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## 'Mississippi Roads' visits two coast cities

*Episodes to spotlight Moss Point's 'hidden treasure,'  
Ocean Springs' Walter Anderson Museum*



File Photo

Moss Point's Fall-de-Rah decorations will be featured in a February episode of MPB's "Mississippi Roads."

By VIVIAN AUSTIN  
Correspondent

**T**he Mississippi Public Broadcasting show "Mississippi Roads" will be meandering southward into Jackson County in February, producers said. And as they prepare for multiple episodes during the winter, the crew recently filmed in Moss Point and Ocean Springs.

TV host Walt Grayson and producer Key Ivy began filming in Moss Point shortly after Veterans Day activities ended in the downtown area Nov. 11.

"We loved Moss Point, a beautiful town, beautiful area," Grayson said. "Moss Point has a chance for a booming growth with that boardwalk on the river."

He said the city of Pearl would love to have a river running through its downtown.

The show will highlight Fall-De-Rah and the pumpkin patch, Escatawpa River boardwalk, Pelican Landing Conference Center, Pascagoula Audubon Center, and Moss Point Bed and Breakfast.

"I like Moss Point. It looks like they are heading in the right direction in building on the water and downtown."

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Photo courtesy of Mississippi Public Broadcasting

"Mississippi Roads" host Walt Grayson was recently in Jackson County filming footage for upcoming episodes of the show, which will feature destinations in Moss Point and Ocean Springs. The episodes are scheduled to show in February, producers said.

## CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Seventeen classmates from the Pascagoula High School Class of 1949 met for a 60th reunion on Nov. 6 at Lake View Restaurant along with guests. There were 87 in the class and of that number, 36 have died. Pictured here are, from left, front row, Arthur Bryant, Marshall Gilmer, Robert "Mutt" Haire, Annette Tisdale Torres and Bonadel Lander Rummage; second row, Margie Moore George, Norma Iversen Schumm, Mary Lou Cowan Hunter, Marilyn Hennrich Root, Kitty Harris Bardwell, Charlotte Lowe Watts, Dorothy Shumaker Kelly; and, back row, Stuart Weir, Tommie Watts Haigler, Harvey England, Bonnie Byrd Murray and David Hamilton.

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Submitted by Kitty Bardwell

## Gulf Coast Neighbors Robert Smith

**Birthplace:** Brookhaven  
**Hometown:** Pass Christian  
**Family:** Wife, Carol Van Bommel; four children and two grandchildren  
**Occupation:** Jackson County Community Services Coalition project manager; client recovery specialist for the American Red Cross in Pascagoula; director of Dual-Diagnosis Day Program at Vinten Corporation in Roxbury, Mass.  
**Activities:** Member of NAACP in Biloxi and Moss Point, volunteer with American Red Cross in Pascagoula; member of 100 Men of Moss Point



## 'Shelter Bob' says serving others fulfills his own life

By SUSAN STACHOWSKI  
Correspondent

Working for the rights of others has fulfilled Robert Smith's life since his earliest days, to include marching for human rights and voter registration to volunteering with the American Red Cross.

Smith, who is often known as "Shelter Bob," grew up in Brookhaven and now lives in Pass Christian. He has spent the better part of his adult life in Massachusetts where he is retired

from the Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center. He spent more than 20 years working in various positions in a variety of health positions.

As a student, Smith worked at Longfellow House Resort in Pascagoula before he left college to join the Civil Rights Movement.

"I was the first black person to sit at the Pascagoula bus station lunch counter and I marched for human rights and voter registration in numerous towns across Mississippi," Smith said. "I

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## Old Crab

When a block of cheese gets its dadburn picture taken, what does it say?



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