

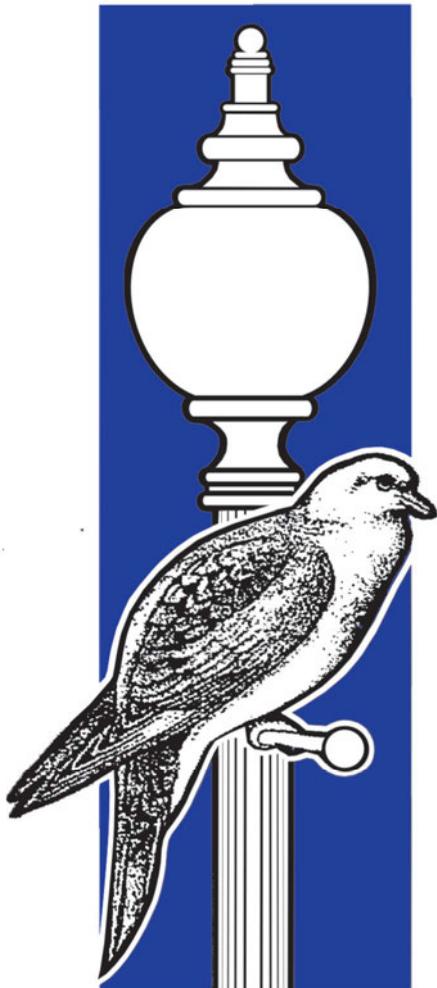


NEWSLETTER

OF OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI

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

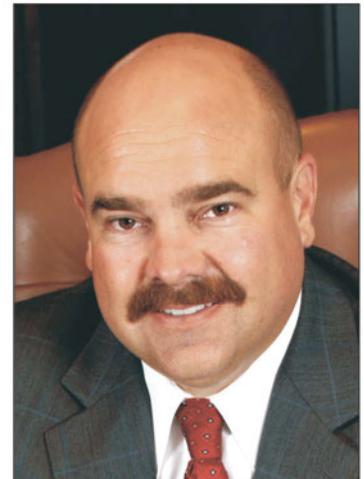


Message From The Mayor....

We take pride in our Olive Branch City Park as being a place where our citizens can relax, exercise, fish, hold reunions, participate in athletic competition or just enjoy nature. Up until now we did not have a place in our park where citizens could take their dogs and allow them to run free. That has changed thanks to a generous donation from Hollywood Feed Company which has allowed us to convert 2½ acres of unused rolling wooded park area into "Olive Bark". Olive Bark is a fenced-in area, divided into sections for different size dogs (under 25# and over 25#), where owners can allow their dogs to run (on or off leash) and mix with other dogs (if they choose) and enjoy the outdoors. There is even a section with a pond where owners of retrieving dogs can work with them, or just allow them to enjoy a swim. Olive Bark has amenities which include dog water fountains, people water fountains, dog bathing station, picnic tables and benches.

Olive Bark is located in the Olive Branch City Park close to the large lake, across the road from the main pavilion and the tennis courts. It will be open from dawn to dusk throughout the year.

The ribbon cutting and grand opening of Olive Bark is planned for November 12, with opening day festivities from 10am until 4pm that day. The public is invited to bring their dogs. ●



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

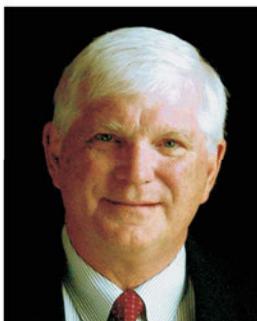


Park employees work to finish pier at Olive Bark water feature in time for grand opening November 12th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CITY GARBAGE PICK-UP ON PAGE 7

FIVE SELECTED FOR 2016 INDUCTION INTO OLIVE BRANCH HALL OF FAME

HALL OF FAME



PAT DORR
8/2/1951 -



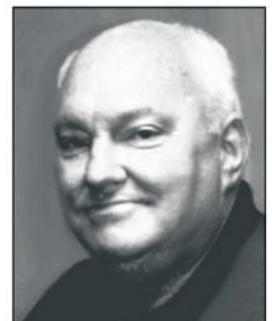
Dr. GREG EVANS
6/27/1952 -



RAY MAGEE
4/30/1923 - 9/13/1999



JANICE PAYNE
2/8/1912 - 8/10/1993



DON SAPPINGTON
6/24/1946 - 6/7/2007

**2016-17
Calendar of Events**

*In and around Olive Branch
Oct. 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017*

