



Ushering in a new era of leadership for Jackson

Lumumba sworn in as the youngest mayor in city’s history

By Othor Cain
Editor

His dad was elected mayor of the City of Jackson just days before the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Medgar Evers in 2013. He announced his candidacy [for the second time] for mayor of Jackson on what would have been Malcolm X’s 91st birthday in May 2016. His dad died Feb. 25, 2014, less than a year in office as mayor. Two weeks after delivering an impassioned eulogy and laying his father to rest, he announced his candidacy [for the first time] for a special election to fill the seat left vacant by his dad, March 11, 2014.

Chokwe Antar Lumumba, 34, was officially sworn in as mayor of Jackson, Monday, before a standing room only crowd at Jackson’s Convention Center Complex. “We observe today not as a victory of our chosen candidate, but a celebration of our unity,” Lumumba said to a cheering crowd. “It’s about our collective efforts to move Jackson forward. A blessing deferred isn’t a blessing denied.

Having had hopes of fulfilling the unexpired term of his father in 2014, Lumumba said he was

grateful for losing to former mayor Tony Yarber. “I’m actually grateful that we lost the election in 2014, not because the sincerity was not there, not because we didn’t believe we would have done a good job, but, we’ve been able to appreciate far more that’s going on with the city of Jackson, and I’ve been able to appreciate more within myself,” Lumumba shared on the website democracynow.org.

“People have to remember, in 2014, not only did I bury my father in a two-month time span and then enter into an election, my wife was pregnant with our first child. And so there was a world of change. You had a first-time candidate, who had not run for junior class president, much less mayor of a city. And so, we’ve been able to, you know, gather more information and position ourselves better. Everything happens in a perfect timing. And so, we’re happy where we find ourselves at this time, to move forward the agenda that my father embarked on, an agenda of a people’s platform, one that was not only, you know, symbolic of his work in his short term as mayor, but symbolic of his work, a lifetime of work,

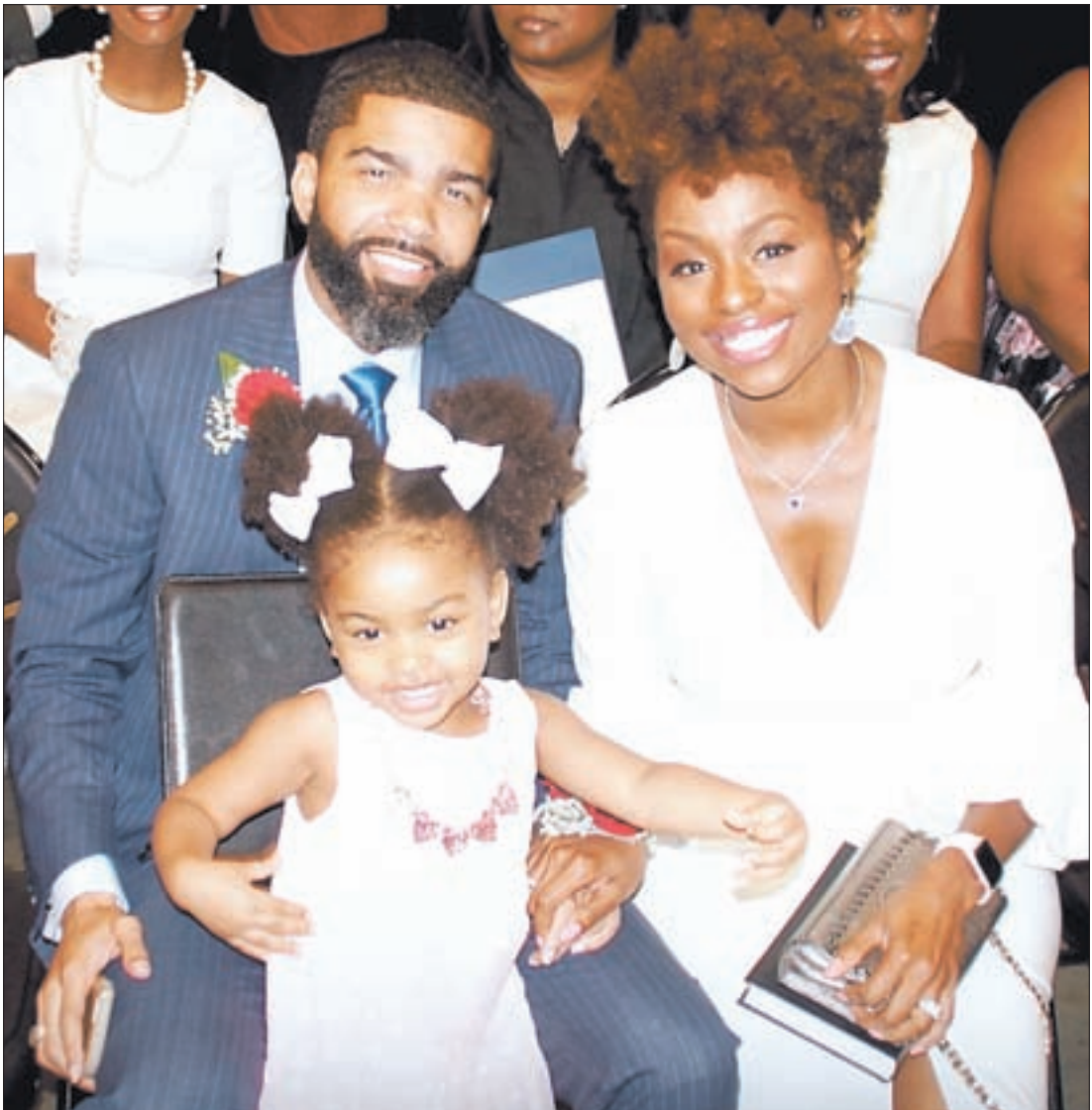
that he subscribed to and also ultimately dedicated his family toward.”

During Lumumba’s swearing in service, on the same stage his father stood and was sworn in just four years ago, he became engulfed with emotions. “A son only holds his father’s hand for a short while, but he holds his heart forever,” he said as he fought back tears. “I can’t help but to be emotional today.”

He also paid homage to his mother. “My mom’s spirit was infectious, she was the first person to tell me that I was brilliant,” he said. “If you had the privilege of knowing her or meeting her, she is someone that you would never forget.”

Lumumba ran on a people’s platform. In Chicago a few weeks ago, speaking at the People’s Summit, Lumumba shared his thoughts about that platform. “From the moment we announced, we worked hard and aggressively on an agenda that included social justice, economic democracy and making certain that the people had a voice,” he shared. “That’s our story, and

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Jackson’s First Family Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Ebony Lumumba and daughter Alake’ Maryama PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

Inaugural Prayer Service

By Nina Brown
Intern

FREE THE LAND! FREE THE LAND! FREE THE LAND! The city of Jackson has a new leader. Monday, July 3, the city of Jackson officially bestowed the honor of mayor on Chokwe Antar Lumumba, after having won the general election with 94 percent of the vote in June.

The day began at 7:30 a.m., with a prayer breakfast followed by a prayer service at Grace Inspirations Church in West Jackson under the leadership of Danny Ray Hollins. Jimi Jones, pastor of Free Christian Ministries, where Lumumba and his family are members, presided over the spirit-filled worship service.

Attendees, who came from near and far to feast on both physical and spiritual food, were greeted with inspirational singing and praise dancing. Buds of Promise, a female dance ensemble and one of Lumumba’s favorites, shared their gift of dance to the highly popular song “Nobody Like You Lord.”

The service also included scripture



Lumumba receiving a word from his pastor. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

readings by Minister Jorge Torres of Iglesias Hispana De Clinton, who

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Banks and Lindsey sworn in as new council members

By Othor Cain
Editor

When the Jackson City Council meets for the first time this fiscal year, two new faces will appear in council chambers.

In Ward 6, voters elected political organizer and consultant Aaron Banks. This seat became vacant when former Councilman Tyrone Hendrix opted not to seek reelection after being named the executive director for



Virgi Lindsay (7), Aaron Banks (6), Charles Tillman (5), Ebony and Mayor Chokwe A. Lumumba, DeKeither Stamps (4), Melvin Priester (2), Ashby Foote (1) PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

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Mayors begin new 4-year terms in several Mississippi cities

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

The new mayor of Mississippi’s capital city says he wants it to be “invested in the principles of human rights, justice and equity.”

Chokwe Antar Lumumba, a 35-year-old attorney, was inaugurated Monday in Jackson.

“As we face the looming threats of underperforming schools, a budget

shortfall, crumbling infrastructure, furloughed city employees, crime and a water crisis, we must stand with a great resolve and become more determined than ever before to face these issues head-on,” Lumumba told a standing room only crowd at the Jackson Convention Complex.


He is one of several municipal leaders in Mississippi who are beginning four-year terms of office:

- Democrat Lynn Spruill took the oath Monday to become the new mayor of Starkville – the first woman to hold the job in the city. Spruill is a former Navy pilot and was mayor of Addison, Texas, from 1988 to 1993.
- The new mayor of Clarksdale, Democrat Chuck Espy, was inaugurated Monday to a job once held

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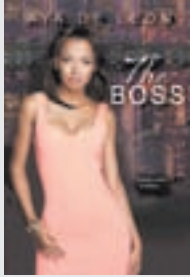
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Emotions for the Lumumba Family ran high at the prayer service. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

shared Isaiah 58: 6-12. Father Jerry Tobin of Norbertine Priory shared scriptures from Colossians 3:1-7. Both scriptural messages provided Lumumba the encouragement needed to lead the city of Jackson down the right path.

