

# Gator Tales



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A newsletter for the citizens of the PRVWSD community

## The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District

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### 3 changes to PRVWSD Board of Directors

As is common after a statewide election year, new members have been seated on the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. All three are PRVWSD leaseholders.

Retired businessman Doug Berry was chosen by the Rankin County Board of Supervisors to replace Jim Carraway, who stepped down.



Berry was a charter member of the Barnett Reservoir Foundation, most recently serving as its Board president until accepting his seat on the PRVWSD Board.

Jennifer Hall, Executive Director of the Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association, was



appointed by Gov. Phil Bryant to replace John Arledge in representing Rankin County. Arledge stepped down because of increasing career demands.

Ben Evans of Madison was appointed by the Madison County Board of Supervisors to replace Trey Bobinger.



Now retired, Evans spent 23 years in active duty with the Army, most of which involved parachute training, and 22 years with the V.A.

### BOARD MAKEUP

The PRVWSD Board of Directors has 14 members, including two each from the counties of Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Leake and Scott. Each county's board of supervisors appoints one to the board while the Governor picks the other from a list of three nominees from the board of supervisors. The other four members represent state agencies: The Forestry Commission, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health, and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Eight of the directors must be leaseholders that reside on PRVWSD property, including both Rankin County and both Madison County board members, plus the four members representing state agencies. See Page 2 for board's appointment and tenure information.



Pictured: Seated from left, Larry Castle, Samuel Mitchell, Jack Winstead, Jennifer Hall, Billy Cook. Standing from left, John Pittman, Phillip Crosby, Ben Evans, Tedrick Ratcliff, Jr., Doug Berry, Shannon Armstrong, Bruce Brackin, W.C. Gorden. Not pictured: Kenny Latham.



### PELICAN COVE GRILL

601-605-1865 3999 Harbor Walk Dr, Ridgeland MS 39157

Terry has a new plan afoot: Build a larger open deck to accommodate guests that like to sit in the open air, and provide more parking for boaters. Now under construction - the deck addition will be ready by Spring!

Come out and enjoy our "weather-proof" facilities during the winter for a beautiful view of the reservoir. Don't forget about our awesome piano brunch on Sunday from 11 to 2 and then hang around for dueling pianos starting at 3:30.

Happy Hour is Monday thru Friday 3 to 6. For more information, download the free app "Pelican Cove Grill" to get our monthly schedules.

Winter hours are Monday—Thursday 3 to 9, Friday—Saturday 11 until, and Sunday 11 to 10.

# News Around the REZ

## The current Board of Directors (with date appointed):

- \* Jack Winstead (President), leaseholder, Dept. of Environmental Quality (2005).
- \* Sam Mitchell (Vice President), Hinds County Board of Supervisors (2004).
- \* Phillip Crosby (Secretary), Leake County Board of Supervisors (2003).
- \* Shannon Armstrong, Scott County Governor's appointee (2012).
- \* Doug Berry, leaseholder, Rankin County Board of Supervisors (2016).
- \* Bruce Brackin, leaseholder, Health Department (2013).
- \* Larry Castle, leaseholder, Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (2013).
- \* Billy Cook, Leake County Governor's appointee (2012).
- \* Ben Evans, leaseholder, Madison County Board of Supervisors (2016).
- \* W. C. Gorden, Hinds County Governor's appointee (2001).
- \* Jennifer Hall, leaseholder, Rankin County Governor's appointee (2016).
- \* Kenny Latham, Scott County Board of Supervisors (2010).
- \* John Pittman, leaseholder, Madison County Governor's appointee (2013).
- \* Tedrick Ratcliff, Jr., leaseholder, Forestry Commission (2013).

## Boat ramps fixed during drought

As drought plagued Mississippi this summer and Barnett Reservoir reached extremely low levels, the PRVWSD played the hand dealt it by Mother Nature. District crews did extensive repairs to four boat ramps, including at Twin Harbors and Audubon Point (Pelican Place) subdivisions and the Rankin County Landing at the dam.



## 58

### The magic number for Barnett bass

Barnett Reservoir's best bass fishermen watch their temperature gauges in late winter and early spring, looking for the proverbial "light switch" that turns on the largemouth. That number is 58, as in 58 degrees. Last year, the 58 degrees hit during the Bassmaster Central Open on March 13. Reservoir regular Gene Bishop noticed it late on Day 1, and adjusted his plan for the final two days. The results were nothing short of spectacular, producing 48 pounds for 10 fish on Friday and Saturday to win the event and earn Bishop a berth in the 2016 Bassmaster in March. His pattern: "Swimming (slowly but steadily reeling) an 8-inch June bug Zoom lizard behind a quarter-ounce bullet sinker on 50-pound braided line in the pad stems on the Rankin County side of the main lake."

Keep an eye on the surface temperature, tie on a lizard and at 58, take it for a swim in the pad stems.

## Numbers and websites to know

**Emergency:** Emergencies can be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week by contacting the Reservoir Control Tower at (601) 992-9703.

**Non-emergency:** For questions regarding PRVWSD policies and properties, contact the PRVWSD office during normal business hours at (601) 856-6574.