EVENTS IN OLD TOWNE
Olive Branch Old Towne Association

FallFest 10am - 4pm.....Sat Oct. 22
Includes Bob Marr Memorial Classic Car Show, Strut Your Mutt, Old Towne Trick or Treat
Holiday Open House, Shop Local 10am - 3pm.....Sat Nov. 26
Santa in Old Towne (at City Hall) 4:30pm - 8:00pm.....Dec. 1, 5, 6, 8
Carriage Rides on Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. Local Children's Choir each night

WESSON HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Olive Branch City Beautiful
Thursday, 5:30pm - 7pm.....Dec. 1

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Olive Branch City Hall
Thursday, 7pm.....Dec. 1

CHRISTMAS PARADE (Chamber of Commerce)

Saturday, 2pm.....Dec. 3

MAYOR/BOARD of ALDERMEN

Regular Meetings, Courthouse, 6900 Highland St.

Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Oct. 4
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Oct. 18
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Nov. 1
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Nov. 15
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Dec. 6
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Dec. 20
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Jan. 3
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Jan. 17
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Feb. 7
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Feb. 21
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Mar. 7
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Mar. 21

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings, Courthouse, 6900 Highland St.

Tuesday, 6pm.....Oct. 11
Tuesday, 6pm.....Nov. 8
Tuesday, 6pm.....Dec. 13
Tuesday, 6pm.....Jan. 10
Tuesday, 6pm.....Feb. 14
Tuesday, 6pm.....Mar. 14

BOARD of ADJUSTMENT

Regular Meetings, Courthouse, 6900 Highland St.

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

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, in-house, by the City of Olive Branch as a means of keeping our citizens aware and informed. We welcome any critique and suggestions regarding articles and content at 662-892-9382 or bcruthirds@obms.us.

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE IN 2017 CITY ELECTIONS

Important dates to remember

- *Candidates may pick up qualifying forms to run for municipal office at City Clerk's Office in City Hall on-or-after January 2, 2017.*
- *Deadline for candidates to qualify to run for municipal office is March 3, 2017.*
- *Date of Primary Election is May 2, 2017.*
- *Date of Primary Runoff Election (if necessary) is May 16, 2017.*
- *Date of General Election is June 6, 2017.*

Obie sez:



MAYOR CARRIES TORCH FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Photo by Jay Nichols

Olive Branch Mayor Scott Phillips carries the torch and leads the Special Olympians to the handoff point in their recent run from City Park to City Hall. Others in the photograph are Olive Branch Police Chief, Don Gammage and members of the Olive Branch Police Department. This was the first leg of the journey as the torch made its way through Mississippi to the Special Olympics Games which were held at Kessler AFB in Biloxi. 🇺🇸

CITY EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN RED NOSE DAY



Photo by Jay Nichols

City employees participated in the national "Red Nose Day" campaign which raised awareness and money for poverty stricken children through the efforts of charities such as *Boys and Girl Clubs of America*, the *Children's Health Fund*, *Feeding America*, the *United Way*, the *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation* and others. Shown here are members of the Olive Branch Police Department: L to R, Sergeant Michael Bynum, Motor Officer James Sylvester, Captain Carlos Garcia, Lieutenant Leann Farr, Officer Jerrod Williams, Officer Doug Stanek and Captain Jeff Abbott. 🇺🇸

HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS FOR 2016

This year's balloting has been completed and five Olive Branch citizens (two living and three deceased) have been chosen for induction into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame for the year 2016. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor the City can bestow upon one of its citizens. Following are the names and a brief biography of those selected:

Pat Dorr - Pat came to Olive Branch in 1983 and opened Trustmark Bank. He later opened First Security Bank where he has been for 21 years. He has been active in many local charities and is Chairman of the Board of Methodist Healthcare, Olive Branch. He has an impressive record of service to Olive Branch Rotary.

Dr. Greg Evans - Greg and his family moved to Olive Branch in 1980 when he opened his dental practice here. He has always been generous in his support of projects in the community mainly through his involvement with Olive Branch Rotary where he has twice received the *Paul Harris Fellowship* award for service.

Janice Payne - (2/8/1912 - 8/10/1993) Janice lived in Olive Branch for most of the 20th century. She worked at the Bank of Olive Branch for 50 years and was active in many charitable projects in the community. She was an accomplished pianist and played organ at Maples Methodist Church for over half a century.

Ray Magee - (4/30/1923 - 9/13/1999) Ray and his family came to Olive Branch in 1961 for him to become General Manager of NorthCentral Electrical Power Association where he stayed for 26 years. Active in Rotary, church and civic affairs he received many honors and awards for his community service.

