



NEWSLETTER

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ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE COMMUNITIES
AND THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE NATION



SCOTT B. PHILLIPS, Jr.
Mayor, City of Olive Branch

Message From The Mayor....

My third year as your Mayor will soon be complete. As I have said from the beginning, it is my goal to validate the trust and confidence you placed in me by following through on commitments and stated priorities.

Improvements to our park facilities began early 2015 with the completion of a seawall around the large pond and improvements to the walking trail. We are currently in the design phase of a new tennis complex. Other improvements to our parks will soon be underway including the renovation of concession facilities and a wonderful new playground for families to enjoy.

The 2016 Street Paving Project will be awarded in early May. This project will include streets identified by the Board as in need of repair. Repair and maintenance of our streets will remain a focus of my administration.

In the next few months I will develop the 2016/2017 fiscal year budget. As elected officials we must ensure we adopt a balanced budget, making certain the projected revenues will support the budgeted expenses, payroll and capital projects. It is the goal of my administration to provide citizens the services they need and to preserve the quality of life we have worked so diligently to create. The preparation of a sound budget is accomplished by all elected officials working together. I appreciate the support and input I receive from each member of the Board of Aldermen.

Finally, I said I would have an open door to the public, and that door remains open. I want to hear your opinions and concerns. It is my goal to continue to earn your trust, and to maintain a safe and peaceful community. I appreciate your prayers and the trust you have placed in me. ☺

REMEMBERING ALDERMAN HAROLD HENDERSON

On January 4th, Olive Branch Alderman, Harold Henderson, died after a short illness at the age of 68. Harold became an Alderman in 2003 when he was elected to fill the remaining term of Ward 3 Alderman, Steve Dawson, who moved away from the City. He was elected to a full term in 2009 and then reelected in 2013. Harold served this City as an Alderman for 10 years, and served it well. His voting record as an Alderman followed one principle: *Right was right and wrong was wrong and there were no gray areas*, and that was how he arrived at a decision and voted. He considered issues and not personalities.

Harold was born and reared in Water Valley, MS and came to Olive Branch at the age of 21 in 1968. Many remember Harold for his involvement and participation in amateur sports around Olive Branch and the Mid-South area. He coached youth baseball and participated in softball for many years in Olive Branch. His hitting skills made a joke of the fences around local softball fields. He had a rifle for an arm and became legendary for the time he picked a runner off first base from left field when the runner rounded the base too far. He was quarterback of the Olive Branch Shockers Amateur Football Team that won the Memphis City Championship in 1976. In 1997, Harold was inducted into the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame for his football exploits. There are those who say he was the best natural athlete they have ever seen. He loved fishing and his fishing companions can talk for hours recalling memories of the good times spent with Harold on area lakes. He took life as it came, made the most of it and lived it to the fullest.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Joy, two sons, Will (Laura) and Jay (Kati), a daughter, Leslie Smith (Brad), and six grandchildren. He loved his family; he loved his many friends, and he loved Olive Branch. He will be missed. ☺



JAMES HAROLD HENDERSON
12/3/1947 - 1/4/2016
Alderman - Ward 3, City of Olive Branch

**2016
Calendar of Events
in and around Olive Branch
through October 1, 2016**

EVENTS IN OLD TOWNE

- Spring Hootenannies**
Thursdays, 7pm-9pm.....April 2 thru June 25
- MayFest 5K Run**
Saturday, 8am.....May 9
- MayFest Festival**
Saturday, 9am-5pm.....May 9
- Rocking on the Roost Summer Concerts**
Fridays, 7pm-9pm.....June 5 thru June 26
- Farmers Market**
Saturdays, 8am-1pm.....May 16 thru Oct 17

Celebrate Your Independence

Olive Branch City Park
Monday, 6:30pm - 9:30pm.....July 4

MAYOR/BOARD of ALDERMEN

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Apr. 5
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Apr. 19
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....May 3
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....May 17
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....June 7
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....June 21
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....July 5
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....July 19
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Aug. 2
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Aug. 16
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Sept. 6
- Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Sept. 20

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

- Tuesday, 6pm.....Apr. 12
- Tuesday, 6pm.....May 10
- Tuesday, 6pm.....June 14
- Tuesday, 6pm.....July 12
- Tuesday, 6pm.....Aug. 9
- Tuesday, 6pm.....Sept. 13

BOARD of ADJUSTMENT

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

- Thursday, 6pm.....April 14
- Thursday, 6pm.....May 12
- Thursday, 6pm.....June 9
- Thursday, 6pm.....July 14
- Thursday, 6pm.....Aug. 11
- Thursday, 6pm.....Sept. 8

