



# NEWSLETTER

OF  
**OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI**  
9200 PIGEON ROOST - OLIVE BRANCH, MS 38654 - 662 892-9220  
ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

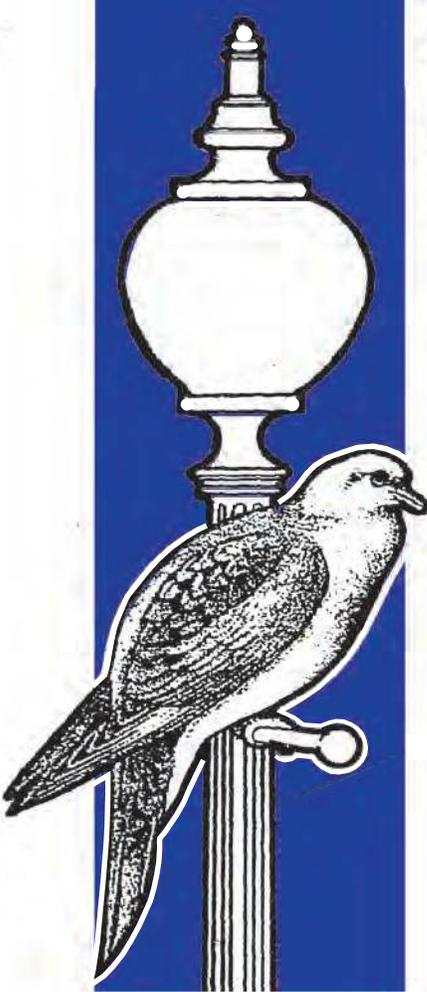
## Message From The Mayor.....

We will remember the days of June 12th and July 30th for many years. Many of you were personally touched by the two tornados that ravaged our neighborhoods. Each began as a typical summer day in Olive Branch but ended with lives being changed and property damaged. Thankfully, we were able to endure both events without serious injury. In a matter of seconds, the tall old trees that had been with us for decades were reduced to rubble and damage was caused to hundreds of homes. The citizens of Olive Branch responded quickly, neighbor helping neighbor, with some ignoring their own homes and choosing to make sure their neighbor was taken care of. The employees of the City of Olive Branch responded quickly and professionally. It did not matter what their specific job was, our employees just pitched in and spent long hours helping to remove debris and bringing Olive Branch back to normal. Our police and fire departments responded immediately to address the safety and personal concerns of our citizens. All of our other departments did the same. Each employee worked diligently and safely to assist their neighbors and I appreciate each one of them for their dedication. *Governor Barbour* was quoted numerous times after *Hurricane Katrina* about our can-do Mississippi attitude. He said: "*Mississippians just hitched up their britches and went to work*". We did it then, and Olive Branch employees did the same thing during these two events.

I want to thank all of them for their service. ☺



Mayor SAM RIKARD



## FIVE SELECTED FOR 2009 INDUCTION INTO OLIVE BRANCH HALL OF FAME

# HALL OF FAME



**Dr. D. C. FUNDERBURK**  
10/20/1888 - 2/19/1960



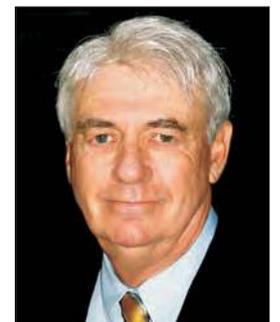
**EUGENE FORREST HAMILTON**  
7/4/41 -



**GEORGE M. HARRISON**  
10/18/23 - 12/16/02



**SAM P. RIKARD**  
3/11/54 -



**JAMES E. WOODS**  
6/21/41 -

**2009  
Calendar of Events  
in and around Olive Branch  
through March, 2010**

**EVENTS IN OLD TOWN**

Hootenanny, Thursday 7:00pm.....Oct. 1  
Old Towne Fall/Christmas Open House,  
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm.....Nov. 14  
Sunday 12noon - 4:00pm.....Nov. 15