Don Sappington - (6/24/1945 - 6/7/2007) Don lived his 62 years in Olive Branch and served his community in many ways during that time. For many years he owned a clothing store in the Old Towne area and late in his life, worked for the City. He is remembered for his love of family, church, friends, job and community.

The following 27 individuals received votes in the 2016 Hall of Fame balloting which means their names will be carried forward in nomination to next year:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| GILBERT ALLEN | J. E. BIRMINGHAM | J. N. BROWN | WILLIE BROWN | GEORGE COLLINS |
| WILLIE GEORGE | FLORENCE GOODWIN | DAVID HARAWAY | K. McNEIL "Mac" HARAWAY | JULIAN HARRIS |
| JAMES "Cricket" HUNT | JAMES A. JONES | MARtha PEARL LANGSTON | WILL MAXWELL | HAROLD NICHOLS |
| T. H. NORVELL | SCOTTy B. PHILLIPS, Sr. | RITA SCHELLY | KEN SHIFFLETT | GARY SNYDER |
| Dr. T. H. STUART | DAVID VANDERBURG | MAX WALLACE | SAM WARE | Dr. W. T. WILKINS |
| DAN WILLIAMS | JIMMY DALE YOUNG | | | |

FIVE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME FOR 2015



BILL G. ALLEN



JIMMY NEAL ANDREWS



WALTER S. CARTER, Jr.



RUBY B. CHAIN



WENDELL W. DAVIS

Bill G. Allen, Jimmy Neal Andrews, Walter S. Carter, Jr., Ruby B. Chain and Wendell W. Davis were inducted into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame for the year 2015 in ceremonies held this past April at the Olive Branch Courthouse. The only living Inductee, Wendell Davis, and the families of those deceased were presented with Hall of Fame Plaques to commemorate their induction. This year's Inductees (2016) will be inducted in ceremonies at 6pm on April 20, 2017 at the Courthouse at 6900 Highland Street.

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we announce the death this year of Hall of Fame member, Lemoyne Brigance (11/25/1935 - 5/14/2016). He served the Olive Branch community well in the field of education for many years and will be missed.



TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

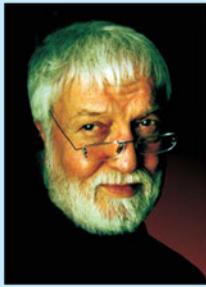
TOMMY FAY INMAN joined the U.S. Army on April 7, 1942 and went through basic training at Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, TN. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps and received training as a Flight Engineer. After being stationed briefly at Ft. Stewart, Ft. Ogelthorpe and Ft. Benning, GA and spending time at Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico, Natal in Brazil, Dakar in Senegal and in South Africa, he was assigned to Squadron 8 of the 12th Air Force flying C-47 SkyTrain aircraft out of Tunisia in North Africa. His unit was active in air dropping elements of the 82nd Airborne into the Salerno Beachhead during the invasion of Italy and the evacuation of wounded from Egypt and other battle sites in the Mediterranean area. His aircraft transported Generals Eisenhower, Patton and other Allied leaders to various war-time conferences held on islands in the Mediterranean. At war's end, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant in September of 1945.



M/Sgt TOMMY FAY INMAN
12/12/1921 - 10/1/2013

To Whom We Owe So Much

MORE MEMORIES OF OLD OLIVE BRANCH



BILL CRUTHIRDS, SR.
Curator - Olive Branch Museum

Several years ago in this space we printed a story of the childhood recollections of two young men who grew up and came of age in early to mid-20th century Olive Branch. Bobby Butler, who lived in Arkansas, and Ted Merrill, who lives in Michigan, long ago moved away but still treasured, and shared with us, those recollections of people and places in an Olive Branch that lives only in the childhood memories of those who were here during that time. Bobby died in 2013 and I haven't heard from Ted in several years.

I recently received a letter from a lady, Norma Forte Simon, who like Bobby and Ted was reared and attended school nearly three-quarter century ago in Olive Branch. She moved away long ago but has a story to tell and has given me permission to print it. I think our readers will enjoy it.

My name is Norma Forte Simon. I was born in 1934 and graduated from Olive Branch High School in 1952. My parents were John and Earnestine Forte. We lived in the middle of town on Depot Street between the cotton gin and Pigeon Roost Road. That was an interesting place to watch the big wagons loaded with cotton bring it to the cotton gin to be ginned and baled. Olive Branch also had a grist mill during that time where you could have your corn ground into fresh corn meal.

My father was the Constable and a DeSoto County Deputy Sheriff from the early 1930s until the time of his death in 1957. This must have been a fairly easy job because there were not many speeders and no crime, just a few family feuds that were usually resolved before he got there, but he was a dedicated law officer. He also owned a pool hall on the square beside McIntosh Grocery Store (site of present Olive Branch Barber Shop). It was actually more a triangle than a square, but it was always know as the square.

