

It's gin season in Bolton

By Susalyn Bennett

With the world's favorite natural fiber for cloth being cotton, most people don't think about where the fabric of their favorite t-shirt or sweater originated – but that cotton may have been harvested and ginned in Bolton, Mississippi, home to the Gaddis and McLaurin Gin, owned by a partnership between The Gaddis Farms, Inc. and Gaddis & McLaurin, Inc.

Purified cotton has many uses, including woven fabrics and surgical dressings. Sticks and leaves can be made into paper and cardboard. Seed meal can be used in livestock feed for cows and chickens, as well as a natural fertilizer to enrich soil for farming and flower beds. Cottonseed oil can be used in bath products and cosmetics, as well as for cooking. The short layer of fuzz covering cotton seeds contains a high level of cellulose, which can be used to make synthetic materials, including plastics and television screens. "Gin mote" cotton (or "dirty cotton") is used for making yarn, bleached and non-woven products.

Cotton fabric is breathable, has a soft



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View photos from the 2021 harvesting and ginning season on pages 4 and 5 of *The Bolton News*' extended online edition at www.BoltonMS.com.

Bale of cleaned cotton ready to be wrapped texture and its qualities make it easy to dye and manufacture into everything from blue jeans to dress shirts, baby diapers to bed sheets, upholstery to towels, and much more.

Although cultivated since antiquity, it was the invention of the cotton gin that lowered the cost of production that led to its widespread use, and, according to Wikipedia, it is the most widely used

natural fiber cloth in clothing today.

The Gaddis family has been in the ginning business since the early 1900s. During World War II, there were six gins in the family: three in Bolton, two in Raymond and one two miles north of Bolton.

The current gin on Bolton Raymond Road is the only one of those six that is still in operation today. When it was

built in 1956, it had a capacity of eight bales per hour. In 1985, a partnership was formed between Gaddis & McLaurin, Inc. and The Gaddis Farms, named Gaddis & McLaurin Gin. The gin was modernized, and today it can make up to thirty bales per hour.

The owners have also added a 5,000-ton-capacity seed house, where seed from ginning season is stored. It is sold to dairy operations and cottonseed mills throughout the year.

"Gin trash" is composted for a year, then sold to farmers and yard and garden customers in the spring (beginning on or about March first). Gardeners can see significantly improved results when they mix gin trash in the soil prior to planting vegetables and flowers.

Cotton from farms as far away as Hattiesburg and Lorman is ginned in Bolton. In Bolton, Live Oak Planting Company, which is run by Ted H. Kendall, IV, farms on the land owned by Gaddis & McLaurin, Inc. Snake Creek Planting Company, which is run by Kendall Garraway, farms on the land owned by The Gaddis Farms. Their cotton is ginned in Bolton, as well.

Bolton Christmas Parade set for December 11



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Bolton's parade committee recently announced that the 2021 Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, beginning at 10 a.m.

Individuals or groups who wish to participate in the parade may obtain an entry form at the library during normal business hours. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays and Sundays. The Annie T. Jeffers Library is located at 111 West Madison Street in Bolton.

The entry form is also available online at www.BoltonMS.com/EntryForm.

Bolton adopts budget for fiscal year

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On September 24, 2021, a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bolton was held at Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to approve the Town's budget for the fiscal year of 2020-2021. The budget was approved.

Bolton Budget Quick Facts:

Total Budget: \$416,725

Police Budget: 41.5% of total budget

Total Budget allows for income of \$83,093

Water Fund: \$194,0444

Water Fund allows for income of \$36,344

For a line-by-line list of budget items for the Town of Bolton and to view the full budget, visit www.BoltonMS.com.