**OCTOBERFEST** (Olive Branch City Beautiful)

Olive Branch City Park  
Saturday, 9am - 4pm.....Oct. 3

**WESSON HOUSE OPEN HOUSE**

Olive Branch City Beautiful  
Thursday, 5:30pm - 7pm ..... Dec. 3

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

Olive Branch City Hall  
Thursday, 7pm.....Dec.3

**CHRISTMAS PARADE** (Chamber of Commerce)

Saturday, 2pm.....Dec. 5

**MAYOR/BOARD of ALDERMEN**

**Regular Meetings**

City Courtroom at 9245 Pigeon Roost Avenue

Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Oct. 6  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Oct. 20  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Nov. 3  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Nov. 17  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Dec. 1  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Dec. 15  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Jan. 5  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Jan. 19  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Feb. 2  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Feb. 16  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Mar. 2  
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Mar. 16

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Regular Meetings**

City Courtroom at 9245 Pigeon Roost Avenue

Tuesday, 6pm.....Oct. 13  
Tuesday, 6pm.....Nov. 10  
Tuesday, 6pm.....Dec. 8  
Tuesday, 6pm.....Jan. 12  
Tuesday, 6pm.....Feb. 9  
Tuesday, 6pm.....Mar. 9

**BOARD of ADJUSTMENT**

**Regular Meetings**

City Courtroom at 9245 Pigeon Roost Avenue

Thursday, 6pm.....Oct. 8  
Thursday, 6pm.....Nov. 12  
Thursday, 6pm.....Dec. 10  
Thursday, 6pm.....Jan. 14  
Thursday, 6pm.....Feb. 11  
Thursday, 6pm.....Mar. 11

*Please*

Patronize our Local Businesses

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

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**GEORGE COLLINS - MML HALL OF FAME**

George Collins was inducted into the *Mississippi Municipal League's Hall of Fame* recently at the *MML Annual Conference* held in Biloxi.

The *MML Hall of Fame* was established to recognize municipal elected officials who have served in office twenty years or more. **George** was first elected as an Olive Branch *Alderman* in 1989. He was recently re-elected to his sixth, four-year term.

Established in 1931, *MML* represents 288 city, town and village governments in Mississippi. The mission of the *MML* is to help cities and towns excel through training, technological assistance and legislative advocacy. ☺



**FIFTY YEAR REUNION - OBHS CLASS OF 59**



**CAROLINE COLLINS**  
WILLOUGHBY  
CRESTVIEW, FL

**JOAN EASON**  
HACKER  
OLIVE BRANCH, MS

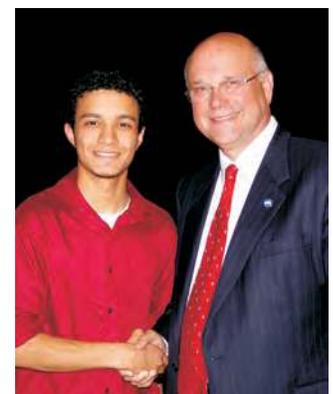
**JEAN HARAWAY**  
DAUGHERTY  
TAMPA, FL

**MARGARET (SISSY)**  
BRIDGEFORTH SANFORD  
PLESANT HILL, MS

**NANCY BREWER**  
EVANS  
MIDLOTHIAN, VA

**GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Mayor Rikard is shown at right congratulating **Gustavo Salazar** of *Olive Branch High School*, winner of one of only four *Gates Millennium Scholarships* awarded to students in the *State of Mississippi* in 2009. The scholarships, established by a one billion dollar grant in 1999 by the *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*, is to promote academic excellence and provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students to obtain full doctorate degrees at any college or university of the recipient's choosing. The scholarships place special emphasis on *Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Library Science, Mathematics, Public Health and Science*. ☺



