



Hinds County Tax Collector Eddie Fair talks with individuals interested in buying property for sale due to unpaid taxes. PHOTO BY KEVIN BRADLEY

## Property for sale due to unpaid taxes

By Shanderia K. Posey  
Editor

The sale of property in Hinds County resulting from unpaid taxes continues until 4:30 p.m. Sept. 2, at the Hinds County Courthouse, 407 E. Pascagoula St., in courtroom No. 6.

Eddie Fair said Tuesday the annual tax sale is going great so far with a lot of people coming from out of state to purchase property. "It's good for Hinds County but bad for citizens sometimes," said Fair, noting how citizens lose their property. Fair explained how citizens

have less of a chance of getting the property back when people come from out of state to buy the property. When the property is purchased by a local person, those losing the property "have an opportunity to get it back and can communicate with them (the purchasers)," Fair said. "That's why

we try so hard to keep it in Hinds County." Property being sold to the highest bidder comes out of District 1, which is the city of Jackson, and District 2, which is rural parts of

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## Campbell motivates Mission sisters

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

Kimberly Campbell, Mississippi State Director of AARP, addressed the College Hill family at its annual mission day Aug. 28, in the church sanctuary at 4 p.m. It was during this service that the mission sisters were rededicated to their mission work. After being introduced by College Hill member Debra McGee, Campbell told the audience the way they do it in the AME church is they hit it, hope the spirit gets it and then they let you go.

Taking off on the theme "Seeking to Serve Like the Master Server" Campbell delivered an address with the energy of a Baptist minister. She talked about serving with a pureness in your heart rather than serving in hopes of receiving awards.

"Your serving is not pure if you are doing it for yourself," said Campbell.

Throughout her message, she received thunderous applause from the mission sisters and congregation. Campbell explained that everyone has an anointing to serve in some capacity and one should listen for their own calling; whereas, many people want to do things that someone else was called to do.

Campbell made several points the audience seemed to agree with as they shouted "amen" over and over again and applauded time and time again.

Some of the points she made were before you can become a "queen bee, you have to be a worker bee." She advised the congregation to focus on your own anointing, own your light and let it shine and help to ignite

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# Sickle cell gala touts critical care



Attending the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation Gala were Derrick "DJay" James (front), MSCF Poster Child for 2016; La'Shon O'Neal (back row, from left), Corey Bradford, LaShaunda Davenport (DJay's mom) and Derrick James (DJay's father). PHOTO BY STEPHANIE R. JONES

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The day before he was to appear as the poster child of the year for the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation, Derrick James spent the day at a hospital being treated for a pain crisis, an all too common occurrence for children and adults who suffer from the condition.

But 9-year-old Derrick, known as DJay, was well enough to tell his young life's

story for the foundation's annual gala Aug. 26, at the Mississippi Agriculture Museum.

"Thank you for choosing me poster child of the year," Derrick said. "I will continue to spread the word about sickle cell."

His mother LaShaunda Davenport said the family found out through mandatory testing that Derrick had sickle cell when he was 3 months old. She said her son has experienced many crises, hos-

pitalizations and blood transfusions over the years. "He's gone through a lot but he still remains a happy active child," she said.

Davenport said the family works closely with Mississippi Blood Services to encourage blood donations because children with sickle cell require them.

"We do a lot of work with Mississippi Blood Services. We do a lot with Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital,"

Davenport said.

Corey Bradford, former NFL and Jackson State University wide receiver, was the keynote speaker. Bradford said he first learned about sickle cell when his brother-in-law, Major O'Neal, succumbed to the disease.

"It took months and months to figure out what was going on," Bradford said. "He had

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## Yarber, Council defending lawsuit

From staff reports

The City of Jackson and Mayor Tony Yarber will have separate counsel to address a sexual harassment federal lawsuit filed by Kimberly V. Bracey Aug. 25, against the defendants.

Bracey, the former executive assistant to the mayor who was hired April 24, 2014, has accused Yarber of sexual harassment, sexual discrimination and allowing a sexual hostile workplace.

On Aug. 30, Yarber was absent from a special City Council meeting set to address the lawsuit. After back-and-forth questions from City Council members to James Anderson Jr., special assistant to the city attorney, the council members went into executive session to discuss the matter.

Two hours later the council members came out of the session and revealed they would seek separate counsel on behalf of the city.

Yarber released a statement following the meeting saying, "This is now a legal matter. My private legal counsel will respond accordingly. I was unable to attend the meeting today as I had a conflict. We will continue to work with the Council on these and other issues. Indeed, now our focus is on crafting a budget and taking the necessary steps to keep Jackson on path to fiscal resiliency."

In the lawsuit, Bracey alleges that she and Yarber had a consensual sexual relationship from May 2014 until July 2014 while she was separated from her husband. The lawsuit goes on to state that Bracey's sexu-



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# Sharpton gives eulogy at Curry's funeral

## Leader admonishes Black Press to 'keep telling the story'

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - One minute the congregation was somber and in tears and the next minute they were rocking to choir music in the pews. The next minute they were laughing in fond memory, and then they

were shouting and applauding on their feet.

That was the range of emotions that marked the packed house during the "Celebration of Life" for legendary journalist George Curry at Weeping Mary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Aug. 27.

The Rev. Al Sharpton gave a eulogy of the Black Press journalist, columnist, commentator and editor that soared from a touching and sometimes humorous tribute to a fiery sermon that shook the sanctuary. Stately black journalists and publishers were among those moved by

the Spirit as Sharpton's message pointed largely to how they must now escalate their voices as they continue telling the story.

"There were many black writers that have gone mainstream. But George Curry made main-

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Black journalists and publishers, including The Mississippi Link's Jackie Hampton (at right), were seated in the reserved first two rows in honor of George Curry. PHOTO BY PJ FISCHER/TENNESSEE TRIBUNE

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