**On the water:** Boaters experiencing problems on the water requiring towing assistance should call *Sea Tow*, a private business specializing in emergency assistance, at (601) 992-0321.

**Current lake levels:** [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ms/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=02485600&PARAMeter\\_cd=00065.00060](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ms/nwis/uv/?site_no=02485600&PARAMeter_cd=00065.00060)

**Discharge & projected inflows at dam:** [http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=jan&gage=jsnm6&prob\\_type=stage&source=hydrograph](http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=jan&gage=jsnm6&prob_type=stage&source=hydrograph)

**Current & Forecast river level on Jackson gauge:** <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=jan&gage=jacm6&view=1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1&toggles=10,7,8,2,9,15,6&type=0>



**Main Harbor Store** is located on the water, next to Red Dot Road, inside Main Harbor Marina. We have a variety of products to offer at our store! From fuel and oil to snacks and boat accessories, Main Harbor Store is your one stop shop! Our dockside fuel is **ethanol free**, and we have grade 87 and 93. Sea Tow members receive a 10¢ per gallon discount on fuel. Main Harbor Store offers **pontoon boat rentals** ranging from 12 passengers to 16 passengers. We also offer **jet ski** and **kayak rentals!**

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

Mar 19	Run Up 4 Downs	OT	5K
Mar 26/27	Barnett Boat Show	ML	Boat show / egg hunt
Apr 2	Racin 4 a Seed	LS	5K
Apr 16	On The Road to Health	OT	5K
Apr 30	Cajun Fest 2016	OT	Family Event
May 7	Century Ride	OT	Bike Race
May 13	Pepsi Pops	OT	Symphony
May 21	Gator Bait Hatchlings Race	LS	Kayak race youth
May 20/21	Dragon Boat	OT	Boat Race
June 4	Heatwave	OT	Triathlon
July 2	Independence Celebration	OT & LS	Community Event
July 2	Lighted Boat Parade	Main Lake	

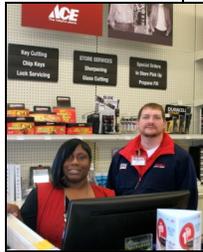
OT- Old Trace Park / LS—Lakeshore Park / PSP—Pelahatchie Shore Park  
 SP - Spillway Road / FL— Fannin Landing / ML—Madison Landing



### Bringing hardware back to the REZ

With 10,000-plus square feet in the Reservoir Square Center, Revell Ace Hardware offers the PRVWSD community a unique shopping experience on Spillway Road.

“Customer service is our hallmark,” said manager Jeff Johnson. “When you walk in our store, we will greet you at the door and assist you in finding exactly what you’re looking for, provide any information or tips you may need, and even offer alternatives to different products.”



Expanding to nearly double the size of two previous hardware stores at the same location — Miller Ace and then First Stop, Johnson said the new store fills a void in The Rez community.

“Essentially, there was a three-year void in this area, with reservoir residents having to drive to find hardware needs,” he said. “We don’t consider ourselves competing with the big box stores, like Lowe’s at Dogwood, but our prices are competitive and if you do pay a little more here, it comes with quicker, better and more informative service.”

Revell Ace offers a wide range of products from Yeti coolers and tumblers to lawn and garden, nuts and bolts to lumber, outdoor power tools to outdoor cooking grills — and, yes, even fishing and marine gear.

The store, which employs 11 full-time, is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.



### Mississippi Cajun Fest April 30 at Old Trace Park

The 2016 Mississippi Cajun Fest is scheduled for April 30 at Old Trace Park in Ridgeland. Overlooking beautiful Barnett Reservoir, the event has something for everyone.

In addition to 2,000 pounds of crawfish and music, the event will feature a cornhole tournament, the Mudbug Me-lee Cross-fit Liftoff competition, a Cajun Fest 5K run, a red beans and rice cookoff, the Spring Market arts and craft fair and a kid’s zone.

Music will include four bands, with DJ interludes. Scheduled bands include Acoustic Crossroads, Burnham Road, Trademark, and The Jason Miller Band.

Information on the event can be found on the dedicated “Mississippi Cajun Fest” Facebook page.



MARCH 26-27, 2016  
 MADISON LANDING

### BRF’s Boat Show Easter weekend

The Barnett Reservoir Foundation will hold its annual Boat and ATV Show on Easter weekend, March 26-27, at the Madison County Landing. Several local dealers will have their latest lines of boats and recreational vehicles on display at the show. Since it’s on Easter weekend, Easter egg hunts will held hourly with special prizes for children. Food and beverage vendors will be on site. For show hours and more information as the event approaches, visit [barnet-treservoirfoundation.org](http://barnet-treservoirfoundation.org).



Getting stuck on the water is a hassle, getting help shouldn't be!

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## The REZ developing a mobile app

Pertinent reservoir information, including water levels, a lake map, weather conditions, PRVWSD services, and the myriad recreational opportunities, will soon be available through a free mobile app called “The Rez.” This app is being designed to provide instant information for smart phone and tablet users about activities and services at Barnett Reservoir. Some of questions that the app will answer: “Where is the nearest boat ramp from my location?” “Am I under a boil water notice?” “Where can I hunt?”

The design process is in its final stages and is scheduled for a spring roll out.



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