Church leaders from various congregations offered focused-specific prayers ranging from youth, unity, economics and the mayor. Rae Jean Spears, a 2017 graduate of Tougaloo College and a former student of First Lady Ebony Lumumba, who chairs the English Department at the historical college, led a prayer for youth. Spears, who is a

minister-in-training at the Firehouse Church in Meridian, offered uplifting and encouraging words not only to youths but those who work with youth in various capacities.

Jones, who offered a prayer specifically for Lumumba, asked the mayor to stand as he delivered it. Jones read scriptures from 2 Samuel 23:1-4. “This is The Word of the Lord to you Mr. Mayor,” said Jones. Jones called Lumumba ‘a breath of fresh air’ in Jackson. “We will stand with him, pray with him, pray for him, and give our best. Ask not what Jackson can do for us, but what can we do for Jackson,” Jones said.

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Ward 6’s leadership has changed three times in the last eight years, which is arguably not enough time for any one person to make substantial changes or progress. Hendrix, who didn’t serve a full four-year term, was victorious in a special election to replace then-councilman Tony Yarber.

Yarber, who became mayor in 2014, after the untimely death of former mayor Chokwe Lumumba, served one full four year term as councilman and was elected to a second term, but only served seven months.

Banks, who also serves as pastor of Glory Empowerment Center in South Jackson, is a first time elected official but has worked in many capacities for several campaigns ranging from field director to campaign manager. Banks also worked for former mayors Lumumba and Yarber. “I ran on a platform that South Jackson matters and I stand on that,” Banks said. “I’m looking forward to forming partnerships with the faith-based community, non-profit groups and others in an effort to rid South Jackson of dilapidated

properties.”

In Ward 7, voters elected political newcomer Virgi Lindsay. This seat became available when long-time city council member Margaret Barrett-Simon retired after 32 years of service. Barrett-Simon, the longest serving member on the council, was elected when the city switched to our current mayor-council form of government. Ward 7 encompasses downtown, Belhaven, Fondern, Battlefield Park and portions of South Jackson.

Lindsay, who is a community leader and expert in neighborhood revitalization, served 15 years as the executive director for the Greater Belhaven Foundation, one of Jackson’s most successful improvement groups. “I love Jackson and have spent decades working to make it safer, cleaner and a more vibrant place to live and work,” she said. “I’m excited to get started.”

Council members in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were all reelected. By state statute members of the Jackson City Council elected new leadership at its first meeting in July.

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by his father, Henry Espy. Chuck Espy served 16 years in the Mississippi House before choosing not to seek re-election in 2015. In this year’s Democratic primary, he defeated first-term Mayor Bill Luckett – the same man who defeated him in the party primary for mayor four years ago.

- In Hernando, Republican N.C. “Tom” Ferguson Jr., was inaugurated Sunday to succeed three-term mayor Chip Johnson. Ferguson, a pilot, defeated Johnson in the GOP primary.

- In Hattiesburg, new Mayor Toby Barker took his oath of office Thursday to succeed four-term Democrat Johnny DuPree. Barker served nearly a decade in the Mississippi House as a Republican but ran for mayor as an independent.

- The new mayor of Oxford, Democrat Robyn Tannehill, was inaugurated Thursday. She succeeds Pat Patterson, a Democrat who didn’t seek a third term.

Lumumba takes on a job started in Jackson four years ago by his father, Chokwe Lumumba. The elder Lumumba died after



Espy



Tannehill



Barker



Ferguson

less than a year in office and was succeeded by fellow Democrat Tony Yarber. The younger Lumumba defeated Yarber and several others in the Democratic primary this year, then easily won the general election.

Lumumba promised a “people’s administration”

and ran under the slogan: “When I become mayor, you become mayor.” After Lumumba took his oath Monday, a judge administered an oath to Jackson residents and business owners in the audience, who pledged to work for success of the city.

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Court of Appeals Judge Latrice Westbrooks administers oath of office to Lumumba as wife Ebony looks on. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

we’re sticking to it.”

Lumumba plans to implement “people’s assemblies.” “This speaks directly to our campaign promise which has become a staple in conversations around town, ‘when I become mayor, you become mayor,’” he said. “These assemblies will give residents an opportunity to participate in the decision making process.”

There’s a spirit of newness and freshness that is resonating in the city. Attorney and die hard Jacksonian Carlyn Hicks agrees. Hicks described Lumumba in a post on her Facebook page: My brother, my friend, and now...our mayor. The youngest mayor in the history of our city, an advocate’s advocate, a man’s man of integrity and candor, and a thoughtful, critically-thinking mind of sheer brilliance.”

Lumumba said in Chicago that all eyes were on Jackson.

“So what happens in Jackson, Mississippi, impacts each and every one of us. And so we have to make the decision that we’re going to start controlling the way electoral politics proceed. And so we’ve made the decision that we’re going to be the most radical city on the planet, that we’re going to make certain that we change the whole scope of electoral politics. No longer will we allow an individual to step before us and tell us all of the great things that they’re going to accomplish on our behalf, only to find that nothing in their past demonstrates a sincerity, a willingness or an ability to do so. What we must do in Jackson, Mississippi, in D.C., in Maryland, in Gary, Indiana, in Chicago, Illinois, is we have to start drafting an agenda for ourselves, creating an agenda, creating what we want to see, and then we draft the leadership which represents our agenda.”

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

Hinds County School District Students Attend S.T.E.P. for Middle School Camp

Teachers and students from Byram Middle School and Carver Middle School attended the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Camp in June for the middle school grades 5th, 6th, and 7th. The camp provided activities for the students that encourage exploration and design as well as problem solving for the participants. The core objectives of the camp included opportunities for students to experiment and brainstorm with classmates for logical conclusion with a predicted outcome. Teachers were introduced to strategies related to each activity that were performed in the workshop and in their classrooms.



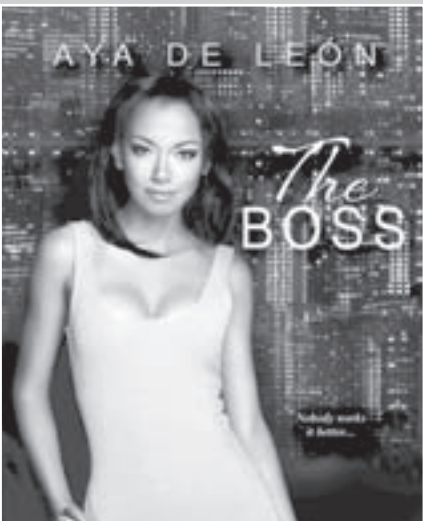
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Pictured L-R from BMS: Pam Ficken, science teacher/BMS; Jaden Ball, student/Outstanding Student Award winner for BMS and Victor Branch, manager Education Training & Digital Tools.



Pictured L-R from CMS: Candace Roberts, science teacher; Melinda Spille, science teacher; Joshua McGee, student/CMS Outstanding Student Award winner; and Victor Branch, manager, Education Training & Digital Tools.



BOOK REVIEW: “THE BOSS”

BY AYA DE LEÓN
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Somebody needs to call the shots.

Leading by committee may seem equal, right? Everybody should have a voice, but there has to be a head honcho in the mix somewhere. Somebody has to make decisions and stand up, to lead with a big heart, a cool head, an open mind and, in “The Boss” by Aya de León, a solid backbone.

For Tyesha Couvillier, it should have been the best day of her life.

Newly graduated from Columbia with a degree in public health, she’d just landed a job as executive director of the Maria de la Vega Community Health Clinic, focusing on the well-being of New York’s sex workers. It was a job she’d had her eye on for years, and she should have been celebrating.

Instead, there was nothing but drama: her older sister, Jenisse, was in town with her drug-dealing boyfriend and two teenage daughters. Not that Jenisse did anything specific; just her being in town ag-

gravated Tyesha.

It didn’t help that Tyesha’s friend, Lily, was having trouble, too: she was a dancer at the One-Eyed King, a club that was forcing its strippers to do things they didn’t want to do and one girl almost got hurt. Lily had learned that a Ukrainian mob was behind the new rules, and so she’d turned to the clinic – and Tyesha – for help.

So much drama – and yet, it was just what Tyesha needed. Her life was uninspiring, but going to bat for the strippers

was something she could totally get into. She understood their plight: in another life, Tyesha had been a dancer/escort, too.

She had also helped run a little heist ring with her friend, Marisol, but that work was behind them both. Tyesha was respectable now; a professional with access to legal information who could help New York’s dancers form a union.

If only her love life was as clear as her work project.

Tyesha had dated rapper Thug Woofer for awhile, but he

kept blowing every chance she gave him to get it right. Now Tinder wasn’t cutting it and one-night stands were no good. Really, could any man handle a relationship with a strong woman like her?

While I do have to say that it’s quite far-fetched, “The Boss” is so, in a good way.

Pure escapism is what author Aya de León offers here with a story that actually has many separate plots – romance, family drama, a little espionage, and surprisingly righteous feminism – all of them appealing.