GAMBONE NEW CITY PLANNING DIRECTOR



JASON GAMBONE
Director of Planning and Development

On November 30th of last year, Jason Gambone became the new Director of Planning and Development for the City of Olive Branch. Jason was previously employed by the City of Collierville where he was the Development Director for seven years. He is originally from Canton, Ohio where he graduated from Canton Central Catholic High School before attending Ohio State University where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degrees in City and Regional Planning. He is an avid college sports fan and loves the Ohio State Buckeyes (his dog is named Buckeye, what else?). He also supports the University of Memphis and has started following area teams from Mississippi as well. He and wife Nancy have a 19 year old son, Tyler. They are excited about coming to Olive Branch and look forward to living here and becoming part of the Olive Branch community. ☺

INDIAN STATUE IN OLD TOWNE



On April 12, 1836,
Chickasaw Indian Chief Lush-Pun-Tubby
sold 2,209 acres to
Stephen Flinn and Milton Blocker.
This area is now known as
Olive Branch, Mississippi.
This statue is dedicated to his memory.

Owner of the old Cotton Gin in Old Towne, James Connelly, recently installed a life-size bronze statue of an Indian on a pile of stones in his parking lot to commemorate the memory of Chickasaw Indian, Lush Pun Tubby. In April of 1836, brothers-in-law Stephen Flinn and Milton Blocker and their families were the first settlers into the area that would later become Olive Branch. They left their farms in Limestone County, Alabama and traveled by flatboat up the Tennessee River to the Ohio River and down the Ohio and the Mississippi to Memphis where they loaded their belongings into wagons and headed down Pigeon Roost road into the land of the Chickasaw Cession. By chance they met up with Lush Pun Tubby and purchased two sections (1,281 acres) of land from him for \$1.25 an acre and the rest is history. ☺

DON'T FORGET

OLIVE BRANCH CITY PARK MONDAY JULY 4th 6:30pm - 9:30pm

CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

OLIVE BRANCH SALES TAX...7%

MEMPHIS SALES TAX.....9.25%

Please

Patronize our Local Businesses

**MONEY SPENT IN OLIVE BRANCH
Benefits Everyone in Olive Branch**

From the Roost, the City of Olive Branch Newsletter, is published bi-annually, inhouse, by the City of Olive Branch as a means of keeping its citizens aware and informed. We welcome any critique and suggestions regarding articles and content at 662 892-9382 or bcruithrds@obms.us

CITY EMPLOYEE WILLIE BROWN RETIRES



WILLIE BROWN
Street Services Manager

On February 29th of this year, after 35 years of employment with the City of Olive Branch, Willie Brown called it a career and retired. He came to work for the City in 1981 during the first term of the administration of former Mayor, Milton Nichols. Over the years he worked his way up to become Manager of the City's Street Services Department. Boo-Jack, as he is known to the old-timers, was soft spoken and easy going, and according to those he worked for, "worth his weight in gold" when it came to getting the job done. Liked and respected by co-workers and citizens of the Olive Branch community alike, he will be missed and long remembered. ☺

FIVE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME FOR 2015



BILL G. ALLEN
9/21/1924 - 2/10/2016



JIMMY NEAL ANDREWS
1/27/1939 - 1/20/2015



WALTER S. CARTER, Jr.
4/9/1915 - 4/23/2004



RUBY B. CHAIN
1/19/1905 - 1/3/1999



WENDELL W. DAVIS
1/25/1941

On Thursday evening April 21st in ceremonies open to the public at the new Courthouse at 6900 Highland, the above shown 2015 Olive Branch Hall of Fame Inductees were inducted into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame. It is the highest honor the City can bestow upon one of its citizens. Each year, five of Olive Branch's citizens, living or deceased, are inducted into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame in recognition of their contribution toward making Olive Branch the City it is today. Including the five 2015 inductees, there are now 50 members of the Olive Branch Hall of Fame (16 still living, shown in bold type below).