Gustavo Salazar and Mayor SAM RIKARD

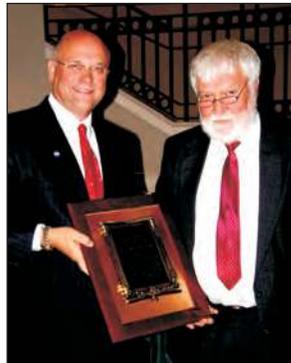
**OLIVE BRANCH HALL OF FAME SELECTS FIVE**

Each year five individuals (living or deceased) are selected for induction into the *Olive Branch Hall of Fame*. It is the highest honor the City can bestow upon one of its citizens. The selection process starts each year with the April 1st publication of the *Spring/Summer City Newsletter*, when the general public is asked to make recommendations of deserving individuals. Those names are submitted to a seven (7) member *Nominating Committee*, each of whom submits five (5) names in nomination. Those names are added to the names of any individuals who received at least one vote in the previous years *Hall of Fame* balloting to make up the full slate of nominees for the ballot. This year there were thirty-eight (38) names in nomination. The balloting is by the seven (7) member *Hall of Fame Board* plus any living member of the *Olive Branch Hall of Fame*. This year, twenty-one (21) individuals (names listed here) were not selected for induction, but received at least one vote in the balloting. Their names will be carried forward in nomination to next year.

DREW BIRMINGHAM, SR. - BILLIE BLOCKER - LEMOYNE BRIGANCE - SARAH CAMP - Dr. GREG EVANS - G.P. GILLESPIE - MAURY HARAWAY - Dr. ELTON HARRIS - JOYCE HASLIP - WAYNE HOLLOWELL - LILIAN HUDSON - Dr. JULIAN JONES - ROBERT MARR - T.H. NORVILLE - H. GENE PHILLIPS - LESLIE POOL - DON SAPPINGTON - Dr. P.J. SCOTT - KENT SESSOM - W. T. WOODS - ALMA YOUNG

The names of the *Hall of Fame* inductees will be engraved on the bronze *Hall of Fame Plaque* located in the rotunda of City Hall and their photograph and a narrative of their life entered in the *Hall of Fame Honor Book*.

The induction of the 2009 inductees will be at the Induction Ceremonies to be held at City Hall in April of 2010 (exact time and date announced later). ●



Photos from the Induction Ceremonies for the 2008 Inductees (FRANK BROWN, BILL CRUTHIRDS, SCOTTIE DAVIDSON, BILL KERR and BENJAMIN WESSON) held in April of 2009 at City Hall.

**NEW FEATURE TO HONOR WW-II VETERANS**

With this issue and all future issues of your *City Newsletter*, we plan to pay tribute to one of the *WW-II Veterans* who are listed in our *Veteran's Book of Honor* at Olive Branch City Hall and who live in the Olive Branch area. Around the nation, these men and women who went to war more than a half-century ago to literally save civilization, are leaving us at the rate of over 1,800 every day, so it is fitting that we bestow upon them this recognition and honor while they are still with us. ●



**BILLIE B. BLOCKER** joined the *U.S. Army* in April of 1942. He was assigned to the *Army Air Corps* and went through pilot training at *Ft. Hamilton, NY, Shaw Field, SC, George Field, IL, and Westover Field, MA*. He completed his training to fly the *B-24 Liberator Bomber* at *Pueblo Air Base, CO*. He was shipped overseas to the *460th Bomber Group* of the *15th Air Force* flying out of *Spinazzola, Italy* against enemy targets in southern *Europe*. His crew flew twenty-five combat missions before being shot down by *German* fighter aircraft over *Vienna, Austria* in June of 1944. **Blocker** and six members of the crew were able to bail out of the burning plane and were captured by the *Germans*. *First Pilot, Jack Smith*, and two gunners were killed when the plane crashed. **Blocker** spent the next eleven months in prison camps in *Germany* and *Poland* before being liberated by *Patton's Third Army* at the war's end. He returned to the U.S. and was given the *Air Medal* and discharged in *San Antonio, TX* with the rank of *1st Lieutenant* in 1945.

