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## Meth lab found in Bentonia

■ Couple accused of cooking dangerous drug with children in the home

By JASON PATTERSON  
Managing Editor

The Yazoo County Sheriff's Department busted another meth lab Wednesday, the second in five days.

Curtis Matlock, 32, and Laura Brooks, 29, both of 426 East Railroad Ave. in



Matlock

Bentonia, are both charged with possession of precursors with the intent to manufacture



Brooks

methamphetamine and felony child endangerment. They were arrested at their home.

The felony child endangerment charges were filed because there were three children in the home at the time of the arrest. A child living near a methamphetamine laboratory is exposed to immediate dangers and to the ongoing effects of chemical contamination. Children could also be subjected to fires and explosions, abuse and neglect, and other risks.

Sheriff Thomas Vaughan said the arrests are the result of a lengthy investigation, and more arrests may be forthcoming in connection with this case.

On Friday deputies uncovered another meth lab on Miss. Highway 3 near the Warren County

## The Good News

The loss of Yazoo Motor Company in the midst of an already troubled economy proved to be devastating to Yazoo City. Jobs were lost, and the city was suddenly without its biggest source of sales tax revenue. Most of the economic news in the months that followed has been bleak, but recent developments suggest better days are ahead for Yazoo City and Yazoo County. You've heard the bad news. In this five part series we'll take a look at some very encouraging news for the local economy.



Photo by Jason Patterson

Larry White adjusts some of his equipment at AA Calibration in downtown Yazoo City. White's business has developed a customer base from around the world, and he is optimistic about the potential for expansion.

## Measuring success: AA Calibration expanding operations in Yazoo City

By JASON PATTERSON  
Managing Editor

Part 2 of a series of

in Yazoo City five years ago.

A thousandth of an inch is a great distance to Larry White.

In a typical week at AA Calibration he might work on airplane gauges one day, check torque wrenches the next and wrap up the week testing sophisticated military equipment.

"In my world one thousandth of an inch is huge," White said. "To the average person getting within a tenth of an inch is not really that bad. We have machines that can measure millionths of an inch. It's hard to imagine, but these are real lengths."

But even Larry White has difficulty measuring the potential for growth in the business he started

under construction in the industrial park, and once its completed White expects his business to grow considerably and create new jobs.

"We're trying to do a lot more than hire a couple of people," he said. "I'd like to hire about 50 people over the next two

**"The future potential is wide open. We haven't scratched the surface yet, but we're going to see how far we can go."**

Larry White

years."

White began working with Raytheon Aerospace in Madison after retiring from the Navy after 20 years of service in 1997. During his service he completed advance electronic school and calibration school, and retired as an aviation electronic technician.

"When I got into calibration I loved it even more than working on airplanes," he said.

White came to Yazoo City because his wife Dorothy was working with the extension program for Alcorn University at the time.

"We made this our home," he said. "It was a perfect fit for us."

After careful planning,

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Photo by Jason Patterson

Tommie Carl Logan is led to his initial court appearance by (from left) Chief Investigator Dennis Moulder, Jailor Charlie Burnside and Sheriff Thomas Vaughan.

## Man charged with child pornography

By JASON PATTERSON  
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A Yazoo County man has been charged with four counts of child pornography.

Tommie Logan, 27, of 4791 Lake City Road, was arrested at his residence Tuesday afternoon by the Yazoo County Sheriff's Department and officers with the Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit.

Justice Court Judge Pam May set Logan's bond at \$200,000 during his initial appearance Wednesday morning.

"I want you to know that the nature of these charges is very disturbing to me," May said before setting a \$50,000 bond

for each charge.

Officers seized Logan's computer, which was found to have numerous pornographic images of small children.

"The evidence was really disturbing in this case," Vaughan said. "Our chief investigator has seen many cases involving child pornography over the course of the last 30 years, and he said this is the worst he's seen."

Logan's arrest marks the second child pornography case in Yazoo County this year. The Sheriff's Department arrested convicted sex offender Jason Boyce Lee on child pornography charges in July. Lee remains in the Yazoo County Jail.

## Jordan: tougher standards a starting point for better schools

■ Interim state superintendent says community support can overcome obstacles

By JASON PATTERSON  
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Tougher standards and tighter budgets are what's in store for Mississippi's public schools, but interim State Superintendent John Jordan said that neither of those obstacles



Jordan

should prevent Yazooans from demanding excellence.

"The ratings for Yazoo City's schools are not going to be good initially, but understand that it's a starting point for us to

improve our schools," Jordan said. "There is not a child in our schools that cannot succeed."

Jordan, a Yazoo County native, spoke to

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