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THE ART OF LIVING IN MOUNT PLEASANT

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Help Get Downtown Ready for Fall!

There are 25 poles waiting for adoption in downtown Mt. Pleasant. Adoption is FREE!! All you need to do is decorate! Guidelines are as follows:

- *All decorations must be up by Monday, October 2, 2017
- *Fall décor only (no Halloween), add your personal touch by promoting your business or organization
- *No taller than 8 feet
- *Withstand weather elements
- *No permanent damage to poles (ex. Painting)
- *MUST BE TAKEN DOWN BEFORE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017.
- *Judging will take place on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017.
- 1st PLACE PRIZE -\$200.00**
- 2nd PLACE PRIZE - \$100.00**
- *This will be paid to your business, organization, not-for profit, or school club of your choice.

Applications available at midsouthbbqtn.com.



2017 MISS MID-SOUTH BARBECUE FESTIVAL TO REIGN OVER FESTIVAL

The 2017 Miss Mid-South Barbecue Festival Queen and her court will again reign over this year's festival.

The pageant, sponsored Family2Family, raises funds to help local residents with utility bills and to furnish backpacks of school supplies for our MPES students.

Because of upgrades being done to the theater at Mount Pleasant Middle School of the Visual and Performing Arts, this year's pageant will be held at the Cherry Theater on the Columbia State College campus on Saturday, September at 3:00 pm.

If you would like more information, you can contact Denise Moore at 931 374-0897 or email at family2family@live.com.

MPHS Senior Stars in Eric Church Video

MPHS's Julie Wright has been chosen to star in Eric Church's video "Round Here Buzz".

Julie, a senior, is a cheerleader, and both dance and drama student.

Footage for the video also includes MPHS football games and the interior and exterior of the school.

Be watching for it.



Julie Wright



CITY BEAT



TROLLEY SHELTER

Michelle Morgan of Mount Pleasant was able to gather artists together to build the first trolley shelter at the most popular stop in Maury County.

The shelter, at Bond and South Main Street, is under construction and will be completed soon. The shelter will even have stained glass features to tie it to the beautiful stained glass across the street at First Methodist Church. You'll notice too that the trolleys are advertising local eats, shops and events on their windows! Jump on the trolley, you can go from Mount Pleasant to Spring Hill for \$1!

The weekend of September 29th the trolley will have extended hours to get music fans from the Mule Town music festival to music in Mount Pleasant!

We thank South Central Tennessee Development District for their cooperation on this project.



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Garden Art

Well, here we are in September – for me officially the start of fall when I can get my fall decorations out. Yes, I do decorate for every holiday...the big one and the little ones! Only problem with living south of the Mason-Dixon Line is that it's not really what one would call fall weather in this area just yet. But we'll just “pretend like” and start thinking fall even in the outdoor garden!

There are some things to consider doing to the lawn soon. Cool-season lawns such as Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue and perennial ryegrass that stay green all winter need to be fertilized. Not a weed & feed; just a lawn fertilizer labeled for these type grasses.

It's also time to be preparing beds for bulbs to be planted right after that first hard frost. Tilling, mulching/composting and a good bulb fertilizer prepare the ground for a good bed for bulbs to lay dormant for spring blooms. Remember tulip bulbs need refrigeration prior to their planting.

Haven't tried this, but it sounded like an interesting idea. Where you have planted a large bed of buttercups, jonquils or daffodils, plant daylilies over them. The daylilies bloom later and will hide the dying foliage of the other earlier blooming bulbs that should be left to decay to feed the bulbs. Again, I haven't done this, but I may.

Weeding beds well and mulching them is much more pleasant to do in the upcoming (hopefully) cooler weeks. Transplanting iris, daylilies and other small ornamentals can be done before it gets too cold. Be sure to keep transplanted items' root systems well soaked at least once a week. September is usually a drier month. If you have a question about transplanting or new plantings, it is always best to check with your local nursery or co-op. Remember that the local Home Depot or Lowe's garden department clerk may not have the knowledge, but should be able to refer you to the correct person in the department with the expertise. Be sure to ask for that person!!!

If you noticed, we didn't have an *Art of Living in Mount Pleasant* in August. I myself didn't mind. I was hard-pressed to come up with a garden issue for the month. I don't really care for the month of August especially now that school begins so early in August. I still think fall plaids for back to school clothes! Fall is my most favorite season of the year. But that is neither here nor there. What I wanted to share about the transition from August to September is from the current issue of *Southern Living* magazine's Grumpy Gardner. He says and I quote:

“September marks the start of the fall season, right? Not here in the South! For most of the month, it's just as hot and miserable as August, only drier. As a result, my garden looks as lively in September as Norman Bates' mother in *Psycho*. Therefore, I'm ordering a name change – from now on, this month will be known as either “Augember” or “Saugust.” Readers may vote.”

