

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pets Will Be Blessed At Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church of Nativity, located on Main Street, Water Valley, will have a St. Francis Day of Blessing of Pets October 20, beginning a 10 a.m. Dogs must be on leashes, with cats, hamsters, etc. in carriers, and fish in water.

Annual Christmas Parade Will Roll Down Main On December 1

The annual Water Valley Christmas Parade, "Christmas In The Valley," is scheduled Saturday, December 1, starting at 1 p.m. Contact J.C. Womble at 473-3190 or email jcwomble53@yahoo.com. to register your entry for the Christmas Parade. There is no entry fee. Use your imagination and make plans to participate in the annual Water Valley Christmas Parade. The parade is sponsored by the Tri-Lake Fairground Association.

Judge McClure Is Speaker At Historical Society Meeting

The Yalobusha County Historical Society will meet Thursday October 18, at 2 p.m. in its headquarters the former Coffeeville Presbyterian Church. Circuit Court Judge Jimmy McClure is the speaker and his topic is the different courthouses in Panola, Tate, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha counties. Refreshments are served afterwards, and visitors are welcome.

Eighth Annual Gateway To The Delta Festival Is Saturday

The 8th annual Gateway to the Delta Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 13th, in Charleston. Bands performing will be PharmTruck, Pinnishook, Jake and the Pearl Street Jumpers, Lewis and the No Name Blues Band, The Bouffants and The Band U S.

There will be a car show, arts and crafts, great food, a kidzone and more. Admission is FREE.

Friday Bingo, Saturday Dance Scheduled At The VFW

Bingo will be played at VFW Post 4100 on Friday night, Oct. 12. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7. The Bobby Hood Band is scheduled for the dance on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The post is located at 11535 Highway 315, west of Water Valley.

Bell Family Reunion Is Oct. 21

The annual James D. Bell Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 21. at George P. Cossar State Park. Families and friends are invited to attend.

Camp Ground Youth Will Have Carwash Fundraiser

Camp Ground Baptist Church Youth Group is having a carwash fundraiser in the Fred's parking lot on Saturday, October 13th, from 8 to 11 am. The cost is \$5 a vehicle.

Chamber's Business Spotlight Drawing Is Friday

You could win a \$25 VISA Card !! In honor of Ajinomoto Foods North America's selection as the recent Business Spotlight Award recipient, the Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is giving away a \$25 VISA Gift Card. The winning name will be drawn some time after Noon on Friday, October 12th; and the winner will be called or notified via FaceBook. You may stop by the Chamber office to register, OR you may simply COMMENT on the Chamber's FaceBook page the FULL DATE you think operations began for this company in Oakland, MS. A correct answer is not required to win, but you MUST give an answer to participate. Please note that "Likes" only will not be included in the drawing.

Readers Weigh In On Articles Featuring Outstanding Black Women Of Yalobusha County

This project which launched in June has given me an opportunity to reconnect and give back to my home community of Yalobusha County, while recognizing some outstanding black women. It has also allowed me to meet new people and learn about our history.

The idea and motivation came from remarks that were made at the funeral of my cousin, George Adams, earlier this year in Illinois. People spoke of his immense love for Water Valley and about the impact that one Sunday School teacher had on their lives.

That Sunday School teacher was my mom, thus I thought this might just be the time we pay tribute to many of those black women who impacted lives in such a way that we would still remember. In George's honor I am posting the picture below of the last time we were together in Atlanta.

Next, I would like to share a few of the comments that I have received in response to the features on Mrs. Emma Gooch and Mrs. Juanita Cox. I appreciate and thank those individuals for their comments and for permission to publish:

RE: Mrs. Emma Gooch Dottie,

It was great reading the article you wrote in the North Mississippi Herald (I worked there when I was in High School) about Mrs. Emma Gooch. I did not know all the history she had. I remember as a child, buying candy from her.

I will look forward to your future articles.