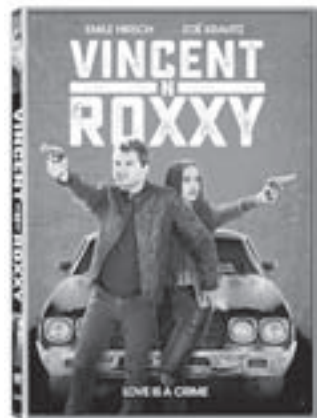
Part of that appeal is with the character: de León’s Tyesha is smart but vulnerable and even though her story is over-the-top, she’s not.

Real or imagined, every reader will be able to find a little of herself there, which makes this a doubly fun novel to enjoy.

This is an adult book all the way, complete with language and situations that are not for kids. Keep that in mind, and if you’re looking for a great summer escape, “The Boss” is just the shot you need.

Top Ten DVD List for July 4, 2017

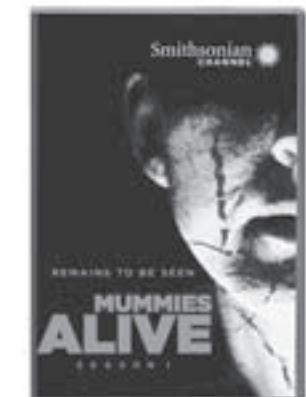
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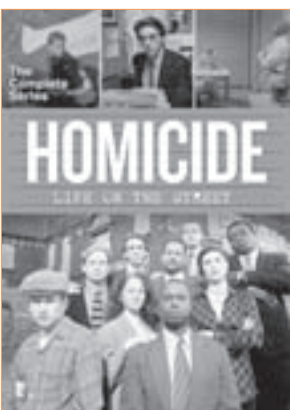
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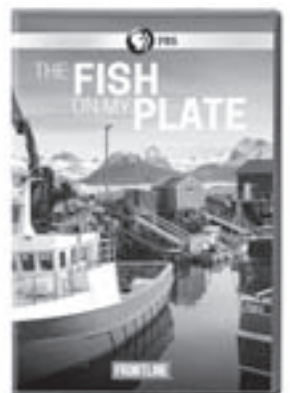
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GPS: A christian’s best friend

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



I shared in last week’s column how I’m fascinated by my experiences with GPS. It’s amazing to me how it immediately responds to my driving errors and provides quick solutions. “Rerouting...rerouting...please make a u-turn in 50 feet.”

Spoken calmly and without emotion, these words from my GPS a few years ago made me realize that once again, despite my best efforts, I’d gotten lost. However, after I rerouted (and followed its new directions), it took me just a few minutes to get back on track.

Honestly, it’s frustrating as one who has always been directionally challenged, that even using a GPS correctly, I

get lost. Now, I could blame it on the device or the traffic construction that is all over Dallas-Fort Worth which makes for many unexpected detours.

Whatever the reason, the bottom line is I have a hard time following the directions. It’s not that I don’t want to follow the directions, I just find myself confused about when to turn, etc. However, the GPS is quick to tell me that I’ve turned too quickly or gone too far.

I was having a conversation with some people a few years ago about needing a verbal GPS to put us back on track when we say or do something that is wrong. We joked that it would be great to have a device tell us “rerouting, rerouting...turn around in the next sentence” when we say something that is inappropriate, hurtful, crazy or just plain

foolish. The verbal GPS could stop us mid-sentence when we are about to say or do something that is wrong, ungodly, spiteful, or unethical.

Later, I thought about how we already have a spiritual GPS...and it’s called the Holy Spirit. Scriptures say that the Holy Spirit comes to guide us and provide guidance when we need it. If we submit to the power of the Holy Spirit, we will receive divine direction. The ability of the Holy Spirit to teach us what to say when we are in difficult situations is mentioned in Luke 12:11-13: “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

A reminder that the Holy Spirit can provide direction in all areas of our lives is found

in John 14:26: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

In addition, John 16:8-9 describes the ways in which the Holy Spirit will work: “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin.”

If we allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit and follow its direction, we will find ourselves heading in the right direction and, if we get lost, able to make the necessary adjustments to get back on track.

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Satan is a powerful foe

Part III

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



There are Christians who live with false condemnation because they are tempted along various lines. They feel they surely could not be saved and have such thoughts. The only way the devil can tempt us is through our minds. He tempts us by sending thoughts of evil through our minds, but those suggestions are not sin. It is never a sin to be tempted. We can be tempted a thousand times in one day and yet not commit sin one time.

However, some people think that because they are tempted so often and so strongly, they must be spiritually weak. On the contrary, that is normally a sign of strength. God will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear, but will with the temptation make a way for our escape, that we may be able to bear it.

We find these words in Hebrew 4:15, “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” Jesus was tempted in the same way we get tempted and since He did not give in, we do not have to give in because He is in us, if we are saved.

No amount or type of temptation is sin, but the very suggestion of wrong seems to bring such pollution with it that the poor, tempted Christian feels horrible and very far from God. Christian friend, when

the devil comes to us and whispers evil suggestions or brings evil thoughts to our mind and then accuses us for having those thoughts, just say, “Listen, devil, you are the one who said it, not me!”

All discouragement is from the devil – every bit of it; but many times the enemy’s reasoning sounds so believable that we often accept it as truth. Remember, though, the devil is our adversary; he is an accuser of the brethren. He will accuse us and cause false guilt and false condemnation to rest upon our soul without really telling us what we have done wrong.

We need to bring all the guilt that we have been carrying to Jesus; then tell the devil, “Devil, we are in Christ Jesus. We are walking in the Spirit; therefore, I refuse to carry this load any longer. From this day forward, we are going to be free from guilt and condemnation.” Again, we read in Romans 8:1 these words: “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

If we really commit it to God from this day forward, we can walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh; then when Satan brings up something just tell him it is under the blood of Jesus Christ. God has help for us if we will just humble ourselves and give our load of guilt to Him and not carry it any longer.

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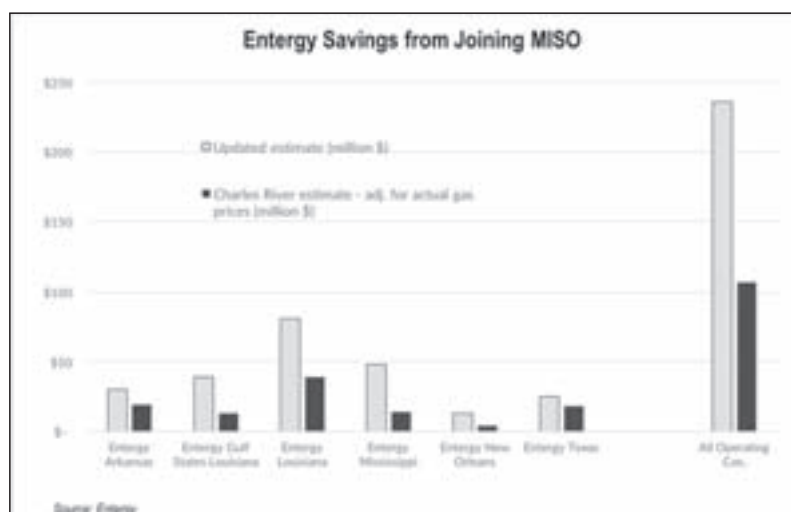
Commissioner Britton

reliable energy is vital in recruiting and retaining jobs, and creating opportunities for our state," said Cecil Brown, central district commissioner. "Entergy has a long record of supporting a strong economy in Mississippi, and we look forward to working with MISO and our community and economic development partners as we move forward."

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The \$118 million in savings largely comes from the more efficient commitment and dispatch of power plants. This results in access to lower cost electricity through MISO's power market. At 6.29 cents per kilowatt hour, Mississippi's average industrial rate is well below the national average – a key factor when companies look to expand or relocate.

"Thanks to the Mississippi Public Service Commission, we've been



able to provide our customers with the wide range of benefits offered by membership in MISO, a membership from which they will benefit for years to come," said Bob Grenfell, Entergy Mississippi vice president of regulatory affairs. "Joining MISO is a great example of how we work to control customer costs and keep rates low so we can help drive economic growth."

"At MISO, our number one mission is to deliver electricity to our members at the lowest cost and highest reliability," said Todd Hillman, vice president and South Region executive for MISO. "That translates to financial savings for member utilities and power consumers – and ultimately fuels a more prosperous economy for our region."

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megawatts of electric generating capacity, including nearly 9,000 megawatts of nuclear power. Entergy delivers electricity to 2.9 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Entergy has annual revenues of approximately \$10.8 billion and nearly 13,000 employees.

MISO ensures reliable operation of, and equal access to high-voltage power lines in 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. MISO manages one of the world's largest energy markets, with \$25 billion in gross annual market charges. MISO was approved as the nation's first regional transmission organization in 2001. The non-profit 501(C)(4) organization is governed by an independent Board of Directors and is headquartered in Carmel, Ind. Membership is voluntary.

For more information regarding Midcontinent Independent System Operator contact the Mississippi Public Service Commission at 1-800-356-6428 or online at www.psc.state.ms.us

Madison teen receives award during national scholarship competition

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mobile, Ala. – On Friday, June 30, Neha Arora of Madison, Mississippi received a self-expression award during the second night of preliminary competition at the 60th Distinguished Young Women National Finals. The \$1,000 cash scholarship was presented to four of the 51 state representatives who received the highest scores from the panel of judges following their on-stage oral presentation in front of an audience.