Happy fall gardening! Get pumpkins, mums and scarecrows out to decorate and welcome the weather change!

**SEE YOU AT THE
MID-SOUTH BBQ
FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 20 & 21

**DOWNTOWN
MOUNT
PLEASANT**



JAMBON

There are so many marvelous music stages nearby that it is hard to know where to pull up a seat next. Most of the offerings are free and the musicianship runs the range from seasoned to starting out and one would have to be a crusty curmudgeon not to find something satisfying about every performance.

The Tennessee art lens tends to focus on fans and formulators of the universal language of sound, especially this close to Nashville. All of Middle Tennessee in fact serves as incubator and promoter of melody and muse. Song is in the blood and there is a reverence for the reserve that resides within the very soil of back roads clay. Skilled musicians have stomped out rhythms and blown the lids off fiddles and horns and home-made instruments for eons here.

Here too other arts have been housed. Though the Mount is now rapidly gaining a sense of stature in the burgeoning art world of demurring rural hamlets, there is an established, yet little recognized, body of artists and craftspeople producing in non-music mediums who carve out their rich wares and works in relative obscurity as did their ancestors. Fashioning art in the hollow shadows their creations are vital to our geographical, historical, and realistic present day identity, as well as Mt. Pleasant's future ideological presence.

Watch for special get-togethers starting in September to pay homage to Mt. Pleasant's roots as we honor the fashioning of our future. A true renaissance must involve the revival and recognition of the classicists as well as the introduction of the new wave of re-inventors. It really is about the art of living in Mount Pleasant.

**THE MOUNT PLEASANT CITY
COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
STUDY SESSION
CITY HALL - 6:00PM**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL - 6:00PM**



The Beautiful Tureen

What's the value of a vine ripened tomato grown locally or in your backyard? If you've eaten all you can, have shared your abundance with friends and neighbors, is it worth the time and effort to preserve what's remaining? Our early ancestors have dried, salted and fermented foods throughout history to avoid spoilage and waste. Modern day canning not only eliminates spoilage, it preserves the essence of that beautiful tomato that will be sorely missed at season's end.

The value of food conservation to our physical health is great. Stepping out of the kitchen for a moment, we are given another way of seeing the significance of preservation to our overall well-being. A neighbor passed by the other day while I was out front watering and plucking weeds. We stopped to chat and he remarked on how quiet it was in spite of the fact that the neighborhood is lined with homes in close proximity. We also shared a sense of pride in how the homes boast architecturally preserved charm and character. He has lived across the street from my home for 30 years and expressed his pleasure for all the new and wonderful development around town. Then we both seemed to experience an epiphany. "It's the quietness!" That's it, that's what we enjoyed so much. Our daily lives have somehow been afforded a sense of tranquility that has been preserved in this small town in spite of the economic shifts and trends of the times.

Now back to the kitchen, I'll leave you with one of the simplest pleasures a gourmand could want. Take some of those vine ripened garden tomatoes that you've canned and make a pot of tomato soup. Now securely grab your grilled cheese sandwich and dunk. Enjoy!

Until we meet again, may your tureen always be full.



September 2017

Teen Center

Tuesday - Thursday 3pm - 5pm

Senior Citizens

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

Live music every Thursday

Boy Scouts

Mondays - 6:30pm - 8pm

Howard Field Boy Scout Hut

Toddlers

Fridays 10:00am

Mount Pleasant Community Center

Saturday, September 16

Bike Across Tennessee

Traveling through Mount Pleasant to David Crockett State Park

Saturday, September 23

Mid-South Barbecue Festival Pageant

Cherry Theater - Columbia State College
3:00pm

Tuesday, September 19

Host of the Town -

Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce

12:00 noon

The Page Gauge

School is in session for all, from grand-babies to great grandparents. The tenth in a series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School*, is an adorable, rather tongue-in-cheek, rant about and romp around the generation gap. The succinct saga's crux lies in the crossroads of those who arrived almost pre-attached to digital devices with those adults whose manual digits can recall the actual dialing of a telephone.

Like every *Wimpy Kid* book this story's symbolic telling is depicted by the quintessentially typical, thick pencil, cartoon-like craft of author-illustrator, Jeff Kinney, which quite cleverly carries the protagonist's ponderings and reasoning to narrative. Though portrayed as scrawny and squeamish, a middle schooler named Greg is the star and successful hero of the tales. The set creator seems almost alchemist or mystical mathematician when looked upon from afar. Mr. Kinney uses a very simplistic formula which adds a child's thoughts to stick figures and arrives at a sum just short of magic.

Jeff's own story reads like an inspirational manual intended to connect people born in any era. It was by way of his failures and rejections that the man became ranked by *Time* as one of the most influential people in the world. The lesson is as age-old and wise. Never give up. When his career dreams were dashed, defeat induced incentive to invention rather than surrender. Even sophisticated readers can learn from exploring the natty world of words aimed at tykes.

