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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Friday deadline to nominate Mother of the Year

The Enterprise-Journal is accepting nominations for its 2014 Mother of the Year. Letters that nominate mothers in our area are being accepted until 5 p.m. Friday. Only nominations that include a letter detailing why an individual should be Mother of the Year will be considered. Nominees must be living. Be sure to include your name and phone number as well as the nominee's.

Letters may be emailed to news@enterprise-journal.com, mailed to P.O. Box 2009, McComb, MS 39649, dropped by the office or faxed to 684-0836.

### High court tosses \$3.4M award to child porn victim

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today said a federal law limits how much money victims of child pornography can recover from people who viewed their images online, throwing out a nearly \$3.4 million judgment in favor of a victim. Two dissenting justices called on Congress to change the law to benefit victims.

The justices said in a 5-4 ruling that courts can order people convicted of child pornography to pay restitution to their victims, but only to the extent that there is a strong tie between the victim's losses and the convicts' actions.

## DEATHS

**Lynell Bates, 66**  
**George Bergold, 101**  
**Warren Fesmire, 92**  
**Sherri Newsome, 37**

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## OUTSIDE

### Thursday

Partly cloudy  
High: 83  
Low: 62  
Rain: None  
Wind: S, 5-10

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# Moving, learning

Coach visits Kennedy to get kids active

BY AMELIA CAMURATI  
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Calhoun dances with school staff, students and other officials during Tuesday's visit.

Educators say elementary school students struggle to pay attention for eight hours, five days a week without small breaks throughout the day to wiggle around and burn off excess energy.

The statewide program Move to Learn, co-created by the Mississippi Department of Education and The Bower Foundation, focuses on getting children from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade to exercise in small "brain breaks," as Kennedy Early Childhood Center principal Katrina Hines calls them.

Superintendent Dr. Cedrick Ellis, who was moving alongside the majority of Kennedy's children Tuesday morning at a live presenta-

tion from the program's organizers, said Move to Learn is being utilized at Kennedy and Otken Elementary daily.

Hines said her campus is engulfed in exercise every morning from 8:05 to 8:15 a.m. right before classes start for the day. Music plays in the hallways, and students and teachers dance around, burning off energy while giving them more brain energy.

"Doing that movement gets oxygen to their brain, and then they have more cognitive ability to learn," said Anne Travis, CEO of The Bower Foundation. "Research shows when we oxygenate our brains, it helps with learning and it helps with behavior issues, too."

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## Johnson expresses concerns over city measures

Selectman, facing primary re-election challenge, gives views on pay raises, motel tax proceeds

BY AMELIA CAMURATI  
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Selectman Melvin Joe Johnson, the sole incumbent on the ballot in McComb's May 6 primaries, was more vocal than usual Tuesday at the last city board meeting before balloting.

Johnson opened the meeting with comments, saying the next city board — whether he's on it or not — should give city employees pay raises during the budget-writing process this summer. He has been advocating for 6 percent raises since December.

Johnson also asked that the hotel/motel tax, renewed this year by the state Legislature for the next four years, be used to repair the Martin Luther King gymnasium in Burglund.

"I would recommend that we do what we stated at the beginning of this administration," Johnson said, referring to unsuccessful proposals to fix the condemned structure. "With the ho-

tel/motel tax, I mentioned, 'Let's do something about the gym,' but most of the board agreed to finish the sports park first. Now, we've performed our duty at the sports park."

Johnson could not be reached for further comment this morning.

He went on to vote against three different measures.

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## 25th Street rollover

A Chevrolet Impala sits on its side on the 800 block of 25th Street in McComb around 9:45 p.m. Tuesday. The vehicle was traveling east when it left the roadway and traveled up an embankment before rolling over and resting on its side facing west. The driver, Julius Leggett of McComb, sustained unknown injuries but was able to walk around following his extrication.



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## Board fires Magnolia detective

BY WESLEY MULLER  
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The Magnolia Police Department's second-in-command, Capt. James Kenny, was relieved of his duties Tuesday after town aldermen voted unanimously to fire him.

The move comes a month after Kenny was convicted in Pike County Court on a misdemeanor charge of violating a domestic abuse protection order.

The board met at 5:30 p.m., continuing talks in executive session that were initiated earlier this month and recessed after aldermen failed to come to an agreement.

The second session, however, proved quick and decisive, as the board spent only about 30 minutes in closed session, then emerged with Alderman Lonnie Cox moving to terminate Kenny. Alderman Joe Cornacchione seconded the motion.

It passed unanimously, though Mayor Melvin Harris was absent, prompting Alderman-at-large Mercedes Ricks to fill in as mayor pro tem.

Police Chief Ray Reynolds accompanied the board into closed session, but Kenny did not attend the meeting at all.

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## Hospital hires Rowley as CFO

BY KAREN FREEMAN  
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Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center has hired a new chief financial officer to replace Reece Nunnery, who retired this year.

Southwest Health System CEO Norman Price introduced CFO Charla Rowley, who joined the staff last week, to hospital trustees at their meeting on Tuesday.

Rowley, of Foxworth, had been a partner with the accounting group Horne LLP since 2010. She also has previous experience working in the health care industry and served as president of the Mississippi chapter of the Health Care Financial Managers Association.

She is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a bachelor of science degree in business administration and master of professional accountancy.

Rowley

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