Following a selection process that began in her home state of Mississippi, Arora traveled to Mobile, Ala. along with 50 other state representatives to participate in community activities and prepare for the 60th annual national competition.



Arora is a graduate of Saint Andrew's Episcopal School. In the fall, she will attend Emory University with plans to become a physician. She is the daughter of Namita and Sumesh Arora.

About Distinguished Young Women

Founded in 1958 in Mobile, Alabama, Distinguished Young Women is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. During its 60 years of operation, the program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 745,000 young women. Distinguished Young Women has provided more than \$104 million in cash scholarships and \$1.1 billion college granted scholarship opportunities annually to program participants at the local, state and national level. Previously known as America's Junior Miss, the program announced its new name in June 2010.

The mission of Distinguished Young Women is to positively impact the lives of young women by providing a transformative experience that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent.

National sponsors include Mobile County, City of Mobile, Wintzell's Oyster House, Encore Rehabilitation, Alabama Power Foundation, Master Boat Builders, Barbara Barrington Jones Family Foundation, Regions Financial Corporation, Evonik and Alabama Media Group.

For more information about Distinguished Young Women, contact Adrienne Rea, National Headquarters Marketing & Communications director 251.438.3621, Adrienne@DistinguishedYW.org or visit www.DistinguishedYW.org. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

A Grand Slam! for NAACP and Loaves and Fishes

The Mississippi Link Newswire

It was a good day for the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen in Biloxi, when the Biloxi NAACP walked in and handed them a check for \$645, thanks to a partnership between the NAACP and Overtime Sports. While Loaves and Fishes is noted for giving every day, it was unique to see them receive something for a change.

Led by President James Crowell and their Baseball Diversity Committee, the NAACP took part in Overtime Sports' "Champions for Charities" program. The special events coordinating firm managed sales and promotions for the Conference USA Baseball Tournament, held at MGM Park last month.

The NAACP served as a sponsor for one of the tournament's first-round games and received \$1 per ticket sold. The NAACP chose Loaves and Fishes as the recipient (both organizations are housed in the same building).



Pictured in the check presentation are (left to right): Melanie Foster, volunteer; Mary Thomas, volunteer; Abe Smith, volunteer; Darla Metz, volunteer; James Crowell, president, Biloxi NAACP; Brent Peiffer, volunteer; Gretchen Hart, executive director, Loaves and Fishes; Gordon Jackson, chair, Biloxi NAACP Baseball Diversity Committee; Bryan Morales, program director, Loaves and Fishes; Dani Fair, volunteer; Al Shutt, volunteer

Conference USA enjoyed both record single-game and overall event crowds during the 8-team, double elimination tournament.

Overtime Sports President Tim Bennett oversaw the construction of MGM Park and helped bring in the minor league team Biloxi

Shuckers (Double-A, under the Milwaukee Brewers organization).

"We want to thank Tim Bennett and Overtime Sports, along with his dedicated and professional staff for their commitment to the community and helping ev-

erybody do better," said Gordon Jackson, chair of the Baseball Diversity Committee.

"With their invaluable contribution to the Biloxi Shuckers and the overall baseball community, the area is surely a better place for everyone."

Secretary Delbert Hosemann's statement on request for voter roll information

The Mississippi Link Newswire

"Our Office has not received any correspondence from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. A copy of such correspondence to another Secretary of State has been forwarded to us. As all of you may remember, I fought in federal court to protect Mississippi voters' rights for their privacy and won.

In the event I were to receive correspondence from the Commission requesting the following: *'if publicly available under the laws of the state, the full first and last names of all registrants, middle names or initials if available, addresses, dates of birth, political party (if recorded in your state), last four digits of social security number if available, voter history (elections voted in) from 2006 onward, active/inactive status, cancelled status, information regarding any felony convictions, information regarding voter registration in another state, information regarding military status, and overseas citizen information'*; my reply would be: "They can go jump in the Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi is a great State to launch from."

Mississippi residents should celebrate Independence Day and our State's right to protect the privacy of our citizens by conducting our own electoral processes."



Hosemann

Traffic Laws Update

In an effort to clear up previously released information regarding changes in traffic laws the ONLY new changes regarding the seat belt law and the move over law are as follows: The amendment to the seat belt law requires all passengers of a motor vehicle to wear seat belts except those persons required to use a child safety restraint system. Also, the move over law has been amended to include rural mail carriers marked with some combination of white flashing strobe or amber and red lights.

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UMMC chief becomes chair of LCME

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Dr. LouAnn Woodward, leader of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, will help set the course for medical education in this country and beyond as chair of a powerful accrediting body.

For a one-year term that begins July 1, Woodward officially takes over as chair of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education which sets standards for U.S.- and Canadian-chartered medical education programs run by universities or medical schools.

Having led UMMC since March 1, 2015 as vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, Woodward served simultaneously as chair-elect of the LCME for a year after being confirmed unanimously by its board.

Since 2013, she has worked on the executive committee and as chair of the subcommittee on International Relations for the LCME, which is sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association (AAMC).

“I am honored to serve at a time when overall national changes to health care and health care delivery are in full swing,” Woodward said. “We want to try and mitigate the impact on medical education and on students.”

As the head of the nation’s authoritative accrediting body, she will help set the tone for medical education during a critical time for health care in this country.

“There are a few things we al-



Woodward

ways worry about,” Woodward said. “Right now, student debt load is becoming a concern as schools become more financially strained and they look to students to help cover those shortfalls; we want to protect against that as much as we can.

“Also, we continue to pay attention to the way students interface with electronic health records; it’s a balance between training them on the use of EHRs and keeping the EHR from distracting from their learning and clinical experiences.”

During the previous 12 months, when Woodward served as LCME’s chair-elect, about a dozen medical schools were added to the AAMC’s membership, for a total of 147 accredited U.S. schools. Also on its rolls are around 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; more than 80 academic societies.

Another 17 M.D. programs

in Canada are accredited by the LCME in cooperation with the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, on which Woodward will serve as a voting member.

Since 2002, first-year enrollment at the U.S. schools has ballooned by 28 percent, the AAMC reports, for a total of 21,030 students for 2016-2017; 22 schools have been created and accredited since that year.

“While I am chair, I’ll still be functioning as a member of the LCME, doing site visits and reviews, but also as chair, organizing and helping determine the direction of meetings,” Woodward said.

“I believe my role as chair, beyond all of that, is to help guide the LCME in shaping the strategic direction of medical education, making sure it is relevant and continues to realize positive changes.”

Most state boards of licensure require that medical schools earn LCME accreditation, indicating that they meet national standards for the awarding of a medical degree.

Accreditation usually occurs every eight years and covers standards in these areas: institutional setting, educational programs for the M.D., medical students, faculty and educational resources.

An institution must be accredited by the LCME in order to receive federal grants for medical education and participate in federal loan programs.

“As vice chancellor for health affairs, Dr. Woodward is ideally suited to lead the LCME as it adapts to meet many challenges,” said LCME board member Dr. Roger Hadley, dean of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California and executive vice president for medical affairs and chief medical officer for Loma Linda University Health.

“Economic demands and unprecedented advancements in technology will force many changes in the role of medical doctors.”

A native of Carroll County in Mississippi, Woodward is also a professor of emergency medicine. She earned her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and, in 1991, her M.D. at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson, where she also completed her residency training.

Dr. John Fogarty, who served as LCME chair for the 2015-2016 academic year, said that in the four years since Woodward was selected to be a member of the organization, “she has been a tireless contributor and dedicated professional.

“Dr. Woodward is a highly knowledgeable and experienced LCME member, and it was a delight to work with her,” said Fogarty, dean of the Florida State University College of Medicine in Tallahassee, who just completed six years on the LCME.

“I am confident that the LCME is in great hands under Dr. Woodward’s excellent leadership.”

Call to Action: Tell your Senator to vote No on the proposed Senate version of the American Health Care Act

Dear NMA Colleagues, Friends, and Partners:

I am alerting you that Senate Republicans are preparing a bill in secret to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Although it has not been released publicly, it is apparently similar to the cruel bill that was passed by the House a few weeks ago.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the American Health Care Act as passed by the House would increase the number of people who are uninsured by 23 million in 2026 relative to current law. We have been informed that votes in support of the Senate version of the bill are already being lined up and that it will be introduced very soon.

I want to make it clear that this proposed bill is an impending disaster.

The NMA has the power to avert this miscarriage of justice by taking some resolute preventive action. Constituents (especially those in the key states of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Maine, Nevada, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia) must

Please act now!!! This is our chance to make an impact on history, to save lives, and protect the health of millions of Americans

Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, FAHA, FACP
117th President, National Medical Association

2017 NMA Convent Special Activities

Walk a Mile with a Child (WAM) – Celebrating its 10th Anniversary!

Come walk and play with us Saturday, July 29 at 8 a.m. as we celebrate WAM’s 10th anniversary at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. We will feature many new and fun activities including Mentoring the Pipeline to Medicine workshop and activities fair. On this momentous occasion, we want 2017 convention participant’s children to be front and center carrying the Walk a Mile with a Child banner. For details contact yfleming@nmanet.org

Mentoring in Medicine

Mentoring in Medicine is looking for physicians to share their time and talent to engage, expose and educate the next generation of health professionals. If interested contact Lynne Holden at holden@medicalmentor.org.