Members of the Olive Branch Hall of Fame, and the year they were inducted, are:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BILL G. ALLEN 2015 | MARTHOLA ALLEN 2014 | HELEN D. ALLISON 2012 | JIMMY NEAL ANDREWS 2015 |
| BILLY W. BALDWIN 2014 | DRUE D. BIRMINGHAM Jr. 2012 | BILLIE B. BLOCKER 2010 | MILTON S. BLOCKER 2007 |
| PERRY LEE BOWLAN 2014 | LEMOYNE BRIGANCE 2011 | FRANK J. BROWN Jr. 2008 | SARAH J. CAMP 2010 |
| WALTER S. CARTER, Jr. 2015 | B. J. CHAIN, Sr. 2007 | RUBY B. CHAIN 2015 | BILL E. CRUTHIRDS, Sr. 2008 |
| SCOTTIE C. DAVIDSON 2008 | WENDELL W. DAVIS 2015 | JAMES A. DODDORIDGE, Sr. 2010 | STEPHEN FLINN 2007 |
| Dr. D. C. FUNDERBURK 2009 | G. P. GILLESPIE 2013 | E. FORREST HAMILTON 2009 | A. MAURY HARAWAY 2010 |
| Dr. ELTON L. HARRIS 2012 | GEORGE M. HARRISON 2009 | JOYCE H. HASLIP 2012 | M. C. HERRINGTON 2007 |
| WAYNE D. HOLLOWELL 2014 | JAN R. JOHNSON 2007 | Dr. JULIAN F. JONES 2010 | BILL W. KERR 2008 |
| LUSH PUN TUBBY 2007 | ROBERT H. MARR 2011 | JOHN B. (Jack) McCAULEY 2007 | D. M. NICHOLS 2007 |
| ERLEND R. NICHOLS 2013 | G. B. PAYNE 2007 | H. GENE PHILLIPS 2011 | LESLIE POOL 2013 |
| SAM P. RIKARD 2009 | Dr. P. J. SCOTT 2012 | KENNETH W. SESSOM 2011 | HOMER D. SKELTON 2007 |
| BENJAMIN F. WESSON 2008 | G. E. (Mr. Eddie) WILLIAMS 2014 | JAMES E. WOODS 2009 | WALTON T. WOODS 2013 |
| MAURICE E. WOODSON 2011 | ALMA C. YOUNG 2013 | | |

Those inducted into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame for the year 2015 were:

Bill G. Allen (9/21/1924 - 2/10/2016), former Olive Branch Alderman and DeSoto Supervisor spent most of his life in Olive Branch as a community leader and respected businessman.

Jimmy Neal Andrews (1/27/1939 - 1/20/2015) was devoted to the youth of Olive Branch as a coach and member of the Olive Branch Sports Association. He served on the Board of the Northcentral Electrical Association for 24 years.

Walter S. Carter, Jr. (4/9/1915 - 4/23/2004) was a teacher and legendary football coach at Olive Branch High School. He was elected Superintendent of the DeSoto County Board of Education where he served for 12 years.

Ruby B. Chain (1/19/1905 - 1/3/1999), taught music and school in Olive Branch for 43 years. She served twice as President of the State PTA Organization.

Wendell W. Davis served for 42 years in the DeSoto County School System. He was a principal and teacher at both Olive Branch High School and Middle School.

The nominating process to select the next five Hall of Fame inductees for this year (2016) starts on June 1st when the Hall of Fame Nominating Board considers names for ballot nomination. The general public is asked to participate in the nominating process by clipping out the form below, entering the name of anyone you think to be worthy of the honor, and mailing it or returning it to O. B. Hall of Fame - Olive Branch City Hall - 9200 Pigeon Roost - Olive Branch, MS 38654 before June 1st. All names submitted will be considered by the Nominating Board.

- GILBERT ALLEN
- A. L. BRADY
- J. N. BROWN
- GEORGE COLLINS
- THOMAS D. DODDORIDGE
- Dr. GREG EVANS
- WILLIE GEORGE
- FLORENCE GOODWIN
- K. MCNEIL (Mac) HARAWAY
- JULIAN HARRIS
- JOHN CLARK HUDSON
- JAMES (Ock) HUNT
- HUGH KEATING
- MARTHA PEARL LANGSTON
- Dr. C. L. MAPLES
- WILL MAXWELL
- HAROLD NICHOLS
- T. H. NORVILLE
- JANICE PAYNE
- SCOTT B. PHILLIPS, Sr.
- DON SAPPINGTON
- RITA SCHELLY
- GARY SNYDER
- Dr. T. H. STUART
- SAM WARE
- Dr. W. T. WILKINS
- DAN WILLIAMS
- JIMMY DALE YOUNG

The 28 individuals listed at left received at least one vote in the 2015 Hall of Fame balloting and, as such, are carried forward in nomination for 2016. They do not need to be renominated:

I would like to recommend the following person to the Hall of Fame Nominating Board for ballot nomination consideration for the 2016 Olive Branch Hall of Fame Inductee Election:

Mail to: HALL OF FAME - 9200 PIGEON ROOST - OLIVE BRANCH, MS. 38654 or drop by Olive Branch City Hall before June 1st.