My mother worked for the telephone company that was owned by Mr. Darling. She was the switchboard operator. The switchboard was located in our house and she had to answer it day and night. After she quit working for the telephone company, my mother and father owned a café and grocery store beside our house which was located between the cotton gin and Woods Drug Store which was on the corner of Depot Street and Pigeon Roost.

In later years, the cafe/grocery store building was torn down and the NorJan Theatre was built on that spot in 1947 (present location of the Shack Antiques). They operated it until about 1951. It was a good size theatre with balcony seating, padded seats and a large screen for that time. On Saturday there was always a western movie, then a horror show at midnight. During the week, top rated movies were shown. Sometimes there would be a country band performing live on stage. One who played there was Johnny Cash when he was performing around the Mid-South and before he became so well known.

Movies were so much more entertaining than our previous pastimes we used to have like watching for the trains to come through so we could wave at the engineers. And when the volunteer firemen heard the town siren go off, we knew if we all got in our cars to follow the smoke there would be something to watch. Also, on Thursday afternoons, all the town businesses would close and there would be no traffic on the square at all, so all the town kids would roller skate and ride bikes in the square.

One summer afternoon a group of gypsies came to town and pitched a large tent in a vacant lot across the street from our house. They had a circus, but the first night of the circus, a strong wind blew the tent down on everyone and that was the end of the circus. They hastily packed up and left town.

My life was very interesting and lots of fun. Olive Branch was almost like a storybook town you read about or see in the movies with the kids walking to and from school.

The Methodist and Baptist churches were located side by side so everyone got to enjoy vacation bible school together. On Sunday mornings, with no air conditioning and all the windows open, I think the two churches tried to see who could out sing the other. Everyone knew each other and all the children in town knew if they got into any trouble their parents would know about it before they got home.

For me, Olive Branch will always have the best of memories because of church, school and friends, and where everyone truly cared about each other.