Transportation will be provided to and from the Marriott Hotel and Lewis Katz School of Medicine.

Council on Concerns of Women Physicians Annual Petition, M.D. Awards Program

The 2017 CCWP keynote speaker is Anita Hill, attorney, academic, and activist and the Master of Ceremony is Lamman Rucker, actor, educator, activist and entrepreneur.

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The NMA joins the AAMC Supreme Court Amicus Brief in Travel Ban Cases

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After Executive Order 13769 was placed on hold, the President issued Executive Order 13780 March 6. On March 15, before the Order took effect, a district court in Hawaii issued an injunction against section 2 (suspension of entry for individuals from six countries) and section 6 (suspension of refugee program). A district court in Maryland issued an injunction against section 2 shortly thereafter.

On June 1, after the 4th Circuit court of appeals, sitting en banc, affirmed the Maryland district court’s order, the Government filed a petition for a writ of certiorari challenging the 4th Circuit decision. The Government also asked the Court to stay the district court injunctions while the case is pending.

On June 12, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), joined by 21 organizations representing a range of health professional education and practice groups (including the National Medical Association), submitted an amicus brief in opposition to the Government’s applications for a stay.

Key message points

Because the contributions of health professionals and scientists from other countries are critical to healthcare and biomedical research in the United States, the changes announced in Executive Order 13,780 jeopardize patient care, medical discoveries, and public health.

Non-U.S. health professionals (individuals born in a country other than the U.S.) fill gaps in our healthcare workforce, especially in medically-underserved communities

The participation of non-U.S. health professionals in medical research and global health initiatives helps to prevent, prepare for, and manage an array of public health threats ranging from pandemics to cancer.

Teaching hospitals, which are on the front lines of patient care, biomedical research, and large-scale health threats like the Boston Marathon bombing and Ebola, rely heavily on non-U.S. physicians, scientists, and other health

professionals.

Congress has created multiple pathways for highly-skilled and carefully-screened health professionals from other countries to provide care and undertake research to benefit the United States. As one example, since 1994, the Conrad 30 waiver program has enabled more than 15,000 non-U.S. physicians to provide care in medically-underserved communities.

Nationality-based exclusions and backlogged immigration processes will exacerbate the growing physician-workforce shortage, could disrupt the annual Match for residencies and fellowships; and will constrain medical and scientific collaboration, ultimately compromising the health security of our country.

Who joined the AAMC brief?

Twenty-one organizations (including the National Medical Association) joined the AAMC’s brief, including those representing medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, public health, and physician assistants, as well as several prominent physician specialty groups.

What is the difference between a petition for a writ of certiorari and an application for a stay?

By filing a petition for a writ of certiorari, the Government is asking the Court to exercise its discretion and review the 4th Circuit’s decision. By applying for a stay, the Government has asked the Court to allow the six-country suspension of entry and suspension of the U.S. refugee program to take effect while the Court considers the Government’s certiorari petition.

When will the Court decide the certiorari petition and stay applications?

Responses are due to the Court by June 12, at which time the docket will be complete for the Court to decide the applications for a stay and the petition for a writ of certiorari. It takes five votes to grant a stay, four votes to grant a petition for a writ of certiorari. If the Court grants the petition, it will set a schedule for briefing and argument on the merits of the case, on a timetable as yet to be determined.

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I got to accomplish a major dream

By Susan Christensen
Health and Research News Service

The slow grind of graduate school was over.

After two years of study, Coretta Greathouse of Vicksburg had finally earned her master's degree in applied science and technology management and was looking forward to commencement ceremonies at Alcorn State University in Lorman.

But 15 days before graduation, the 47-year-old fell victim to a disabling stroke.

"I couldn't walk. I couldn't talk. I couldn't do anything," she said.

Still, her fiancé Stanley Tillman knew Greathouse would hate to miss her big day. So when she began stroke therapy at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, he made her wishes known.

"I said the one request I have is she be allowed to attend her

graduation," Tillman said. And Greathouse's stroke doctor said he saw some therapeutic benefit to that proposal.

"What we do in rehab is help people meet their goals," said Dr. Thomas Sturdavant. "And in her case, going to the graduation was a motivating factor in therapy. It's what made her do as well as she did."

"Since the first moment I got to Methodist I worked hard, and I saw that I was improving," she said. "It started off very difficult, but every day or so it got better. They don't let you quit."

During initial sessions with Methodist physical therapist Leslie Taylor, Greathouse mainly focused on strengthening her weakened right arm and leg.

"When she first came she could only walk 5 to 8 feet with a rolling walker, but she really progressed," Taylor said. "Before she was discharged, she was

walking 200 to 600 feet using a rolling walker with supervision. And I had started doing gait training with a quad cane and working on higher level balance activities. We were trying to fine-tune her abilities to get her to her previous level."

Methodist occupational therapist Adrienne Brumfield also focused on activities to help Greathouse become more autonomous.

"She had good hand movement, but her right shoulder movement was weak," Brumfield said. "We worked on strength and coordination so she could be more independent. She loves to cook, so we worked on making sure she was safe going home."

A caterer on the side, Greathouse showed off her returning skills by preparing a meal in Methodist's fourth floor kitchen. "She had this kitchen smelling good," Taylor said. "And everything looked so pretty, it was like

she was a chef."

In speech therapy, Greathouse spent time improving her thinking and language skills.

"She had some imprecise consonants, and we worked on strategies to improve her intelligibility," said speech pathologist Kathleene Shapley. "Speech-wise, I don't think when we first started that she recognized her errors. She had to get aware so we could correct them."

Greathouse also worked on memory and problem solving in anticipation of reclaiming her analyst support position at International Paper Co. in Redwood.

Greathouse was at her workplace when her stroke symptoms began April 21, and she remembers feeling confused.

"I tried to send some emails, and I was having trouble thinking," she said. "They didn't make any sense. Everybody who saw the emails said they thought: What's wrong with Coretta?"

Fortunately, Greathouse had the presence of mind to summon the company nurse, Khelli Lockridge.

"She said: 'Let me check you out,' and nothing seemed right," Greathouse said. "She put me in an ambulance and took me to Vicksburg."

Lack of a neurologist at the Vicksburg hospital meant Greathouse needed a transfer. By the time she was examined at a Jackson hospital, "her speech was slurred, and she was weak on her right side," said Tillman.

The symptoms were classic signs of a stroke, but a CT scan didn't support the diagnosis. So when Greathouse seemed normal about two hours later, she was sent home with an appointment for a follow-up neurology visit.

As Greathouse and Tillman stopped for food on the way home, her speech became garbled again. This time, she was admitted to the hospital and an MRI scan verified a stroke.

Considering she's only in her 40s, Greathouse seemed an unlikely candidate for a stroke. The vast majority occur after age 65. But the American Heart Association has noted an uptick in strokes among young people. From 2000 to 2010, hospitalization rates increased 43.8 percent in people age 25 to 44 and 4.7 percent in those 45 to 64.

In the youngest patients, strokes are often linked to congenital heart problems. But many young adults share the same risk factors as older stroke victims—such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

Greathouse has hypertension, and it was a likely contributor to her stroke. But the bigger culprit may have been extreme stress.

"Stress can raise your blood pressure," Dr. Sturdavant said. "And she was working full-time and trying to get her master's, which can be a tad tough."

Noticing her struggles, Alcorn associate professor Dr. Steve Adzanu tried to help.



Methodist Rehabilitation Center speech therapist Kathleene Shapley, right, shares a light moment with Coretta Greathouse as she does activities to improve her thinking and language skills.



A caterer on the side, Greathouse, right, enjoyed the kitchen duties that were part of her sessions with Methodist Rehabilitation Center occupational therapist Adrienne Brumfield.



After suffering a stroke, Greathouse was determined to make it to graduate school commencement ceremonies at Alcorn State University in Lorman. Here, she shows off her master's degree in applied science and technology management.



Methodist Rehabilitation Center physical therapist Leslie Taylor, left, works with Greathouse on balance and endurance activities in the stroke therapy gym at Methodist.

"I told her she needed to slow down," Adzanu said. "If things were not done in a timely manner or didn't get done in the way she wanted them done, she would stress herself out."

To make sure Greathouse didn't get that way about her graduation plans, Methodist staff stepped in to make arrangements for her arrival at Alcorn.

Methodist nurse manager Susan Taylor worked with Alcorn staff to coordinate accommodations for Greathouse. And when it was time to receive her degree, Greathouse rolled up in her wheelchair to audience applause.

Among those cheering her on was Dr. Jeremiah Kiran Billa, an assistant professor in the Department of Advanced Technologies.

"When I heard about her having a stroke, I was very concerned that she might miss her graduation," he said. "I was so happy when I received an e-mail from Susan Taylor about the assistance they planned on providing Ms. Greathouse."

Greathouse said she's grateful

to everyone involved in getting her to Lorman. "It meant a lot to me," she said. "I got to accomplish a major dream."

And she's especially thankful to her fiancée, for his chauffeur-ing duties and more.

"I don't know what I would have done without him," she said. "He has done more for me than I can say."

Greathouse left Methodist Rehab May 12. And she plans to continue therapy at a clinic closer to home as she readies for a return to work.

"I want to be able to go back to where I was and perform better," she said.

But she says she doesn't intend to repeat her Type A tendencies.

"I'm not going to worry about anything from now on," she said.