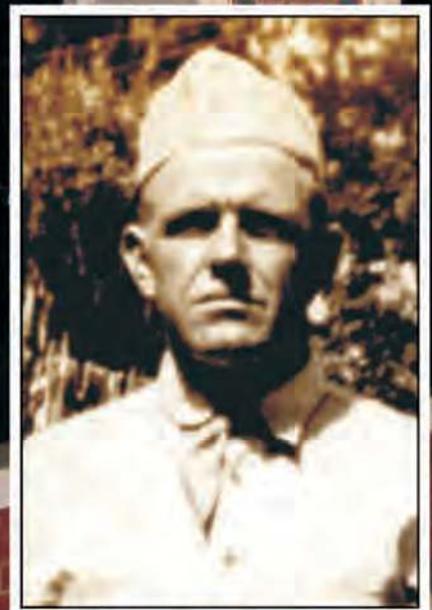
Name for Hall of Fame consideration _____ Date of birth and death _____
(if deceased, approx. if you don't know)

Please give us your name and phone number in the event we need more information. _____ Phone _____



TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

ROY WOODROW BELL entered the U. S. Army in June of 1942. After basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and additional training at Camp Blandings, Florida he was shipped to England as part of the 314th Infantry Regiment of the 79th Infantry Division. The 79th landed on Utah Beach in the Normandy Invasion and led the drive to capture the Cherbourg Peninsula. They fought their way across France, Holland, Germany and into Czechoslovakia, engaging in some of the heaviest fighting in the liberation of Europe. He was twice wounded and received the EAMETO Medal, two Purple Heart Medals, the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Unit Badge. Following the end of WWII he was returned to the U.S. and honorably discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in October of 1945 with the rank of Sergeant.



Sgt. ROY WOODROW BELL
10/30/1915 - 10/23/2001

To Whom We Owe So Much



BILL CRUTHIRDS, SR.
Curator - Olive Branch Museum

On the front lawn of the Olive Branch City Hall is a circular area known as Veterans Plaza where the Olive Branch Veterans Monument is located. To my knowledge, it is the only Veterans Monument in DeSoto County. It is there as a memorial to all veterans who have ever served in the armed forces of this country and whose sacrifices have given us the freedoms that we all enjoy today. On the inside ground floor of City Hall, as a complement to the outside monument, is our Veterans Book of Honor which has a double-page spread showing a photo of each veteran and a narrative of his/her military service record. Listing in the Book of Honor is free to any veteran who will give us their information.

Today, all of our veterans from WWI are gone. Only 5% of our veteran men and women from the "Greatest Generation" who served this country in WWII are still alive and nearly 500 of them are leaving us every day. The percentage of those still living from the Korean War and Vietnam is higher, but time is beginning to take its toll of them as well. These veterans, and those who served before and after them in the 240 year history of this country, have never failed when called upon to defend this nation in time of peril. From the cold, starving winter at Valley Forge, the bloody battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, the carnage at Belleau Woods, the assault on the beaches at Normandy, the naval battle at Midway, the bloodletting on Okinawa, the deadly skies over Germany and the South Pacific, the frozen battle at Chosin Reservoir, the Jungles of Vietnam and the desert battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, the American soldier, sailor and airman has always been there as a bulwark against those who mean this nation harm. To quote a verse from the *Veterans Ode*



2015 Camp B.U.I.L.D., participants visit City Hall and the Veterans Monument

OLIVE BRANCH APPRECIATES

which is engraved on our Veterans Monument;

*From Valley Forge to Desert Storm,
in our darkest hours and time of need,
we give thanks to Almighty God
for sending to us those like these.*

Freedom is not free; never has been and never will be. We live in a dangerous world where there are people and groups who, given the opportunity, would not hesitate to destroy the United States of America and everything that we stand for. We are thankful that standing between us and those threats are the members of our armed forces who maintain constant vigilance and stand ready to defend with their lives those liberties and freedoms that we hold so dearly.

We have chosen to honor three of our veterans in this story to represent the many who are listed in our Veterans Book of Honor.



CMDM(AW/SW) KEVIN V. GUY

UNITED STATES NAVY



USS Cape St. George CG-71



USS Cole DDG-67



USS George Washington CVN-73



USS Wasp LHD-1



USS Carl Vinson CVN-70



Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9)