**Billie Blocker** presently lives in *Olive Branch*.



1st Lt. **BILLIE B. BLOCKER**

*To Whom We Owe So Much*

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO RIGHT A WRONG, IS IT ????????



**BILL CRUTHIRDS, SR.**  
Curator - Olive Branch Museum

This story is about a baseball game that took place on June 5, 1952, but it all started back in 1946. *World War II* was over and thousands of young servicemen were coming home to find jobs and get on with their lives. One of those young men, fresh out of the army was *Olive Branch* native, **Maury Haraway**. He managed to find a job as a teacher at *Olive Branch High School*. Six years later, in 1952, *Olive Branch School Superintendent*, and high school baseball coach, **B. J. Chain** gave up the coaching job creating an opening for a new baseball coach. **Maury** had been coaching girls basketball and knew a thing or two about baseball, so he applied for, and was hired as the new baseball coach. *Olive Branch's* population in the 50s and 60s was around 500, and even though the school drew students from outside the City, it was still hard some years to find enough kids with baseball skills to even field a baseball team, let alone be competitive on the State level, but that is exactly what happened. Despite **Maury's** modest claims of having limited coaching skills, he managed to turn his teams into over-achievers, winning 317 games in his 19 year coaching career at *Olive Branch High School* (average of nearly 17 wins per season). You don't accomplish something like that unless you are a pretty good coach. Years later he would say that he got the most out of his players by convincing them that it was "God's game plan", although he probably never explained to them why God would take sides in a high school baseball game. He never had a losing season and won ten *District Championships*, six *North Mississippi Championships* and took the *Olive Branch Eagles* to the *State Championship Series* six times without ever winning the *State Title* .....except for that time in 1952, and that is the reason for this story.

The 1952 *Olive Branch* team, **Haraway's** first, was one of his better teams, maybe not his best, but certainly in that category. They had been *Runner-up State Champions* the year before under Coach **Chain**. As was nearly always the case, the team was few in number and liberally sprinkled with juniors and sophomores, and if a player was

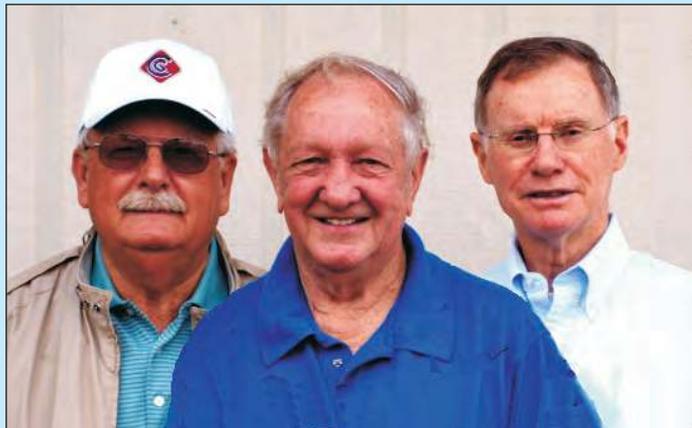
sick or out of town and someone got hurt, he had a hard time fielding a team. That year, behind the solid pitching of **Richard Shelton** and backup, **Russell Rikard**, the team won its conference, and its district, and then took the *North Mississippi* title, earning a trip to the *State Championship* three-game series against *Mississippi* perennial baseball powerhouse, the *Jackson Central Tigers*. In the early 1950s, *Jackson Central* was the only high school in *Jackson, MS*, a city of upward of 100,000 people. It was truly a *David and Goliath* matchup, and **Haraway**, no doubt, played upon that in preparing his team for the tournament. A flip of a coin determined the first game would be played in *Olive Branch*, the second in *Jackson* and the third, if necessary, on a neutral site in *Greenwood*.