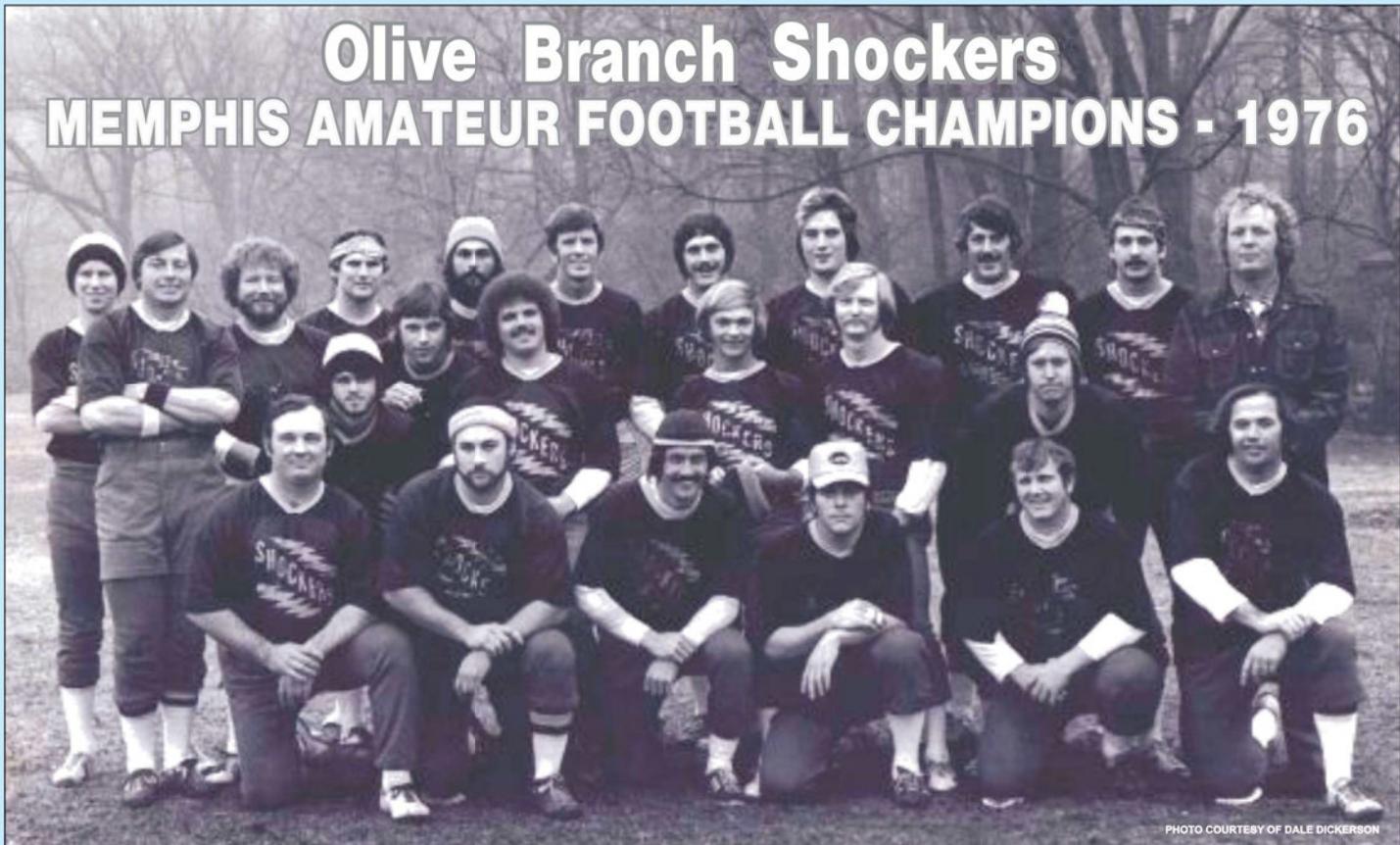


Norma Forte

Olive Branch High School
Senior Class
1952

MRS. NORMA FORTE SIMON PRESENTLY LIVES IN GERMANTOWN, TN

1976 - THE YEAR OF THE SHOCKERS



Back Row, L to R: DALE DICKERSON, HAROLD HENDERSON, GEORGE BOWLIN, EDGAR LEE TREADWAY, DON MURPHY, JIMMY NEAL ANDREWS, TOMMY ROGERS, CLEAVY HOOVER, TERRI ROGERS, GEORGE COLLINS, Coach BILL BRADY
 Middle Row: LARRY CARPENTER, LANEY FUNDERBURK, ROY DURBIN, OSCAR GEESLIN, OTHA GEESLIN, WALT STARR
 Bottom Row: DAVID LAUDERDALE, BUDDY McCULLLEY, IRA CASEY, BUTCH MORGAN, JESSIE MEDLIN, JOEY TREADWAY

Forty years ago this year, a group of young men from Olive Branch ruled the realm of the 60-odd teams playing amateur football in Memphis and the Mid-South. In just their second year of competing, the Olive Branch Shockers swept through league play and the first two rounds of the City Tournament with a 10-2 record, knocking off three-time defending City Champion, House of Cruthirds (another Olive Branch team) on the way to the City Championship Game against a team out of Hernando, MS.

On a cold, foggy day in December of 1976, the Shockers locked up with the Hernando team for the Memphis Amateur Football Championship. It was a back-and-forth slugfest of a game with neither team able to dominate the other. Late in the fourth quarter, Hernando scored to pull ahead 25 - 20. With time running out, the Shockers had the ball one last time and moved it steadily down the field scoring the go-ahead touchdown as time ran out on the last play of the game; HOWEVER, the Shockers were called for holding and the touchdown was called back and a 10 yard penalty against the Shockers moved the ball back to the 25 yard line. One untimed down remained in the game. Quarterback **Harold Henderson** took the snap, rolled right for a quick down-and-out pass. His receiver was double-covered so he gave ground and scrambled back to his left and at the last second spotted receiver **Dale Dickerson** breaking free of his defender in the corner of the end zone. A bullet from **Henderson** to **Dickerson** and the game was over with the Shockers winning the 1976 Memphis Amateur Football City Championship, 26 - 25.

The Shockers would win their league the following year before losing in the semifinals of the 1977 City Tournament. They hung

it up after that and never fielded another football team.

How good were they in 1976? Take it from me, whose team played against them and was routed; *"They were good. They were a rowdy, fun-loving bunch of guys who partied hard, but when the whistle blew and the game started, they knew how to get it on. Explosive on offense, solid on defense, with some great athletes in the skill positions, they were a great football team"*.

Now, after 40 years, it is sobering to realize that young men become old men and most of those in the above photo are today drawing Social Security. They have left their mark on the community with **George Collins**, **Dale Dickerson** and **Harold Henderson** serving as Olive Branch Aldermen. **Jessie Medlin** is the District 1 DeSoto County Supervisor and **Joey Treadway** is the DeSoto County Tax Collector. **Walt Starr** heads up Congressman Trent Kelly's DeSoto County office. **Jimmy Neal Andrews** served on the NorthCentral Electric Board of Directors for 24 years and is a member of the Olive Branch Hall of Fame. **Oscar Geeslin** is the Minister of Meadowbrook Baptist Church. Of the 23 shown above, to our knowledge, five are deceased (**Jimmy Neal Andrews**, **Roy Durbin**, **Harold Henderson**, **Buddy McCulley** and **Butch Morgan**).