AND HONORS ITS VETERANS

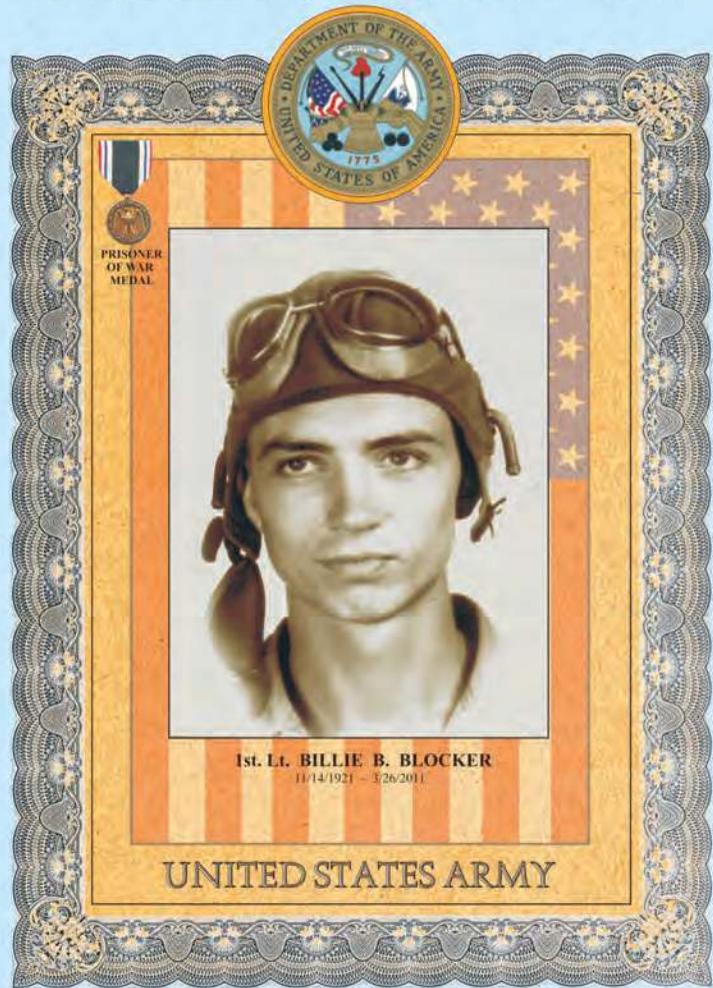
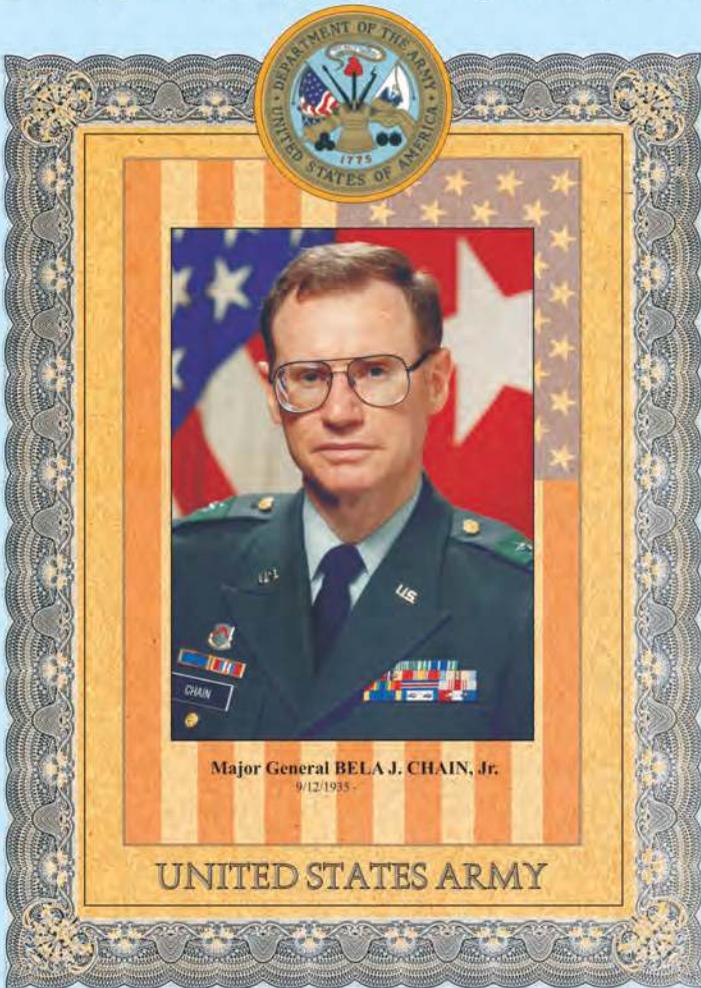
Master Chief **KEVIN V. GUY** was born in Brooklyn and reared in Olive Branch, graduating from OBHS in 1991 at which time he joined the U.S. Navy. He was promoted to 2nd Class Petty Officer in 1994 and has served on many U.S. Navy ships (shown below his photo on previous page) and in many leadership positions as he moved up through the ranks to attain the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer, the highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Navy. He is still on duty with the Navy and is stationed in California where he lives with his wife, **Lakia** and their three children.