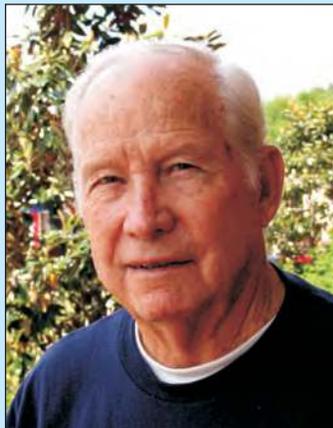
**MAURY HARAWAY**  
Baseball Coach - Olive Branch High School

For now, I am going to skip over the first game and come back to it later because, as I have said, that game is the reason for this story. *Olive Branch* won the second game in *Jackson* by a score of 9 to 7. *Jackson Central* won the third game, 7 to 3 at the neutral site in *Greenwood*. That leaves that all-important first game that was played in *Olive Branch*.

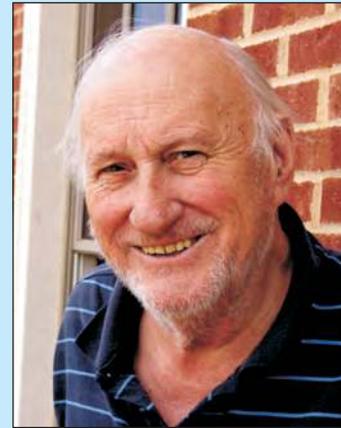
An overflow crowd of *Olive Branch* fans cheered wildly on that sun-drenched June day 57 years ago, as the *Eagles* battled the *Tigers* toe to toe, inning after inning, with the lead shifting back and forth. It was a rematch of the 1951 *State Championship Series* between these same two teams which had been won by *Jackson* a year ago. This year would be different as *Olive Branch* took the game into the top of the seventh, and final, inning leading 4 to 3, just three outs away from victory. *Olive Branch* pitcher, **Richard Shelton**, though beginning to tire, was still throwing hard and managed to get two men out but then gave up two hits in a row to *Tiger* batters **Stanley** and **Kinard** (later of *Ole Miss* fame), allowing *Jackson* to get runners on second and third. Just one out away from an *Olive Branch* win, with two runners on base, *Jackson's* dangerous clean-up batter **Kirkland** came to bat. The crowd, sensing victory, held its breath as **Kirkland** completed his warm-up swings and stepped up to the plate.



Center Fielder: JACK LOWRY, Right Fielder: MARVIN WATSON, Shortstop: BUDDY CHAIN



Second Baseman: RALPH WOODS



Pitcher: RICHARD SHELTON

The count may have gone to three and two, but no one remembers, and it really doesn't matter. What matters is that, with the game on the line, **Shelton** took his stretch, held the runner at third, reached deep for everything he had left, and unleashed a high, hard, blazing fast ball right down the middle that **Kirkland** slammed, as a screaming line drive, over second base into short center field. The outfield was playing in tight and *Olive Branch* center fielder, **Jack Lowry** got a good jump on the ball and racing toward the infield and the sinking line drive, made a diving shoe-string catch and came up holding the ball high in the air as he was mobbed by his teammates and overjoyed spectators who had rushed onto the field. **Olive Branch had won! Olive Branch had won! The game was over** .....or was it? While all the victory celebrating was going on, the two *Jackson* base runners crossed the plate. It seems the one person on the field that day who thought **Lowry** trapped the ball, instead of catching it, was the field umpire nearest the play (who just happened to have driven up from *Jackson* to call the game). It was his call to make, and he ruled it a trapped ball and not a catch, and his was the ruling that stood. Instead of the game being over, the *Tigers* led it 5 to 4. Coach **Haraway** finally managed to calm his team down enough to continue the game. The next batter flew out to center field leaving **Kirkland** on base and ending the inning. *Olive Branch* scored one run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 5 all, and send it into extra innings. *Jackson* would score an unanswered run in the tenth and win the game 6 to 5, and ultimately the *1952 State Championship* on a bad call.