"I will take one day at a time and handle one problem at a time and go from there."



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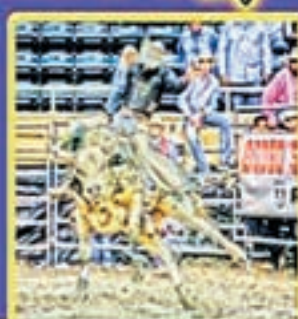

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Eleven newly sworn conservation officers will be patrolling areas of assignment across Mississippi this summer. On June 28, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks held a graduation ceremony at Roosevelt State Park in Morton to honor them.

These officers will be assigned to counties stretching from North Mississippi to the Gulf Coast, protecting and serving Mississippi residents and ensuring Mississippi's hunting, fishing, and outdoor heritage is protected for generations to come.

Mississippi Attorney General, Jim Hood, was the keynote speaker at the

graduation ceremony and challenged the officers to "work tirelessly, enforcing the laws you sworn to uphold and let the legal system work."

"Today marks the end of twenty-four (24) weeks of training and the beginning of a career, for these 11 new Mississippi conservation officers" states Capt. Chris

Reed.

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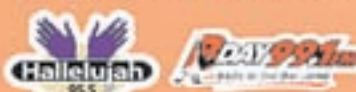
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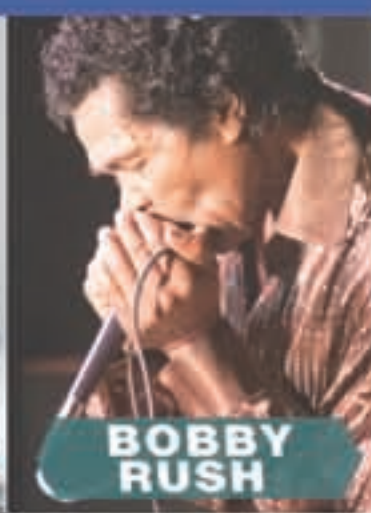
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By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Randy & Melissa Abraham has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance to have a 5'8" tall & 32' long privacy wall on the side yard facing West Cheryl Dr. in the R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District, for property located at 2206 North Cheryl Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

commence at the southwest corner of Lot 30, Massena Heights Subdivision Part I, a subdivision according to the map or plat of which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 26 at Page 21 said southwest corner being the Point of Beginning for the parcel herein described; thence South 12 degrees 30 minutes 04 seconds East for a distance of 130.0 feet along the eastern right of way line of West Cheryl Drive, to the intersection of the said eastern right of way line of said West Cheryl Drive, with the northern right of way line of North Cheryl Drive; thence North 77 degrees 32 minutes 23 seconds East for a distance of 124.25 feet along the said northern right of way of North Cheryl Drive; thence leave said northern right of way line and run North 06 degrees 21 minutes 11 seconds West for a distance of 131.00 feet to a point on the southern line of Lot 31 of the said Massena Heights Subdivision Part I; thence South 77 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 11.76 feet along the southern line of the said Lot 31 to the southwest corner thereof; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 49 seconds East for a distance of 51.29 feet along the eastern line of the said Lot 30; thence South 77 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 130.63 feet along a line which is parallel to and fifty (50') feet from the southern line of the said Lot 30 to the said eastern right of way line of West Cheryl Drive; thence South 04 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 50.53 feet along the said eastern right of way line of West Cheryl Drive to the Point of Beginning.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

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By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Redeemer Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance to construct a two story addition at the east side of the property in the R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District, for property located at 640 E. Northside Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 1: Lot 4, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 2: A certain parcel of land being situated in Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the West line of Cedarhurst Drive with the South line of Wellington Road as both streets are now laid out and improved, and from said point of beginning run Westerly along the South line of Wellington Road for 434.3 feet to the East line of Lot 2, Block Y, Broadmoor Part 3: run thence Southerly along the East line of Lots 2 and 4, Block YT, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3 for 235.15 feet to the North line of Northside Drive, turn thence to the left through an angle of 90 degrees 19 minutes and run Easterly along the North line of Northside Drive for 426.24 feet; turn thence to the left through an angle of 26 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds and run Northeasterly for 8.94 feet to the West line of Cedarhurst Drive; run thence Northerly along the West line of Cedarhurst Drive for 230.30 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3: Lot 3, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 4: Lot 1, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 5: Lot 2, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

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By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that 3601 N. State, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Re-zoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential to give uniform zoning and to allow for the construction of townhomes for the property located at 3601 North State St., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

This is supplemented by the following addendum:

The South Half of Lots Nos. Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Block "G" of North View Addition less ten feet (10') off of West side thereof according to map or plat of Part One (1) of North View Addition which is on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, said lands being the same as that Mrs. Mayme E. Ware conveyed to J.P. Ricks and wife, Mrs. M. R. Ricks, by deed dated May 15, 1945, and recorded in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 403, at Page 269, with the interest of said J.P. Ricks being devised to said Mrs. M. R. Ricks in his last will and testament which was fully administered as case No 62-561, on the docket of the Chancery Court of the first Judicial District of Hinds County, MS.

Which aforesaid ten (10') feet off of west side was more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed of P. Ricks and Mrs. M. R. Ricks unto Champion M. Wilbourn and Mrs. Marjorie B. Wilbourn, dated July 27, 1950, filed for record July 31, 1950, in Deed Book 664, Page 226, reference to which is hereby made for descriptive purposes, and in which said instrument in said Book 664, at Page 226, the following description is set out:

A strip of land ten (10) feet wide off the west side of the South Half of Lot Seventeen (17) in Block "G", Northview Addition, Part One, according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the chancery clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, MS, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point on the line dividing Lots 16 and 17 in said Northview Subdivision in said Block "G" on the south intersection of said lots, run thence north along the dividing line between said lots 16 and 17 a distance of 75 feet, run thence east along a line parallel with the south line of said Lot 17 a distance of 10 feet, run then south along a line parallel with the west line of said Lot 17 a distance of 75 feet to a point on the south line of said lot 17, which point is 10 feet east of the point of beginning, run thence west along the southline of said lot 17, 10 feet to the point of beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

7/6/2017, 7/20/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3979

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Quality Property, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C2 (Limited) Commercial to C3 (General) Commercial to operate an automotive service & repair shop for property located at 5408 Robinson Rd. Ext., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being situated in lots 11 and 12 SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2 according to a plat on file in the Office of Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5, at page 33, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds to writ:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of lot 10 of the aforesaid SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, and run easterly along the North line of lot 10 and the South line of lot 12, a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes and run northerly a distance of 195.1 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence continue northerly along the last mentioned line a distance of 110.0 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 269 degrees 45 minutes and run easterly a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes and run northerly a distance of 134.13 feet to the Southeast corner of a certain 1.032 acre tract; thence right through an interior angle of 65 degrees 38 minutes and run southwesterly along said 1.032 acre tract a distance of 258.7 feet to the east line of Robinson Road Extension; thence right through an interior angle of 115 degrees 57 minutes and run southerly along said east line a distance of 70 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 194 degrees 48 minutes and continue along said East line a distance of 70.6 feet; thence right through and interior angle of 73 degrees 37 minutes and leaving said East line, run Easterly a distance of 177.5 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.8518 acres, more or less.

Being situated in lots 11 and 12, SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, according to a plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 5, at page 33, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds to wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 10 of the aforesaid SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, and run easterly along the North line of lot 10 and the South line of lot 12, a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through and anterior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes and run northerly a distance of 195.1 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue northerly along the last mentioned line a distance of 110.0 feet; thence right through an anterior angle of 26 degrees 45 minutes and run easterly a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through an anterior angle of 89 degrees 45 minutes southerly for a distance of 110 feet to a point; thence run westerly for a distance of 80 feet to the point of beginning, all being a Part of lots 11 and 12, SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, according to a plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat 5, at page 33.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

7/6/2017, 7/20/2017

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 77-3-16 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requesting names to be added to a list of contractors and suppliers qualified to perform contracts within the scope of proposed utility projects concerning construction, extension, and/or repair of electric public utility facilities for or on behalf of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Names of qualified contractors or suppliers desiring to be added to such list may be submitted to supplierqualification@entergy.com.

Please include contact information, type of contractor or supplier and a description of qualifications. Questions Call 1-844-387-9675.

3/9/2017 thru 12/28/2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE
CITY OF JACKSON ZONING ORDINANCE

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, will be conducting a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

Amendments to the text of the Zoning ordinance are intended to provide for a more efficient Zoning Ordinance and establish more effective zoning regulations for each of the zoning districts. Copies of the proposed text amendments will be available for review at the Office of City Planning 200 S President Street, Suite 204, Jackson, and MS 39201. For additional information please submit an email to eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us.

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2107 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this the 27th day of June, 2017.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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SECTION 901

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CITY OF JACKSON
STATE STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

FEDERAL-AID Project No. TGR-0250-00(047) LPA/107200-801000

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson will receive bids for the new street layout on Hartfield Street to Sheppard Road along State Street, Federal-Aid Project No. TGR-0250-00(047) LPA/107200-801000, no later than 3:30 P.M., Local Prevailing Time, July 25, 2017, in the City Clerk's Office located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., July 14, 2017, in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room on the first floor of the Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Completion Date for this project is December 18, 2019.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

- Road Diet design features;
- Resurfacing, and reconstruction improvements;
- Improved traffic signalization;
- Replacing and/or upgrading water and sewer utility lines where needed as well as storm drainage;
- Multi-use Trail with ADA compliance;
- Landscaping Improvements;
- Bioswales between the curb and Multi-use trail to filter stormwater.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work hours Act of 1962, set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The DBE goal for this project is 5 percent.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.