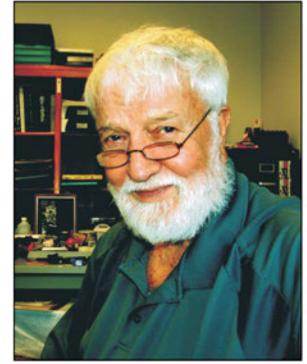
From being a team who got their name, *Shockers*, because a dealer gave them a discount on a batch of printed jerseys that another team had ordered but refused to take, they became the undisputed champions of amateur football in the Mid-South in 1976.

So now, when you see the faded team photograph under the glass counter top at Wine & Spirits Liquor Store, you'll know who it is.

BILL CRUTHIRDS TO RETIRE AFTER 18 YEARS

Bill Cruthirds, Sr., who will be 80 on his next birthday, is retiring as *Director of Community Relations and Tourism* for the City of Olive Branch effective December 31st. During his 18 years with the City in the administrations of Mayors Rikard and Phillips, he was responsible for the Interior Design, Space Planning and Furnishing of the new **City Hall**, the Interior Space Planning of the new **Court House** and the new **Police Station**, the founding and development of the **Olive Branch Old Towne Association**, the design and construction of the **Veterans Monument**, the design and construction of the **City Entry Sign** on Germantown Road and the **Old Towne Entry Sign**, the design and construction of the **Blocker Monument**, the development and curatorship of the **Olive Branch Museum at City Hall**, the creation and administration of the **Olive Branch Hall of Fame**, the development and administration of the **Veterans Book of Honor Program**, the publication of the semi-annual **"From the Roost" City Newsletter**, the quarterly publication of the **City Employee Newsletter**, the authorship of **"This is Olive Branch"**, a history of Olive Branch and **"Footprints on the Sands of Time"**, a booklet urging students to stay in school.

He served Olive Branch well and was responsible for many other City projects and publications too numerous to mention. He is probably best known for the historical centerfold feature articles about old Olive Branch that he wrote for each **City Newsletter**. He loves history and said writing those articles was a part of his job he enjoyed and would miss the most.



He saw few gray areas; to him a thing was either right or it was wrong. He always advocated that *"We can be better than we think we can be"*, and that *"Good enough is never good enough"*. He came to work for the City at age 60, a time most are thinking about retirement. He said he felt he could help make Olive Branch a better place and leaves with the satisfaction that he has made a difference.

After he catches up on some projects around the house, he said he plans to do some consulting and contract work during his retirement. ☺

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

I have seen the photo and draft of the story on page 5 of this newsletter about the Olive Branch Shockers becoming the champions of amateur football in the Mid-south in 1976 and it is hard to believe that 40 years have gone by since that happened. I, along with fellow Alderman Dale Dickerson, recently deceased Alderman Harold Henderson, County Supervisor Jessie Medlin and DeSoto Tax Collector Joey Treadway were all members of that team who have gone on to become elected officials serving the City and County. I do not think at that time it would have occurred to any of us the course our future lives would take, or that one day we would be in a position to help determine the well-being of those living in DeSoto County and Olive Branch. It is sobering to realize that 40 years from today, when all of us in the photo are gone, there are young adults who are in school now, who will be the elected officials determining the future of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren in a world we can not even imagine today. It is important that we urge them to stay in school and get the best education possible and to prepare themselves for the challenges of leadership that will far exceed anything we have to deal with in 2016.

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Alderman
GIL EARHART
Ward 1

This past summer was a very trying time for our country regarding race relations and law enforcement. Things still continue to get tense in certain areas both politically and racially. I firmly believe that all this drama and hatred has nothing to do with race, but rather our "moral compass" as a nation and the "culture" we have chosen. I base this on the belief that most all people, regardless of race, want a peaceful place to live, play and worship. We all want an opportunity to work and quality education for our children. We all seek love and respect from our fellow man and desire to go about our business with the freedom that has been given to us at a great price from those who serve and protect our country. I believe in the Ten Commandments, The Constitution of the United States, The Pledge of Allegiance, and the right of all men to pursue Life Liberty and Happiness. I believe in the right to protest, peacefully and respectfully, and I believe that one should stand at attention when the National Anthem is played. I am grateful for our community; for the men and women who serve us on our Police, Fire and all other departments in our City. You have my full appreciation and respect.