*Olive Branch* players **Buddy Chain**, **Marvin Watson** and **Jack Lowry**, all of whom live in the *Oxford* area, had a reunion of sorts in April of this year, and the game and the play was replayed over and over again, with **Lowry** just as adamant now as he was 57 years ago: "I caught the ball". Both **Chain** and **Watson** agreed. Second baseman **Ralph Woods**, who lives in *Olive Branch* today and who was probably closest to **Lowry** when he made the catch, said there is no doubt in his mind that he caught it. Pitcher **Richard Shelton**, also an *Olive Branch* native, remembers it like it was yesterday: "**Jack Lowry caught the ball**".

It is never too late to right a wrong. On October 1, 2009, based upon the irrefutable testimony of five who were there, *Olive Branch* Mayor **Sam Rikard** issued a *Proclamation*, proclaiming *Olive Branch High School* the winner of the baseball game played in *Olive Branch* on June 5, 1952, a date two years before he was born. Based upon this *Proclamation*, that would make *Olive Branch High School* the *1952 State Baseball Champions*.



Mayor SAM RIKARD signs Proclamation

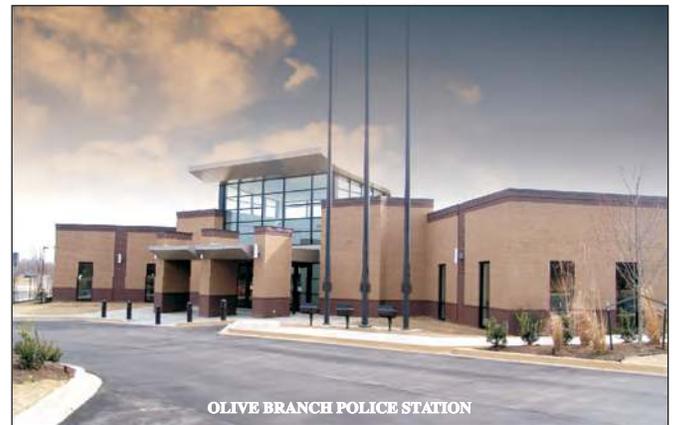
Photo of 1952 Olive Branch High School Eagle Baseball Team on Page 8  
The author wishes to thank BUDDY CHAIN for the historical information contained in this article.

GAMMAGE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

At the July 7th meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman, Assistant Police Chief, **Don Gammage** was appointed to replace **Art Heun** as *Olive Branch's* new Chief of Police. **Gammage** was first hired as a *Patrolman* in the *Olive Branch Police Department* by former Police Chief, **Frank Brown** in 1992. **Don** plans to continue and build upon the high standards of organization and crime prevention that have been established in the *Olive Branch Police Department* which resulted recently in the *Department* becoming only the ninth law enforcement organization in *Mississippi* to become nationally accredited. He intends to improve *Neighborhood Watch* programs and to make the *Department* more visible in the community. **Don**, and all the members of the *Department* are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new *Police Department Building* at 10470 Highway 178. ☺



DON GAMMAGE  
Olive Branch Chief of Police



OLIVE BRANCH POLICE STATION

FROM OLIVE BRANCH STREETS TO MPD

**Dixee** is one of ten "drug dogs" serving with the *Memphis Police Department*, and she ranks as one of their best. She is a Labrador/hound mix of uncertain lineage. In early 2009, she was picked up running loose by *Olive Branch Animal Control* and taken to the *Animal Shelter* where she stayed, unclaimed for over a month. *Olive Branch Animal Control Supervisor*, **Debbie Holden**, works with various dog rescue groups in the area, and was able to place **Dixee** with the *Tipton County Dogs 2nd Chance Program*. *2nd Chance Director*, **Linda Sutpin** realized **Dixee** was a special dog and began fostering her in her home. She mentioned to *Memphis Police Department* narcotics dog trainer, **Sgt. Keith Watson**, that he might be interested in looking at **Dixee**. He liked what he saw and now, after a vigorous training program, **Dixee** is a valued member of the *Memphis Police Department Narcotics Squad*. ☺



DIXEE

**OLIVE BRANCH ELECTION PRODUCES CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT**

The City of Olive Branch is governed by a Mayor and seven (7) Aldermen. One (1) Alderman is elected "At Large" and six (6) represent geographical wards. During elections held earlier this year, the incumbent Mayor and three (3) incumbent Aldermen were reelected. Four (4) new Aldermen/Alderwomen were elected (shown blue below).