Major General **BELA J. CHAIN, Jr.** was born and reared in Olive Branch. He graduated from OBHS in 1953 and attended Ole Miss where he received his commission as a 2nd Lt. from the Army ROTC program. After two years active duty, he came back and taught and coached for four years at OBHS. He joined the National Guard in 1961, served in various command and leadership positions for 32 years (see unit insignias below) and rose

through the ranks to become a Major General in 1992. He retired from Ole Miss as Director of Personnel and Associate Professor of Education. He and his wife **Barbara** live in Oxford.

1st. Lieutenant **BILLIE B. BLOCKER** was born and reared in Nash, Texas. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and was assigned to the 15th Air Force flying B-24 Liberator Bombers out of Spinazzola, Italy against German targets in Southern Europe. His bomber was shot down on his 26th mission over Vienna, Austria in June of 1944. Three crew members were killed and he and the others spent the rest of the war as German prisoners of war. Following the war, he married his sweetheart, **Wanda**, and was employed by American Airlines. They made their home in Olive Branch where they lived for 55 years until his death in 2011.

We honor these three men and the many others who have, and are continuing to serve our country. Let us never take for granted their service and the sacrifices they have made to keep this nation free.



B-24 LIBERATOR BOMBER WITH TAIL MARKING OF 46th BOMBARDMENT GROUP



U.S. 46th BOMBARDMENT GROUP



U.S. 15th AIR FORCE

WARD 3 ELECTS NEW ALDERWOMAN IN SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF

Following the death early this year of Ward 3 Alderman, Harold Henderson, the City scheduled a special election to fill the vacancy, as mandated by Mississippi State Law. Six residents of Ward 3 announced as candidates to fill the remaining 15 months of Henderson's four year term. The election was held on February 16th., with Harold Henderson's wife, Joy, coming in first with 40% of the vote. The others in order of finish were: Pat Sanford - 31%, Joyce Haslip - 9%, Thomas Shipp - 9%, Steve Davidson - 7% and Mike Hutchins - 4%. Since none of the candidates received the 50% plus 1 necessary to win the seat, a runoff election was held two weeks later on March 1st between the two top finishers, Joy Henderson and Pat Sanford. Joy Henderson won the runoff with 56% of the vote to become the new Alderwoman for Ward 3. She joins Ward 2 Alderwoman, Pat Hamilton, as the second woman presently serving on the Olive Branch Board of Aldermen.

Joy, formerly Joy Loftin, has lived in Olive Branch (and Ward 3) all her life. She and Harold were married for 47 years. They have three children, Will (Laura), Jay (Kati) and Leslie Smith (Brad) and six grandchildren. Joy retired from Holiday Executive Conference Center (now Whispering Woods Hotel) where she was employed for 26 years in their administration and sales departments.

She is anxious to carry out her campaign promise of representing Ward 3 with honesty and integrity and continuing the work of her late husband. ●



JOY HENDERSON
Alderwoman - Ward 3

Aldermen's Corner

This area of the Newsletter is open to all Olive Branch Aldermen for any comments or messages they wish to make to citizens of their wards or to citizens of the City as a whole.



Alderman
GEORGE COLLINS
At Large



Alderman
GIL EARHART
Ward 1



Alderwoman
PAT HAMILTON
Ward 2



Alderman
DAVID WALLACE
Ward 4



Alderman
MARK ALDRIDGE
Ward 5



Alderman
DALE DICKERSON
Ward 6

It is a great time to live in Olive Branch. I am fortunate that you have elected me to serve on the Board of Aldermen for the past 26 years and over that period of time I have seen a lot of changes in Olive Branch. I have seen us grow from 3,500 to over 34,000. I have seen us build fire and police organizations and public facilities that are ranked with the best in the state. I have seen us nationally ranked as one of the best communities in the nation to raise a family and as one of the fastest growing cities in the nation. And I have also seen us, as a city, go through the worst national recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s. It was a time when we had to put off things to get through a difficult period without having to raise taxes on our citizens, who we knew were having as difficult a time as individuals as we were as a city. We got through it and with the economy bouncing back, we are well on our way to catching up with things that were, of necessity, postponed. As always, Olive Branch is a great place to live and we are all fortunate to live here.

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We as a board, have been taking on the process of approving and implementing some exciting new projects. We have let the contract for the widening of Craft Road from Goodman Road north to the I-22 interchange at Craft Road. This four-lane road will allow traffic to flow more efficiently and allow the residents of Eastover to enter and leave their sub-division in a safer manner. Additionally, we are still overlaying streets and improving drainage to alleviate flooding in several areas. We continue to seek high quality retail shopping and dining experiences for our citizens as is seen in the Pleasant Hill/Goodman Road area. Also, you will see some new looks and dining opportunities at our City Park this summer. Olive Branch still continues to be a desirable place to reside and conduct business. Our goal is to maintain a wise path for business growth that is sustainable while not sacrificing, but improving the quality of life in an affordable manner for all.