The plans, contract documents and special provision, and proposal forms are on file for public inspection at the following locations:

1. City of Jackson Engineering Division, 200 S. President Street Suite 424, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.
2. Neel-Schaffer, Inc, 125 South Congress Street, Suite 1100, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201.

All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Neel-Schaffer, Inc, 125 South Congress Street, Suite 1100, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 22625 Jackson, MS 39225-2625) upon payment of \$400.00 for each set, which will not be refunded.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson as bid surety. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Contract bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the City Clerk, 219 South President Street Jackson, MS prior to the hour and date above designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the Mississippi Road and Bridge Construction (the 2004 edition) together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications. The 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, adopted by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, as referred to herein, may be purchased from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Bidders are hereby notified that award will not be made to any bidder submitting a proposal involving omissions or irregularities outlined in Section 102 of the 2004 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, or accompanied by letters qualifying any manner the conditions under which the proposal is tendered.

No (bid proposal) will be sold after 12:00 o'clock Noon, of the day preceding the Advertised Date for receipt of bids.

The City of Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi

BY
Jerriot Smash
Interim Public Works Director
Marshand Crisler
Chief Administrator Officer
Nakesha Watkins
Legal Counsel

6/29/2017, 7/6/2017

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following Bids:

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The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit

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SECTION 901

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CITY OF JACKSON
TIGER - GRANT WEST COUNTY LINE ROAD
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson will receive bids for the Tiger Grant - West County Line Road Corridor Improvements, Federal-Aid Project No. TGR-0250-00(047)/107200-802000, no later than 3:30 P.M., Local Prevailing Time, August 1, 2017, in the City Clerk's Office located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:30 A.M., July 14, 2017, in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room on the first floor of the Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Completion Date for this project is January 2, 2020.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items

- Relocating approximately 7,000 feet of the CN Railroad to include three bridges.
- Construction of approximately 250 linear feet of four-lane asphalt road-way with curb and gutter and subsurface drainage.
- Replacement of one fully actuated traffic signal and modification of a second traffic signal.
- Reconstruction and extension of approximately 2,500 linear feet of two-lane asphalt residential streets including Rand Street and Guice Lane.
- Closure of at-grade crossings of the railroad at Richmond Grove Road and Brown Street.
- Construction of cul-de-sac on Brown Street.
- Landscaping and gateway signage.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work hours Act of 1962, set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The DBE goal for this project is 5 percent.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.

The plans, contract documents and special provision, and proposal forms are on file for public inspection at the following locations:

1. City of Jackson Engineering Division, 200 S. President Street Suite 424, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.
2. Neel-Schaffer Inc., 1230 Highway 51 North, Madison, Mississippi, 39110.

All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Neel-Schaffer Inc., 1230 Highway 51 North, Madison, Mississippi, 39110, upon payment of \$400.00 for each set, which will not be refunded.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson as bid surety. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Contract bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the City Clerk, 219 South President Street Jackson, MS prior to the hour and date above designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the Mississippi Road and Bridge Construction (the 2004 edition) together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications. The 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, adopted by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, as referred to herein, may be purchased from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Bidders are hereby notified that award will not be made to any bidder submitting a proposal involving omissions or irregularities outlined in Section 102 of the 2004 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, or accompanied by letters qualifying any manner the conditions under which the proposal is tendered.

No (bid proposal) will be sold after 12:00 0'clock Noon, of the day preceding the Advertised Date for receipt of bids.

The City of Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi

BY
Jerriot Smash
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6/29/2017, 7/6/2017

a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Hellene Greer, CPPB, NPCA, Manager
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AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 012-17-A)**

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on August 3, 2017 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and related services in connection with the Rehabilitation of Taxiway Alpha, Phase 2 at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. central time on August 3, 2017 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder's company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: "Rehabilitation of Taxiway Alpha, Phase 2 at JAN, JMAA Project No. 012-17-A." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

JMAA will award the Work to the Lowest and Best most responsive and responsible Bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the lowest and most responsive and responsible Bidder. Any Addendums issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders, including plans and specifications, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement.

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building
100 International Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 462
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Attention: Joyce Tillman, Facility Engineer

A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) may be obtained upon payment of a \$250.00 refundable fee per set. Bid documents must be returned to the printer in useable condition no later than thirty (30) days after opening of Bids for purchase cost to be refunded. The Engineer for this Project reserves the right to determine quality of plans upon return. Payment for the bid documents is to be in the form of a company or cashier's check made payable to AJA Management & Technical Services, Inc. The check may be presented upon pick-up of the Bid Documents at the following address or may be mailed to the following address:

AJA Management & Technical Services, Inc.
912 North West Street
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Facsimile: (601) 352-6807
Email: ajenkins@ajaservices.com

Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. central time on July 18, 2017 in the Community Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive informalities in the bidding process; and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract to perform the Work.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (<http://jmaa.com/RFQrb-center/>). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 22% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: July 5, 2017 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

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Department of Finance and Administration

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Professional: Neel-Schaffer, Inc. - Jackson
(Jackson, Mississippi,
through the Office listed herein)
Address: Post Office Box 22625
125 South Congress Street, Suite 1100
Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2625
Phone: 601-948-3071
Email: jonathan.kiser@neel-schaffer.com

A deposit of \$50.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Glenn R. Kornbrek, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF AMANDA BROWN AND
PHILANDRA BROWN, MINORS CAUSE NO. G-2017-839

BY AND THROUGH DEFRIA JACKSON,
MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN PETITIONER AND NEXT FRIEND

PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO SETTLE AN UNLIQUIDATED CLAIM OF
MINOR

COMES NOW, the Petitioner and files this Petition for Authority to Settle an
Unliquidated Claim of Minor owned by the said minor, and for other relief, and for grounds
therefore would respectfully show unto the Court:

1.

The Petitioner is an adult resident citizen of Hinds County, Mississippi, and is the
natural mother of Amanda Brown and Philandra Brown, minor children. Amanda Brown is
sixteen years old, having been born on November 2, 2000. Philandra Brown is fourteen years old,
having been born on November 27, 2002. The minor children's father, Tommy Davis, will be
summoned to the final hearing by publication, or join into same. The father's current post office
addressed is unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry

2.

That said minor children have a claim for unliquidated damages for personal
injuries resulting from an accident which occurred in Rankin County, Mississippi, on or about
October 24, 2015. That the minors suffered no cognizable injuries but went to a healthcare
provider to be examined as a precautionary measure.

3.

That Petitioner's version of the facts and circumstances surrounding the above described
accident, so far as they are known by Petitioner or can be ascertained by Petitioner, is that on the
date above said minor children were in an automobile accident in or around Rankin County,
Mississippi.

4.

That said Cynthia Brantley, and her liability insurance company, Progressive
Insurance Company ("Progressive") dispute the liability, extent and liquidated value of the
injuries and damages sustained by said minors, if any, as a result of the accident subject of this
Petition

5.

That Cynthia Brantley and Progressive have offered to pay \$6,200.00 to Philandra
Brown and \$5000.00 to Amanda Brown, minor children and Petitioner, on condition that they be
completely and legally discharged from all claims of every kind and character against them and
all their subsidiaries and affiliate companies, agents, owners, employees, insureds, and attorneys,
arising out of the injuries to said minor and said minor's parents as a result of the aforementioned
accident. That said offer of compromise and settlement is further conditioned upon the same
being approved and authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction, and upon the Petitioner
being authorized and directed by said court to execute and deliver an indemnifying agreement
releasing, discharging, acquitting, and indemnifying Cynthia Brantley and Progressive and all its
subsidiaries and affiliate companies, agents, owners, employees, insureds, and attorneys and each
of them from any and all liability whatsoever for the aforesaid injuries to the minor and any
claims arising from said injuries, in substantially the same form as the document attached hereto
as Exhibit "A," and made a part hereof.

6.

That the claim growing out of the injury to the minor is, as aforesaid, a disputed
claim in as much as Cynthia Brantley and Progressive have controverted the amount of damages
policy of liability insurance issued to him by Progressive Insurance Company, being policy
number 021145263.

7.

That the minor's related medical expenses to date are as follows:

Amanda Brown	Philandra Brown
Central Mississippi Health Services	Central Mississippi Health Services
\$125.00	\$125.00
University Medical Center	University Medical Center
\$2,021.57	\$2,021.57
American Medical Response	American Medical Response
\$960.00	\$960.00
Prescription Cost	Prescription Cost
\$20.00	\$11.99
Total Medicals	Total Medicals
\$3126.57	\$3118.56

That said minor is released from all medical treatment.

8.

That the Mississippi Division of Medicaid has paid all the associated expenses,
but has not asserted a lien. See Exhibit A and B, a letter from the Mississippi Division of
Medicaid. That there has otherwise been no assignment of any medical bills, hospital
bills, doctor's bills or expenses, nor is any party subrogated to any part of any recovery.

9.

Petitioner prays for general relief and for such other special relief as the Court deems appropriate.

10.