**SAM RIKARD**  
Mayor



**GEORGE COLLINS**  
Alderman at Large



**DON TULLOS**  
Alderman - Ward 1



**PAT HAMILTON**  
Alderwoman - Ward 2

**MAYOR SAM RIKARD**.....662 892-9201.....srikard@obms.us  
Aldermen/Alderwomen

**AT LARGE - GEORGE COLLINS**.....662 895-3308.....gcollins@obms.us

**WARD 1 - DON TULLOS**.....662 892-9216.....dtullos@obms.us

**WARD 2 - PAT HAMILTON**.....662 895-5765.....phamilton@obms.us

**WARD 3 - HAROLD HENDERSON**.....662 895-5653.....hhenderson@obms.us

**WARD 4 - MAURICE WALLACE**.....662 895-2602.....mwallace@obms.us

**WARD 5 - SUSAN JOHNSON**.....901 336-3213.....sjohnson@obms.us

**WARD 6 - DALE DICKERSON**.....662 895-2543.....ddickerson@obms.us



**HAROLD HENDERSON**  
Alderman - Ward 3



**MAURICE WALLACE**  
Alderman - Ward 4



**SUSAN JOHNSON**  
Alderwoman - Ward 5



**DALE DICKERSON**  
Alderman - Ward 6

**Alderman/Alderwoman comments:**

**Dale Dickerson:** As I begin my second term, I would like to remind citizens in Ward 6 that I am available to speak to your homeowner groups if you would like me to. These meetings allow me to meet more of you and for you to receive more detailed information than you can get from the news media about city business. You may reach me at home at 895-2543 or email ddickerson@obms.us. Please contact me if I can help in any way.

**Pat Hamilton:** Serving as a newly elected member of the Board of Aldermen for the past three months has been a very exciting time of getting to know each of you and learning more about our great city. Many of you have shared your email addresses with me for updates on the city agenda. If you are interested in being

added to this email list please email me your address to phamilton@obms.us. As we approach the upcoming holiday season, I would like to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Thank you, Pat

**Don Tullos:** As your new Alderman in Ward 1, I would like to thank you for your prayers, support and vote. If you would like to be added to my email communication to get update on what is going on in Olive Branch please send an email to dtullos@obms.us <mailto:dtullos@obms.us> with your name, address and phone number. If you should need to contact me please call 662-892-9216. Thank you - Don Tullos

**Happenings Around Town** Events scheduled for Olive Branch between now and the end of the year that you do not want to miss.

OLIVE BRANCH CITY BEAUTIFUL  
presents 27th Annual

**October Fest**

OLIVE BRANCH CITY PARK - Oct 3rd 10 am - 4 pm

- Arts & Crafts
- Musical Entertainment
- Kiddies Games
- Quilt Competition
- Photography Contest
- Food Vendors

**OLIVE BRANCH OLD TOWNE**

Presents



**Fall/Christmas**  
OPEN HOUSE

Start the Holiday Season  
by visiting the shops and  
businesses of Old Towne

Nov 14 Saturday 10am - 4pm  
Nov 15 Sunday 12noon - 4pm

**Santa Claus**  
in  
**Old Towne**

Kids have photo taken with Santa

December 7-8-9-10, Mon thru Thurs  
3:30 until 7:00 pm

2009

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING @ CITY HALL**

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 3rd at 7pm

Immediately Following City Beautiful's WESSON HOUSE Open House from 5:30pm until 7pm  
Caroling by the First Baptist Church Celebration Choir - Music inside City Hall by John Gay