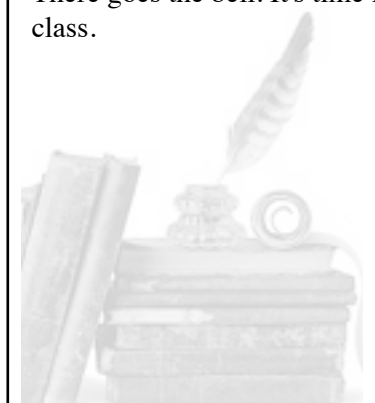
Mount Pleasant Library has the whole soon to be dozen tomes of the *Wimpy* collection.

There goes the bell. It's time for class.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

Tales from Old Mount Pleasant

ARROW MINES PARK'S NEW LOOK

Innocent by God's Unwritten Law

TEEN CENTER REOPENS



After being closed this summer for the construction on the TCAT facilities at the Mount Pleasant Community Center, the Teen Center has reopened and is better than ever.

Thomas Kenney, Mount Pleasant Director of Parks and Recreation says "We are happy to announce the reopening and want to thank all of our volunteers and businesses that have made this possible."

The Teen Center will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school from 3pm - 5pm. There is a quiet "homework" room and spaces where students can work in groups. Free wifi is available. In addition, there are games to keep the students active. Basketball, pool, and corn hole are just a few of the activities available.

"We are planning to offer a variety of clubs and classes, but plan on surveying the students to see what they want." said Kenney.

Volunteers are need to help supervise. If you can give 2 hrs a week or month, contact Thomas Kenney at 931 698-5158.

Harry Granberry, one of J. J. and Susan Granberry sons, married a young lass from Giles County. Moving to Chicago Harry found work in a shop selling shoes. Phosphate was just beginning to put Mount Pleasant on the map, so Granberry began working on his father's Rattle & Snap land, supervising a crew digging phosphate rock. He rented rooms for his wife and child at Mrs. Washington Long's boarding house and went there on weekends

The young and dashing Wash Long also resided at his Mother's home. Gossip began to spread fast about Wash and the pretty Mrs. Granberry! The rumors soon reached Harry and he warned Wash to stay away from his wife. However this did not stop the scandalous talking. One last trip, according to court testimony caused him to confront Wash for the last time, "if you don't stay away from my wife I will kill you!" Two nights later, Harry went looking for Wash and saw him through the window in Peter's pool room on the square in Mount Pleasant. Walking through the door, revolver in hand he shot young Wash Long in the head and fired numerous rounds into his body. Many witnesses saw the shootings. Turning away, he went through the door, running straight into the police station. He made the announcement, "I told him I would kill him and I have. Now I am going home to Rattle and Snap." The next day he was arrested and charged with first degree murder. The town settled down to await the trial and the witnesses prepared for their testimony.

Soon Harry Granberry went through his trial and with his head bowed stood before the Judge and heard the verdict. NOT GUILTY by God's unwritten law. "What God joined together let no man put asunder." Harry left town the next day. On his travels he ended up in Utah. He met a young lady there who had been raised in a very strict Mormon home. He married her and immediately left town to continue his restless journeys. Years pass, Harry died and was laid to rest within his family plot at St. John's Church.

Sometime in June, 1991, I received a phone call inviting me to meet Derelys Granberry, the daughter of Harry and his Utah bride. She wanted to know more about her father Harry Granberry. She had traced him to a farm in Maury County Tennessee! Knowing I had spent hours reading the trial proceedings at the Herald into a tape recorder, the two ladies were wanting me to bring the tapes and meet her.

I could hardly wait to meet her and sat quietly listening to her story. She had never met her father and had searched for information all her life. She was amazed to see the mansion he came from. Being a Mormon she wished to pray for him. She heard more than she expected when she heard about a death bed confession made by her grandfather J.J. Granberry!

Derelys Granberry Anthony left the next afternoon for the airport after visiting her family at St. John's graveyard.

Is a movie in the making? Rumors are going around that this is a possibility!



The Mount Pleasant Civilian Club and members of Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation committee have given Arrow Mines Park a new look.

Headed up by Stacey and Eric Hildner, members of the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Committee and the Mt. Pleasant Civilian Club, Arrow Mines Park is sporting new grills, new basketball rims and nets and a new teacher ball. Picnic tables have also been added.

As part of the Parks and Recreation Committee's five year strategic plan, the City of Mount Pleasant has been cleaning up the area near Sugar Creek. Plans include cleaning out the brush along the creek and uncovering the long forgotten walking trail in that area.

Thanks to all the members of the Mt. Pleasant Civilian Club for supporting this project.



They will be riding through Mount Pleasant on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

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