



Time to Celebrate



And yet, here we are. A strong and vibrant United States was never guaranteed. Instead, it was built on a leap of faith and the belief that ordinary people could build extraordinary lives, assuming they were given freedom and opportunity.

From these earliest of days, we understood that hard work should matter more than where you started and that each generation should have a better shot than the one before it. That promise became what we know today as the American Dream. Generation after generation, Americans have expanded that opportunity, creating stronger communities, opening new doors, and making sure more families could build a future of their own. We celebrate our history not because America has always been perfect,

but because Americans have always believed tomorrow could be better than today. But opportunity is not always evenly distributed. Too many young people face barriers that have nothing to do with effort or ambition. Finances matter. Access matters. Sometimes all it takes is one small opening to help someone take the next step toward their future. That's why, as Mississippi prepares to celebrate America's 250th birthday, the Mississippi Treasury is doing something simple: investing in opportunity.

From now through July 3, students can register to win one of ten \$250 Mississippi Affordable College Savings (MACS) scholarships through our America250 Giveaway. It's not about the dollar amount alone. It's about what it represents. Every scholarship is a reminder that the American promise is still alive – and that investing in young people remains one of the best ways to secure our future and ensure the next generation has even greater opportunities than we have today. Two hundred and fifty years after our founding, that's still worth celebrating.

Mississippi Treasurer David McRae is the 55th Treasurer for the State of Mississippi. In this role, he helps manage the state's cash flow, oversees College and Career Savings Mississippi, and has returned more than \$170 million in unclaimed money to Mississippians. For more information, visit Treasury.MS.gov.

Obituaries

Alice Paquet

Alice Paquet, 83, passed away on May 21, 2026, at her residence in Durant, Mississippi, surrounded by her loving family. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Durant, Mississippi. The service will be officiated by David Cain and Lyn Nation.

guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations." That said, he probably never imagined we'd still be doing it 250 years later.

She enjoyed shopping, traveling, planting flowers, and creating floral arrangements for special occasions. She also liked visiting the casino, and the beach was her favorite getaway. She is survived by her longtime companion of more than 30 years, Charlie Irby; her daughter Tonya (William) Vice; and her sons, Rex Brown and Mark Brown. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Decon (Ona) Irby, Michelle (Glenn) Coghlan, Sherry Donald, Stan Paquet, Carla Paquet, and Donna Norton; her sisters, Melody, Shirley, and Lee; and numerous grandchildren, including Will (Mary) Cain, Mac (Brianna) Cain, Hannah (Josh) Fowler, Shelby (Donald) Moore, Olivia, Avery Irby, Blair (AJ) Braswell, Crystal, Chris, Brandon, Jeffrey Henry, RJ, Cody and Racheal Brown, Jonathan and Caitlyn Paquet, Michael, TJ and Matthew Dixon, Jonathan and Megan Carter, and Nick Norton, along with many great-grandchildren.

Alice was an active and devoted member of First Baptist Church in Durant, Mississippi.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Della Rutherford Hall; her son, Ted Brown; and her daughters, Donna Kay Brown and Debra Ann Henry.

For online condolences visit culpepperfuneralhome.com

Happy Anniversary

June 25 - Lyn and Virginia Nations, Cham and Angie Blain, Billy and Beverly Hathcock, Ray and Jeri Jo McCleskey

June 26 - Billy and Sylvia Wigley, Michael and Kacie Sanford

June 27 - Robert and Dawn Ashley

June 28 - Jason and Candice Parish, Wayne and Pat Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Robertson, Frankie and Robin McCrory

June 29 - Sherman and Debbie Partain, B.J. and Britney Johnson

June 30 - Charles Christopher and Teresa Bates, Michael and Dea Bowling, Frankie and Lane Vargas, Blake and Brittany Powell, Jarrett and Karey Johnson, Brooks and Joy Ables, Alex and Kasey Killebrew

July 1 - Chris and Christina Farmer

To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email to hcherald@gmail.com; or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.



June 25 - Brian Gilmore, Anthony Newton, Wayne Bishop, Sherman Partain, Noah Burton, Nadine Marshall, Chris Hammett, Megan Macko, Joanne Jones

June 26 - Shaniyah Simmons, Patty Hood, James Mitchell, Jeff Holmes, Cindy Ainsworth Lunsford, Kelly J. Strider, Gage Hynum, Kelly Dodd, Regina Thornton

June 27 - Pam Langford, Elysabeth Floyd, Aden Lewis, Adam Lewis, Stacie Sizemore, Glenda D. Branscome, James Brown

June 28 - Brittany LaShay Baker, Calvin McAdams, Hunter Hutchison, Sheila Hammett, Bluford Taylor, Charles E. Simmons, Jeff

Holmes **June 29** - Raymond Jackson, Haley O. Woodward, Donna Diggs, Mary Elizabeth Diggs, Carolyn C. Smart, Steve Sizemore, Linda Dickerson, Jim Haffey, Misty Goering, LaQuita Hughes

June 30 - Justin Develin, Cedric Brown, Lindell Epps, Jhayden Moore, Ashley Davidson, Addie Burrell, Gia Turner, Cade McBride

July 1 - Drew Parrish, Lyndsey Tutor, Dominique Bullocks, Leah Gilbert, Gibbs White, Colton Howell, Hollie Belle Boykin, Cleveland Whiteside, Jr., Miranda Killebrew



MT. MORIAH MB CHURCH
Mt. Moriah MB Church, Pickens, will host its Summer Revival on July 6 thru 8 at 7:00 p.m.
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on Sunday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Rev. Dan March at 662-834-4888, Leroy Gibson at 662-834-4373, or Mrs. Leona Fields at 662-834-1489.
6-18,25

ROSE HILL DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
The Rose Hill District Baptist Association will hold its Seventy-Fifth Annual Session at Union Grove M.B. Church, 150 Rhyne Street, Lexington beginning

TRINITY MB CHURCH
Trinity MB Church will hold its Pastor's Anniversary on Sunday, July 5 at 1:30 p.m.
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Daniel Eric Truitt

Graveside services for Daniel Eric Truitt and his wife, Marti Otten Truitt, will be held Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the grave site in Odd Fellows Cemetery on Rockport Road, Lexington, Mississippi.

Wanda Hortense (Truitt) Seals

Graveside services for Wanda Hortense (Truitt) Seals (Major, USAF, Retired) will be held Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at the grave site in Odd Fellows Cemetery on Rockport Road, Lexington, Mississippi.

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