Eddie G. Sanders
Davidson High School Class of 1968

Dear Dottie Chapman Reed,

I so enjoyed your article in the North Mississippi Herald. It was a pleasure to read about Emma Gooch. What a remarkable lady! I don't know if you have just started doing this or if I have missed some articles. I

hope I haven't.

We get the Herald every week as my husband was raised in Water Valley. Our son, Lawton, lives there now. He owns The Trusty Diner.

I look forward to your future articles, looks like once a month.

Peoples lives are so precious!
Happy Gafford

RE: Mrs. Juanita Cox Dottie,

I so enjoyed your article in the Herald about Juanita. She was such a dear to my parents, Carlisle and John Throop, and to all of us Throop daughters as well. It was many a happy Saturday spent in Water Valley when we got to enjoy Juanita's wonderful fried chicken and more. She took such good care of Daddy after Mama died, and we all appreciate her!

Carlisle (Throop) Parsons Wood

Dottie,
My name is Ruth Throop Wilbourn from Water Valley, MS. My family and I were privileged to have



By Dottie Chapman Reed

Reed is a native of Water Valley and graduated from Davidson High School in 1970. She has launched a project to collect bios, pictures and other info about women in the county who have made an impact on the African American community. She can be reached at (678) 825-2356 or reed2318@bellsouth.net

Juanita work for us for several years as well as cleaning, cooking and caring for our parents, John and Carlisle Throop until their deaths.

Juanita is a "member" of our family and always will be. I think one of my favorite dishes of hers would be good old southern fried chicken. To this day when we have fried chicken, everyone will say, "Not as good as Juanita's."

I keep up with Juanita through her granddaughter that works at the Water Valley Courthouse.

Thank you for writing this wonderful article for

the Herald. I forwarded it on to my sisters, India and Carlisle and my daughters, Christy and Ashley and they all loved it!

Ruth Throop Wilbourn

RE: All Articles to Date Quaye:

These stories are fabulous!

When my uncle passed last year, it suddenly occurred to me that my generation of cousins is now the "elders" of our family—and we need to pass along our family/community stories or they will be lost!

Your project is a great example of why that's important. Our youth/young adults need the wisdom women like these have to share.

So cool!
Love,
Adrienne
Adrienne S. Harris
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Moving forward your stories, experiences and comments are welcomed. We are highlighting black present day women and matriarchs from Yalobusha County, deemed outstanding based on their positive impact on our greater good. You may write about more than one person using life experiences or even funny stories. Questions, comments and info may be submitted to my contact info above. Next, be on the look-out for an upcoming feature on Mrs. Rosa White Wright! Until next time!



George W. Adams passed away on April 18 and remarks made at his funeral about his love for Water Valley inspired Dottie Reed to recognize some of the black matriarchs from the county. This picture of Adams and Reed was taken the last time they were together in Atlanta.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hometown Pizza Invites You To Stop By!

OPEN FOR BREAKFAST 7:00 to 10:30 am Monday - Saturday

Monday Night 5:30 to 7 PM ~ BINGO & Family Buffet Night

Tuesday Night 5 to 8 PM \$2 Off Large Pizza Dine In Only Biker's Night

Wednesday Night 5 to 8 PM Buffet Night

Thursday All Day 50 Cent Wings Open Mic Night

Friday Night 7 to 10 PM KARAOKE

Saturday Night 7 to 9 PM Honky Tonk Heroes
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JA Valley Dash Run Walk

November 10th 2018 Water Valley, MS

The Junior Auxiliary of Water Valley is hosting the 1st Annual Valley Dash in conjunction with the Water Valley Chamber of Commerce's Business Open House on Nov. 10 at Railroad Park/Bandstand.

The race starts at 7 a.m. Registration is open until 6 a.m. the day of the race but you must register by October 18 to be guaranteed a t-shirt

See form below for more registration details

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Preregistration is \$20 (now until Oct. 12)
Cost is \$25 after Oct. 12

Drop the registration form off at the Herald office or with any JA Member