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Spring is here! And, as usual, the damage done by the rain has taken its toll on the entire City, especially Ward 2. The City's limited resources have caused much frustration, however, the City does have a long-range storm water control plan and we are making progress as we address each of these areas. Our quality of life in Olive Branch draws business, as well as, residential development. So far this year the City has issued 79 new residential building permits and we have seen many new businesses open. Construction is under way for the much anticipated Fresh Market located east of Hobby Lobby. Repaving of many of our roads has made travel throughout the City more enjoyable. Engineering work is in progress on plans to repave Davidson Road from Goodman to State-line and Stateline from Davidson to Malone with work to begin in 2017. The much needed widening of Craft Road will begin this spring. It is a pleasure serving as your Alderwoman and as always, I welcome your e-mails and phone calls.

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662 895-5765

As winter winds down and spring approaches we enter into the City's fiscal year midpoint. The City's finances are sound. New homes continue to be built and new businesses continue to open or relocate to Olive Branch with quality of life, hometown atmosphere, public safety and location being the main reasons. We are narrowing this year's street repair projects down and should begin in mid to late spring. As you may know, a few weeks ago our City lost Alderman Harold Henderson. I would like to send my prayers out in regards to his family and ask God to watch over and comfort them. Our City lost a leader, role model and friend. It has been an honor to serve with him. He will be greatly missed. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. May God bless our City, our State and our Country.

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Dear Citizens, This has been a very difficult time for the City of Olive Branch Administration. On January 4th, Alderman Harold Henderson passed away due to complications from heart surgery. Harold was a good friend and devoted Alderman who really loved Olive Branch. You never had to guess where Harold stood on an issue because he would definitely tell you. He also was very devoted to his family and loved them very much. Please continue to pray for the family during this difficult time. While it was unfortunate that a special election was needed, I am very pleased that Joy Henderson was elected to finish her husband's term. Joy is a great person and will be an asset to the BOA. In business news, there will be more street paving coming with better weather. I'm also very excited about coming improvements to our City Park, including a dog park and a new playground. Have a great spring.

mark.aldridge@obms.us
901 831-8442

For the second time since I have been an Alderman, our City has suffered the loss of an Alderman during their term. Our City suffered a great loss with the recent passing of Alderman Harold Henderson. He was a coworker with me for many years at AT&T. He was also a former neighbor and teammate on athletic teams for several years. We will miss him on our Board. We welcome his wife, Joy, to the Board to serve out the remainder of his term. She will be an asset to the Board. She has pledged to work hard to fulfill Harold's commitment to the citizens of Olive Branch. In other news, our financial outlook continues to look good. Several eateries and businesses have opened up. Sales tax revenue continues to climb. Small business permits are leading the way with over 100 pulled in the last six months. There are some companies looking at Olive Branch that will create some really good job opportunities. I can be reached at the below numbers if you need me.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS ARMED FORCES VETERANS



Photo by Jay Nichols

Olive Branch Police Department Armed Forces Veterans gather at the Olive Branch Veterans Memorial on Veteran’s Day. They are l to r: Officer Andrew Artz, Officer Henry Minor, Officer Walter Medford, Lieutenant Toni Lesure, Officer Bruce Cheney, Officer Marcelo Mango, Sergeant Jamie Simmons, Officer Shannon Glode, Mayor Scott Phillips, Chief Don Gammage, Officer Benjamin Rushing, Officer James Sylvester, Officer Jeremy Grim, Officer Richard Manning, Sergeant Michael Aldridge, Officer Michael Walton, Detective Michael Meziere and Captain Jeff Abbott. Not present were Detective Mark Ayers and Officers Jason Smith, Amber Andry, Taylor Lawson, Samuel Harris and Sylvester Rose. ©

BOOK OF HONOR AT CITY HALL OPEN TO ALL VETERANS

There is no better way to honor the memory of our Veterans, living or dead, who served this country as members of our military, than by having them honored in our Veteran’s Book of Honor here at Olive Branch City Hall. Being listed in the Book of Honor is open to any Veteran who served as an active member of our armed forces, whether they live(ed) in Olive Branch, or somewhere else.