33rd Annual **OLIVE BRANCH**  
**Christmas Parade**

Saturday, December 5th - 2 pm

This year's Parade is limited to 100 entries. Call 662 895-2600 to register

***Whom do I call?***

AIRPORTS, Memphis International.....	901 922-8000	POISON CONTROL.....	901 528-6048
Olive Branch.....	895-2978	POLICE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch	
AMBULANCE, Olive Branch Fire Department.....	895-4111	Dispatcher (Emergency / Report crime).....	895-4111
Emergency.....	911	Emergency.....	911
AMBULANCE BILLING.....	892-9236	POST OFFICE, Olive Branch.....	890-5493
ANIMAL CONTROL, Olive Branch.....	895-4582	PROPERTY TAX, DeSoto County (Olive Branch).....	893-8989
After Hours and Emergencies.....	895-4111	SCHOOLS, Olive Branch area	
ARTS COUNCIL, Olive Branch.....	662 404-2787	Chickasaw Elementary.....	895-6664
AUTOMOBILE and VEHICLE TAGS, Olive Branch.....	893-8989	Olive Branch Elementary.....	895-2256
BUILDING PERMITS, Olive Branch.....	892-9333	Olive Branch Intermediate.....	893-1221
BUSINESS LICENSES, Olive Branch.....	892-9238	Olive Branch Middle School.....	895-4610
CABLE TELEVISION, Comcast.....	901 259-2225	Olive Branch High.....	893-3344
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Olive Branch.....	895-2600	Center Hill Elementary.....	890-7705
CITY COURT CLERK, Olive Branch, Judy Jeans.....	893-5223	Center Hill Middle School.....	890-2490
CITY ENGINEER, Olive Branch, Steve Bigelow.....	892-9352	Center Hill High.....	890-2490
CONGRESSMAN, U. S., Travis Childers.....	662 449-3090	DeSoto Central Elementary.....	349-6234
CRIMESTOPPERS, DeSoto County.....	429-8477	DeSoto Central Middle School.....	349-6660
CUSTOMER SERVICE, Olive Branch, Lynn Cannon.....	895-0036	DeSoto Central High.....	536-3612
DRIVERS LICENSE, Mississippi, Olive Branch.....	890-7211	Pleasant Hill Elementary.....	890-9654
ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE		Lewisburg Elementary.....	895-8750
Northcentral MS Electrical Power Association.....	895-2151	Lewisburg Middle School.....	890-6708
Emergencies (Night-Weekend-Holiday).....	1 866 438-2642	Lewisburg High.....	890-6708
FIRE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch		Overpark Elementary.....	890-8745
Dispatcher (Fire or Ambulance).....	895-4111	SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT, DeSoto County	
Emergency.....	911	Milton Kuykendall.....	429-5271
GARBAGE COLLECTION, (Not Trash).....	892-9305	SENATORS, U. S.	
GOLF COURSES, Olive Branch, Cherokee Valley.....	893-4444	Thad Cochran.....	236-1018
Olive Branch Country Club....	895-6525	Roger Wicker.....	202 224-6253
Plantation.....	895-3530	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.....	890-7182
Wedgewood.....	895-7490	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DeSoto County.....	429-1470
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC, Olive Branch.....	895-3090	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.....	866 739-4771
Hernando.....	429-9814	SOCIAL SERVICES	
HOMELAND SECURITY (Chief of Police), Don Gammage.....	895-4045	DeSoto Sunrise Homes.....	429-3609
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, DeSoto County.....	429-1335	Emergency Food Ministry.....	895-2913
JUSTICE COURT JUDGE, Ken Adams.....	393-5810	Sacred Heart Southern Mission.....	893-0255
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**Runner-up Mississippi State Champions**

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 Bottom Row (L to R): Manager Bobby Joe Carson, cf Jack Lowry, 2b Ralph Woods, 3b Jimmy Carson, of Jimmy Young  
 Not Pictured: 1b Cornell Daughtry, p Russell Rikard, of Carl Greenwood, if Lemoyne Brigance



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