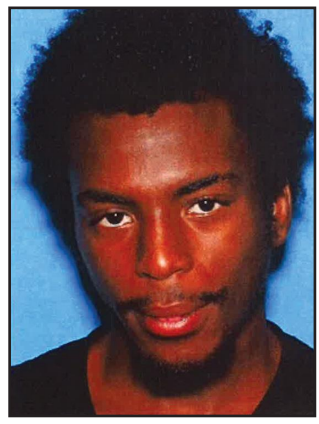
ROBERT EARL FISHER, JR.

Nathan DuBose Jr. has been added to Mississippi's Most Wanted List

News Release
Public Affairs Division
Mississippi Highway Patrol
Mississippi Bureau of Investigation

Jackson, MS – Nathan Ramon DuBose Jr. is wanted by the Moss Point Police Department, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation for a charge of First-Degree Murder and Aggravated Assault.

In January 2021, an arrest warrant was issued for DuBose Jr. He reportedly killed 22-year-old Javantavous Davison and injured a passenger after shooting into a vehicle in Moss Point, MS, on December 31, 2020. DuBose Jr. reportedly goes by the name "Lil Nate" or "Kreole Nate." Nathan Ramon DuBose Jr. should be considered ARMED and DANGEROUS.



NATHAN DUBOSE JR.

The U.S. Marshals Service is offing a reward of up to $2,500 for information leading directly to the arrest of Nathan Dubose Jr. Anyone with information should notify the U.S. Marshals Communications Center at 1-877-WANTED-2 (1-877-926-8332) or online at www.usmarshals.gov/tips, Mississippi Crime Stoppers 1-888-8CRIMES (1-888-827-4637), or the Moss Point Police Department 228-475-1723.

THURMOND CEMETERY CLUB

The annual Thurmond Cemetery Club meeting will be Saturday, April 17 at Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church at 12 noon. If you have family members or loved ones in the cemetery, you are invited to attend.

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FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party of Pickens will host a Candidate Forum during the Spring Festival, Saturday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the BankPlus parking lot.

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PICKENS SPRING FESTIVAL

The Town of Pickens will hold a Spring Festival on Saturday, April 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the BankPlus parking lot. Masks are required. Events will include: pie eating contest, games, hotdog eating competition, cake walk, bike rally food, music and health fair.

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BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be held on behalf of Shaneatric Tillman on Friday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the new Dollar General Market parking lot, 301 Yazoo Street, Lexington. The first 15 donors will receive a free dinner from Taste of China. Walk-ins welcome. Call 662-633-1141 to make an appointment.

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