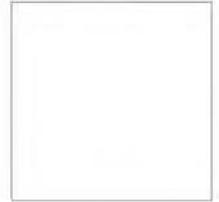
It costs you nothing to have your father, brother, sister, friend or whomever listed in our Veterans Book of Honor with a double page layout featuring his or her photograph along with a narrative of their service record. Once it is in the Book of Honor, it becomes a lasting memorial.

To honor a Veteran, pick up a Veteran’s Questionnaire at the Veterans Display in City Hall (or e-mail us bcruthirds@obms.us and we will send you one). Fill it out and return it to Bill Cruthirds at Olive Branch City Hall along with a photo of the Veteran (we will return the photo). We will do the research for the narrative from the information you give us. ©





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FROM THE ROOST

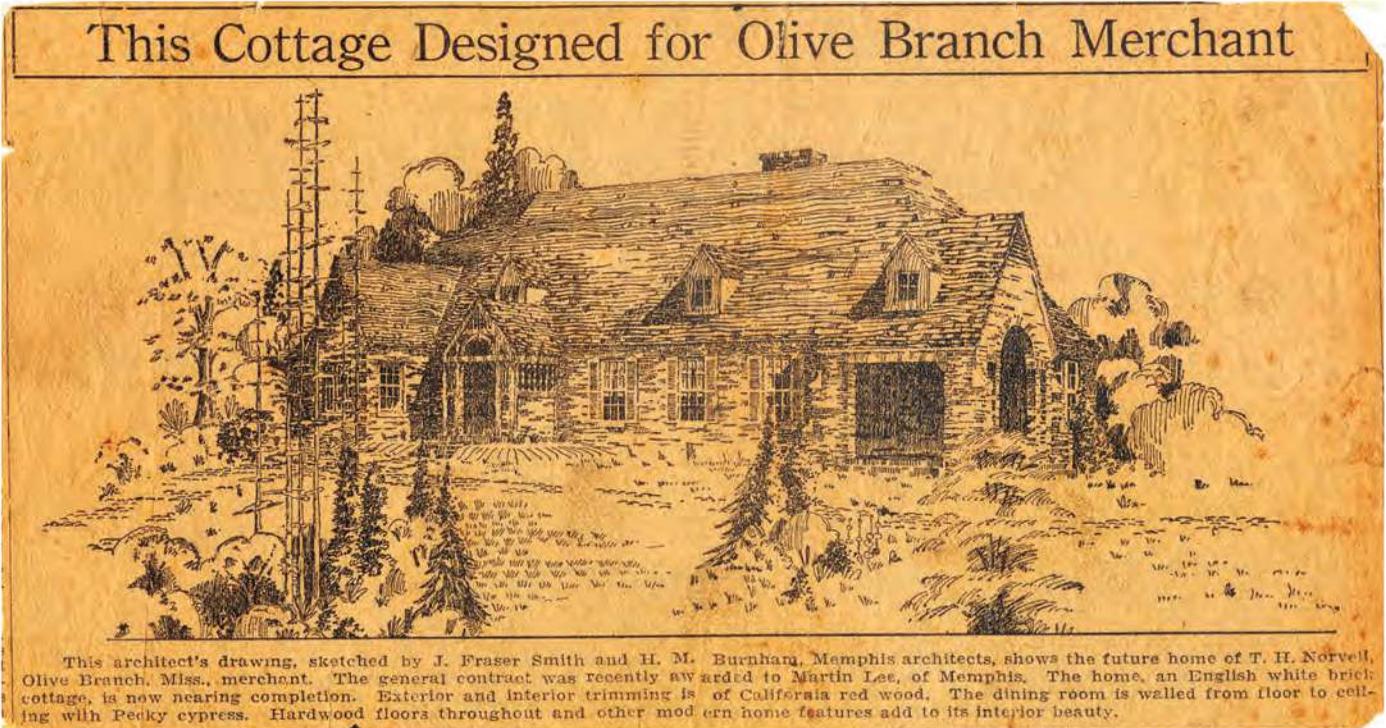
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This Cottage Designed for Olive Branch Merchant



This architect's drawing, sketched by J. Fraser Smith and H. M. Burnham, Memphis architects, shows the future home of T. H. Norvell, Olive Branch, Miss., merchant. The general contract was recently awarded to Martin Lee, of Memphis. The home, an English white brick cottage, is now nearing completion. Exterior and interior trimming is of California red wood. The dining room is walled from floor to ceiling with Pecky cypress. Hardwood floors throughout and other modern home features add to its interior beauty.

This drawing by noted Memphis architect, J. Fraser Smith, for the construction of the T. H. Norvell home in Olive Branch (now Trustmark Bank), appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal newspaper in 1930. The Norvell house was built that year on the site of the old Alan Dupree house which had been built there 92 years earlier in 1838.

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