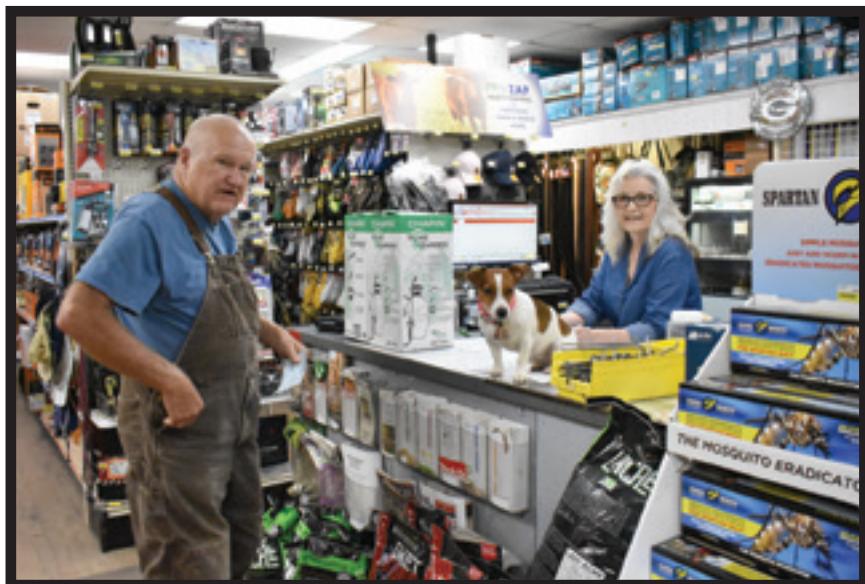
Town of Bolton MUNICIPALITY GENERAL (FUND)		
BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021		
	Final Budget Fiscal Year 2021	Final Budget Fiscal Year 2020
RECEIPTS		
License and Permits	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Grants	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Shared Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ -
State Grants	\$ -	\$ -
Grants from Local Units	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Governmental Services:		
Severance/DI	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Municipal Aid	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00
Department of Safety	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency and Incident	\$ -	\$ -
Homebased	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,700.00
Sales Tax	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
Property Tax	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 700.00	\$ 900.00
Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 750.00	\$ 200.00
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TOTAL	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 3,525.00
Charges for Utility Services:		

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CHA names 2021 Homecoming Court



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When Central Hinds Academy recently celebrated their 2021 homecoming, Cougars football won their conference match-up versus Cathedral High, 35-34. The Homecoming Court was presented that evening. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Mattie Ryan Basye and Holden Wren; second row: Addison Scott, Delaney Fisher, Makenzie Hankins, Carmen Mason, Joely Brown, Karson Lowery and Kaylee Grace Tinsley; third row: Alli Beth Scott, Maggie Beth Pinnix, Hannah Porch, Fallon Copeland, Megan Hall and Maylynn Goulette; and back row: Gracyn Craft, Savannah Roth, Laurel Freeman and Kameron Jeffreys.

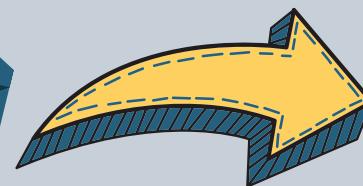
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Farm Bureau names Player of the Week



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Trey Kelly has been named Farm Bureau Insurance/Central Hinds Academy Player of the Week. Kelly, who is a junior at CHA, plays wide receiver and defensive back for the Cougars. Pictured (l to r) are Greg Horne, Trey Kelly and Coach Lance Teasley.

Community Events

Tuesday November 2	Election Day, polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m. New issue of The Bolton News
Sunday November 7	Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks back one hour
Tuesday November 9	Bolton Book Club meets at 10 a.m. at the library
Wednesday November 10	Hinds County Schools - students released early
Thursday November 11	Veterans Day
Tuesday November 16	Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m.
Monday November 22 - 26	Hinds County Schools - no school; Thanksgiving
Thursday November 25	Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday December 7	Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 6 p.m. New issue of The Bolton News
Wednesday December 8	Hinds County Schools - students released early
Saturday December 11	Bolton Christmas Parade

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BOLTON DOES ITS PART IN HARVESTING AND GINNING AMERICA'S COTTON



Once cotton bolls open, the plants are defoliated to remove the leaves.