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Alderwoman
PAT HAMILTON
Ward 2

Progress and goals set for the City of Olive Branch:
1. Roads: This year's budget includes \$750,000 for additional paving of roads. Ward 2 has had several roads resurfaced and will see the five-lane Craft Road connecting Craft Road and Hwy. 78 completed in July of 2017.
2. Storm Water Control: The City is in the process of evaluating our flooding issues. I will continue to seek funds to address the problems in Ward 2.
3. Growth: The Building Department has issued 225 residential permits since the first of the year.
4. City Services: (A) Improvements and expansions to the City Park are continuing with additional soccer fields, a new dog park and improvements to the playground and ball fields. (B) The coming year's budget will allow for additional employees and equipment in Public Safety.
 Again, the number one concern for the City of Olive Branch is that we enjoy a safe environment! Let's support our police in this endeavor!
 I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Alderwoman and, as always, I welcome your e-mails and phone calls.

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Alderwoman
JOY HENDERSON
Ward 3

In August, Lt. Kevin McKenzie and other members of the Olive Branch Police Department met with citizen groups from the Wesson Heights, Cedar Creek, Cedar Crest Estates, Oakwood Estates North, Virginia's Point, Oakwood Estates and College Grove neighborhoods to discuss setting up Neighborhood Watch programs in those areas. More volunteers are needed to serve as Team Captains. This is an excellent program and I urge anyone interested in setting one up for your neighborhood to contact Lt. Kevin McKenzie at 662 892-9414 or e-mail at kevin.mckenzie@obms.us
 The paving at the entrance into Cedar Creek subdivision has been completed and is a great improvement.
 According to Mr. Steve Bigelow, our City Engineer, the design of the traffic signal light at the entrance into Flying "J" is under way and he expects it to get under construction in 2017 with completion in early 2018.

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Alderman
DAVID WALLACE
Ward 4

As we enter the fall season, we also enter the City's new fiscal budget year. The City's financial state is sound with a balanced budget planned for the upcoming year and funds in the municipal reserve fund. New homes continue to be built and businesses are still moving to Olive Branch. In the Police Department, some of you may have seen the new police cars around the City. We have been retiring some of the older less reliable and damaged cars to ensure we have reliable vehicles for our citizens and our officers.
 We still have ongoing and needed street repairs throughout the City. We are aware of them and we are working to get to them as soon as possible.
 We also have drainage and sewage issues in several locations around the City and we are addressing these as soon as possible with the worst locations scheduled first.
 Thank you for allowing me to serve you and our City.

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Alderman
MARK ALDRIDGE
Ward 5

Another fall season has arrived. I hope everyone had a nice and safe summer. Fall is always a busy time for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. It is the end of the City's fiscal year and a new annual budget must be completed by October 1st. I am proud to say we recently approved the 2016/2017 budget with no tax increases.
 I am very excited about the changes coming to your City Park. Coming soon are a dog park, a new playground and a little further down the road, restroom facilities and a makeover for complex "A", including new concession areas and restroom facilities and new T-ball fields.
 I am glad to announce that, for the fourth year in a row, we were able to budget more street paving. We have also built up an emergency fund that now exceeds one million dollars.
 I pray everyone has a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. It is my pleasure to serve the citizens of Olive Branch.

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Alderman
DALE DICKERSON
Ward 6

I want to take this opportunity to discuss the issue of the pick-up this summer of grass clippings, brush, etc. The City has run behind for several weeks in getting these items picked up. We normally have four trucks doing this work; however, someone ran into one of the trucks and totaled it. Another truck had mechanical problems that were not economical to repair. We had to go through the time consuming state required bidding process to purchase one new truck and that truck went into service in early September. In order to get another truck in operation, we purchased a late model used truck and transferred the boom from one of the old trucks to it. It will go into service in late September. This should allow us to catch up and stay current for the future. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused over the past several weeks. I can be reached at the below numbers if you need to reach me.

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CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH
9200 Pigeon Roost - Olive Branch, MS 38654

RE: GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION



Dear Valued Customer:

The City is entering into a contract with a new company to pick up your garbage and recyclables inside the Olive Branch city-limits each week. This will require us to issue you new garbage carts/recycle bins and pick up the old ones; they do not belong to the City.

Your garbage/recyclable pick-up schedule will not change; it will remain EXACTLY as it presently is.

