



# Quips & Quotes

A day without laughter is a day wasted. I recently ran across these thoughts, observations and some just plain funny stuff. I hope they will put a smile on your face as they did on mine.

\*Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places.

\*Dear Algebra: Please stop asking us to find your X. She’s never coming back and don’t ask Y.

\*Do regular dogs see police dogs and think, “Oh No, It’s a cop”?

\*This was on a t-shirt: When this virus is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me.

\*This was posted on Trip Advisor by a woman who had dined at a local restaurant: Come here and try the worst coffee I have ever had in my life.

\*Shop Local because Amazon won’t sponsor your kid’s little league ball team.

\*Who hates speeding tickets? Raise your right foot.

\*As you get older 3 things

happen. The first is that your memory goes, and I can’t remember the other 2.

\*We never really grow-up, we just learn how to act in public.

\*The funny thing about a Stop sign is that it is also a Start sign.

\*A house is a place where you keep your stuff while you go out and get more stuff.

\*Did you ever wonder why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets?

\*Why do they call it “rush hour” when nothing moves?

\*Never go to a doctor’s office where plants have died.

\*You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.

\*A man walks into a barber shop and tells the barber: “Cut it shorter on one side than the other, uneven on top, and make one of my sideburns shorter than the other, you know, just like you did last time.”

Try to add a little laughter

## PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY OF DURANT, MISSISSIPPI, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, September 13, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE DURANT CITY HALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES FACILITIES PROGRAM AND DISCUSS WHETHER AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WOULD BE INVOLVED. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF PURCHASING ONE NEW SEWER MAINTENANCE TRUCK.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, PARTICULARLY THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY BENEFITTING FROM THE PROJECT.

to each day. Today I have some chicken dishes that I hope you will give a try. Thanks for reading.

### HOT CHICKEN SALAD

- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 1 (8 oz.) can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1 (4 oz.) jar diced pimiento, drained
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 ½ cups mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 can Cream of Chicken soup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 (3 oz.) can French fried onions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; spray a 9 x 12 inch baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine chicken, almonds, water chestnuts, pimiento, celery, lemon juice, mayonnaise, cheddar cheese, soup, salt and pepper; spread into prepared dish. Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Sprinkle French fried onions on top and bake an additional 10 minutes.

### ARTICHOKE CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 1 tsp. garlic powder
  - 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
  - 1 (14 oz.) can artichoke hearts, drained
  - 1 (8 oz.) pkg. mushrooms, sliced
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, and garlic powder in a bowl. Arrange chicken breasts in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish; top with artichoke hearts and mushrooms. Spread cheese mixture over the artichoke mushroom layer. Bake in the preheated oven for about 45 minutes (depending on the breast size); cook until chicken no longer pink in center and juices run clear.

### CRISPY ROSEMARY

- CHICKEN and FRIES
- 8 chicken thighs
- 6 small red potatoes, quartered
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary (1 Tbsp if dried)
- 1 ½ tsp. chopped fresh oregano (1/2 tsp. if dried)
- 1 ½ tsp. garlic powder
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place chicken and potatoes into a large bowl; pour olive oil over and stir to coat. Scatter the potatoes and chicken pieces in a large baking dish or a cookie sheet with sides. Sprinkle with remaining ingredients. Bake, uncovered, for 1 hour. Baste during the last 15 minutes for extra crispness.

*\*Lee Ann Fleming is a Holmes County native, food columnist and has garnered fame for her recipes featured in the film, The Help. Fleming can be reached at lafkitchen@hughes.net.*

## \*Crisis

(Continued from page 1.) high numbers of COVID-19 patients. Doctors, nurses and hospital staff continue to pull long shifts to manage the ongoing stress of a health care system that doesn’t have enough workers.

“In south Mississippi and throughout the state, we are in crisis,” said April LaFontaine, Gulfport Memorial Hospital’s chief administrative officer. “Our hospital was full before the hurricane, and we’re still full now.”

Memorial had 240 patients Monday, including 88 with COVID-19. More than two dozen were hooked up to ventilators.

Ida walloped southern Louisiana, leaving all of New Orleans without power. Mississippi hospitals say they’ve been more fortunate with little disruption, even as more than 75,000 Mississippians remained without power by Monday at 5 p.m.

Vaccine and testing clinics have been closed across the state, with many planning to resume care Tuesday.

# Yazoo County father and son receive hate crime enhanced convictions



LANE TWINER

Wednesday, August 25, Yazoo County Circuit Court Jury, found father and son, Wade and Lane Twiner of Yazoo County, guilty of Hate Crimes for the assault of two Yazoo County teenagers last September. This conviction came following a three-day trial, where the Yazoo County jury found the Twiner father and son duo guilty of two



WADE TWINER

counts of Simple Assault and Felony Malicious Mischief. In addition, the jury in a unanimous verdict, found the pair guilty of a Hate Crime Enhancement, which allows for doubling of the time of their sentences. Sentencing for this duo was held, Friday, August 27, 2021.

Emergency rooms remained open Sunday and Monday, even when the worst of Ida downed power lines and flooded roadways.

LaFontaine’s biggest concern remains COVID-19 spread, especially during a time when people want to help their neighbors by sharing power or cleaning up debris.

“People in this community want to do the right thing and want to do the neighborly thing and help their neighbors clean up,” she said. “But if people have COVID, or suspect they have COVID, the more neighborly thing to do is not share the love in that matter.”

In Jackson, neither University of Mississippi Medical Center or Baptist Memorial Hospital weathered damages, power outages or patient care disruptions related to Hurricane Ida.

Admissions were paused at UMMC’s field hospitals — which are set up inside parking garages — Monday morning while the storm passed over Jackson. They resumed accepting patients

by 3 p.m.

Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in McComb was without power for nearly 12 hours overnight Sunday into late Monday morning, but was able to rely on generators until power returned Monday at 11:45 a.m. The hospital lost power again Monday afternoon because of a downed electrical pole.

Pike County, where the hospital is located, continued to have one of the highest numbers of people without power in the state late Monday afternoon.

Singing River Health System, which has three Gulf Coast hospitals, reported no major disruptions. It had one of its slowest emergency room days Sunday than it has had in the last six weeks, officials said.

Hospitals are hoping there is not an influx of patients who come in because of accidents during storm clean up or driving before debris is cleaned from roadways.

“We need to keep ERs clear for our first responders,” LaFontaine said.



UMMC staffers arrive with beds to be used for the COVID-19 field hospital. Credit: Vickie D. King/Mississippi Today

# Notice of Legal Holiday

We will be closed all day

## Monday, Sept. 6, 2021

in observance of Labor Day.

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