Harvesting cotton, October 2021.



The harvester used to pick the cotton.



The harvester creates a roll wrapped in plastic and deposits it in the field. A tractor with a lift collects the roll and brings it out of the field.



Cotton ready to be transported to staging area or directly to the gin.



Cotton is transferred from the truck to this part of the gin's machinery.



Hauling cotton to the Gaddis and McLaurin Gin in Bolton.



Gaddis and McLaurin Gin in Bolton.

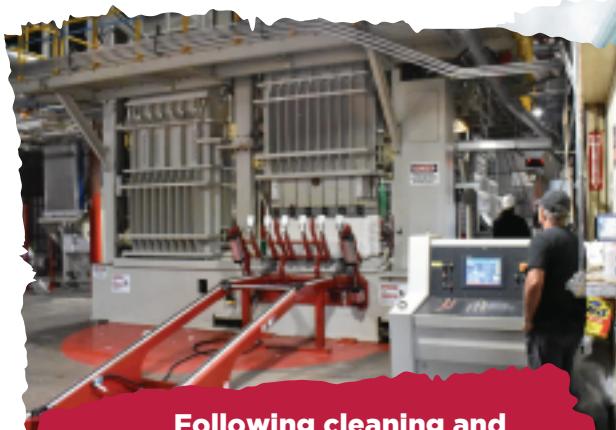
For those who may have wondered where the soft white cotton on the end of their Q-tips swabs came from or why their favorite bed sheets are so comfortable to sleep on, can look no further than Bolton, Mississippi, for some answers. Before bales of purified cotton and containers of cotton byproducts reach the manufacturers that make use of them in the myriad of products that people use every day, many of the initial steps in the process happen right in Bolton.



170 small saws cut the fiber off the cotton seeds, and the cleaned seeds drop into the tray below.



Ted H. Kendall, III and Steven Bonds



Following cleaning and processing, purified cotton is pressed into a bale.



In this stage, the purified cotton is encased in plastic.



Wrapped bales of purified, ginned cotton, ready to ship



"Gin Trash" is carried some distance from the main building. The majority of it will be composted for year, then sold to gardening enthusiasts.



Valentini Vega and Ted H. Kendall, III.

Picturing a world without breast cancer: Turn Up the Pink week at Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School

During "Turn up the pink" week at BEEMS, students, teachers and staff supported breast cancer awareness efforts and participated in fun dress-up days, including "Hollywood Day," "School Spirit Day" and more.

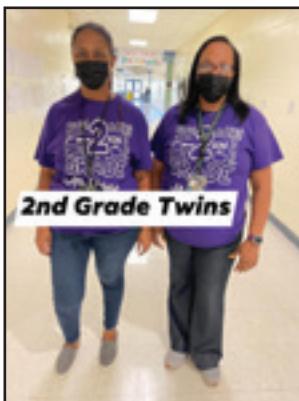
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Abigail Walker



Erin Edwards



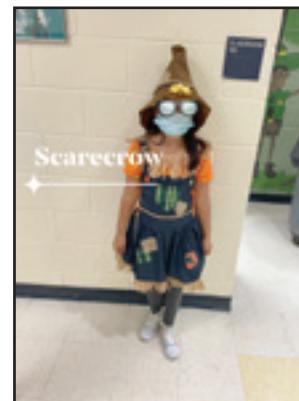
Anitra Johnson and Lakisha Rimmer



Anitra Johnson



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Mary Gibson, Sheneka Jackson and Angela Tidwell



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Yolanda Bell and Garnette Martin

Central Hinds names Students of the Month



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Central Hinds Academy recently announced their Students of the Month for September. Pictured (l to r) are Nobile Germany, Justin Cook, Brady Price, Jackson Teasley, Savanna Greer and Landon Dowden.

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