In order to deliver the NEW carts/bins to your homes and pick up the OLD carts/bins with the least possible disruption, we will use the following schedule:

- Your NEW carts/bins are scheduled to be delivered to you before December 24th.
- Continue using your OLD carts/bins until your garbage/recyclables are picked up on your regular scheduled pick-up day during the week of December 26th-30th. When your garbage/recyclables are picked up, LEAVE YOUR OLD CARTS/BINS ON THE CURB and start using your NEW carts/bins.
- Your OLD empty carts/bins will be picked up from the curb sometime during the week of December 26th-30th (before the end of the year).
- After January 1st, take your garbage/recyclables in your NEW carts/bins to the curb on your regular scheduled pick-up day.
- If you do not receive the correct number of carts/bins, contact the Utility Department at 662 892-9306.

This letter does not apply to anyone with a PINK garbage cart. Those of you with PINK garbage carts will continue to use them as you always have and will not receive NEW garbage carts, **unless** you wish to exchange the PINK garbage cart for a NEW garbage cart, in which case you should notify the Utility Department at 662 892-9306.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (662) 892-9352 between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Bigelow, P.E.
City Engineer



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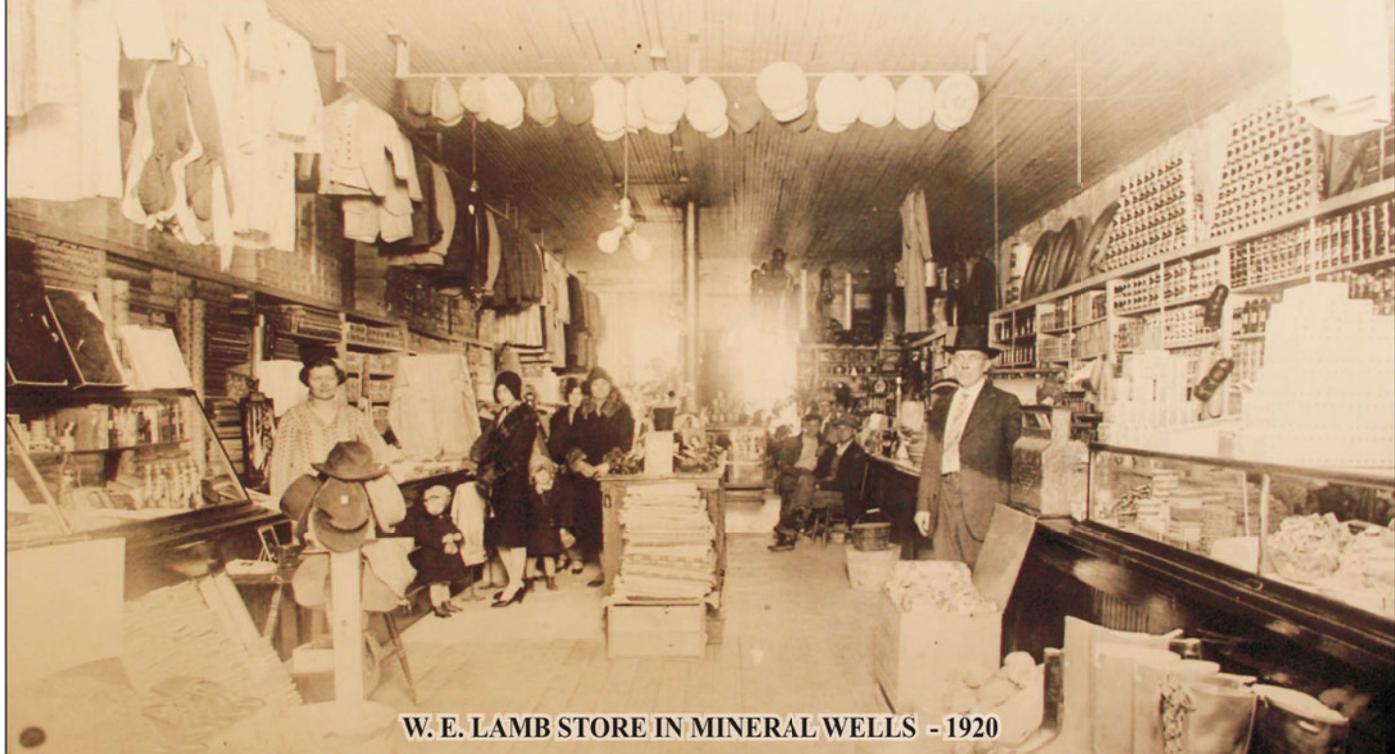


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W. E. LAMB STORE IN MINERAL WELLS - 1920

This building is still standing on Lamb Road in Olive Branch. It has been occupied by Serigraphics Screen Printing for a number of years and is said to be one of the oldest buildings in the City. Mineral Wells was a thriving community at the time this photograph was taken because of the many visitors drawn there from across the South to the wells and springs in the area which were thought to have healing and therapeutic qualities.