The total settlement is for \$6,200.00 and \$5000.00 respectively. Said sum is a fair
settlement and it is in the minor children's best interest that said settlement be made.

11.

That Petitioner and said minor have been represented by Trent L. Walker and Lee
and Associates, and said attorney has rendered good and valuable legal services. That Petitioner
has entered into a contract with said attorney for the payment attorney's fees and expenses related
to said action, which are \$2,064.60 for the claim of Philandra Brown and \$1,665.00 for the claim
of Amanda Brown. That Petitioner should be authorized by this Court to make such payment
from the settlement funds herein described.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that upon a final
hearing hereof the Court may authorize Petitioner: (1) to compromise and settle the said claim of
said minor and said minor's parents for the total sum of \$6,200.00 and \$5,000.00 respectively; (2) to
execute and deliver in the form of the instrument attached hereto as Exhibit "A," a full, final and
complete release and acquittance of Cynthia Brantley and Progressive and all of its subsidiaries
and affiliate companies, agents, owners, employees, insureds, attorneys, and any and all other
persons, firms, organizations, and/or corporations, both known or unknown, from any and all
liability in the premises, including all claims of every kind and character which said minor, or
said minor's parents, may now or hereafter have arising out of or growing out of said accident;
(3) to pay any and all outstanding and unpaid medical expenses and/or any liens which may be
related to same from the settlement proceeds herein; (4) to pay attorney Trent L. Walker and Lee
and Associates for services rendered and expenses incurred from the settlement funds herein; and
(5) tender the balance of the settlement minus expenses, to Defria Jackson as mother and next
and Lee and Associates for services rendered and expenses incurred from the settlement
funds herein, and (5) tender the balance of the settlement minus expenses, to Defria
Jackson as mother and next friend of Philandra Brown and Amanda Brown for the
exclusive use and benefit of the minor children.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 2nd day of May, 2017.

Defria Jackson
Defria Jackson, Petitioner

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND FORM

Trent L. Walker
Trent L. Walker, Jr.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Defria Jackson, who stated upon oath
that the matters set forth in the foregoing Petition for Authority to Settle Unliquidated Claim of
Minor are true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 2nd day of May, 2017.

Sharon L. Dyer
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires 04-11-2020
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Hinds County, Mississippi

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of July, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock
a.m., Petitioner, Defria Jackson, will call up for hearing in The Matter of Amanda Brown and
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located at Jackson, Mississippi Courthouse.

/s/ Trent L. Walker
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Week of July 02, 2017

Holmes Co. honors its hometown hero who ‘gave all’

An 11-year-old’s pointed question sparks a celebration of unity

By **Gail H. Marshall Brown**
Contributing Writer

LEXINGTON, Miss. – “It is never too late to do something great,” said Holmes County native Jerry Wiley of Springfield, Illinois to a standing-room only audience in the Multipurpose Building in Lexington. And, that is exactly what hundreds of Holmes County, Miss. citizens from various backgrounds did Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day – “something great!”

After more than 50 years, they celebrated the life and heroic sacrifice of one of their own – U.S. Army PFC Milton Lee Olive III.

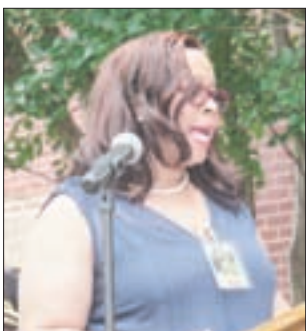
On October 22, 1965, Olive, who was 18 at the time, in the jungle of Vietnam courageously grabbed and absorbed the blast of an enemy-thrown grenade, saving the lives of four fellow soldiers.

The Chicago native who was reared and schooled in Holmes County, Mississippi was posthumously awarded the nation’s highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor. The award was presented to his father and stepmother on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. in 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. He was the first African-American Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War and the only Holmes Countian to receive the award.

Olive’s mother, a Holmes County native, died during childbirth.

Olive’s heroic sacrifice has been recognized with various tributes (parks, school, college, etc.) named in his honor in various U.S. cities. However, it was not until Memorial Day 2016 that an inquisitive 11-year-old Nashville, Tenn. girl, Aden Barrett, visiting her grandparents in Lexington, asked her grandfather Attorney Don Barrett some pointed questions as to why Holmes County did not have a monument in honor of Olive on the courthouse lawn.

“Her pointed questions made me feel ashamed,” the longtime lawyer told the crowd. He said



after that, he couldn’t sleep. He would pull together a committee of interested citizens; gain approval from the Board of Supervisors, and began to fundraise for the Holmes County Milton Olive III project to erect a monument on the courthouse lawn. They named the event “Milton Olive Day,” July 4, 2017.

“This is a big plus for Holmes County,” James Young, president of the Holmes County

Board of Supervisors told *The Mississippi Link* prior to going into the multipurpose building. “This has been a longtime coming. This [day] is bringing the county together; it unifies us.” Young pointed out that the four soldiers that Olive saved were two blacks and two whites.

Lexington’s Mayor Robin McCrory echoed similar sentiments during a brief interview after the event. “It is a happy

day because out of the wisdom and generosity of local people we were finally able to bring our community together to honor one of our very own – the only Holmes Countian to ever receive the Congressional Medal of Honor,” she said. “Today we are all experiencing hope in our community. We are all experiencing oneness within our community.”

McCrory stressed that she

hope the spirit demonstrated during the Milton Olive’s celebration “will continue as our Lord and Savior looks down upon us with favor ...”

During the morning ceremony, Barrett expressed gratitude to former mayor Clint Cobbins for the efforts he contributed to the project, along with a number of others.

Bonita Porter Spurlock, a cousin who represented the Ol-

ive family, said “Oh today is beyond what I expected. Milton’s father would be extremely proud.”

She said Olive’s father (now deceased) and his late grandmother would be extremely proud. She said Olive’s father wanted very much to see Holmes County honor his son as some of the other places did. She too is thrilled to see the unity that the effort and event brought about. She wants children of generations to come to be able to visit Olive’s monument and learn of his great deed.

Students at the local Community Students Learning Center Summer Youth Enrichment Program had already begun to study Olive’s life with a trip to a local facility bearing his name and a nearby Marker erected by the State of Mississippi. There is also now a memorial road sign honoring him.

Former School Superintendent William Dean was also among the attendees impressed by the unity the event ignited. Dean said he taught Olive in school, and he was a pretty good student.

Keynote speaker Major General Janson D. Boyles, Adjutant General of Mississippi expressed that what was happening in Holmes County on this July 4 is orchestrated by a greater power. He also praised and thanked the many servicemen who were in attendance.

Just what did young Aden Barrett, now 12, have to say about the event and what her “pointed questions” had sparked? Seeing the great turnout, she said, “I was a little nervous to be honest. I didn’t know what everybody was gonna think, but seeing all the veterans here was just incredible. They’re taking time out of their day, out of their service to come and honor [Mr. Olive].”

Holmes Community College and the local high school football teams (public and private) will be wearing the MLO initials on their helmets in honor of Olive.

Eagle Express Federal Credit Union’s Collins inducted into Hall of Fame

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Eagle Express Federal Credit Union Secretary/Treasurer LeVins Collins was recently inducted into the Mississippi Credit Union Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Miss. May 18.

Created in 1993, the Mississippi Credit Union Hall of Fame is the state’s highest credit union honor, recognizing individuals that have devoted their life to the philosophy and success of credit unions at the local, state or national level.

Charles Elliott, president/CEO of the Mississippi Credit Union Association, presented Collins with the prestigious award.

Collins joined the board of directors of Eagle Express Federal Credit Union in 1974. He has served as vice-chairman, as

well as secretary/treasurer, the position he holds today.

In his 43 years of service, Collins watched the transition from paper ledgers and typewriters, to computers with internet, and from rotary phones to cell phones. Always willing to step out and consider new innovation that might serve the staff and members better, Collins encourages the credit union to embrace change and adopt new technology and services that will enable the credit union to grow.

He takes pride in being knowledgeable about the credit union industry and is always open to expanding his knowledge. He completed the Volunteer Achievement Program and the Volunteer Leadership Program, which are training and development programs designed for credit union volunteers.

Described as quiet and re-

served but extremely involved with the credit union, through his leadership, Collins strives to create an environment where the staff is happy and the members are served and offered the best services and rates.

Collins and his wife Helen are long-time residents of Jackson. He is the brother of Lee Marcus Collins of Jackson and Dr. Delaris Carpenter of Miami.

Eagle Express Federal Credit Union president/CEO Katie Nelson describes Collins as a “rare commodity” and a leader she is honored to know and privileged to work with.

The Mississippi Credit Union Association is the state trade association for 78 credit unions that serve more than 600,000 member-owners.

You can learn more about choosing a credit union as your financial services partner at mscua.com or asmarterchoice.org.



Awardee Collins with wife Helen and Charles Elliott

Fields named CCC Fit for Life boot camp first health champion



Fields of Clarksdale, Miss., pictured right, works out during CCC's Fit for Life Nutrition and Fitness Boot Camp currently underway.



Fields was awarded a Wal-Mart gift card after being named CCC's Fit for Life Nutrition and Fitness Boot Camp's first Health Champion.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

CLARKSDALE – “I’ve seen classmates pass away as well as family and other members of the community too early in age. ...We have to do all we can to preserve ourselves.”

It was that realization that led Rickie Fields of Clarksdale, Miss., to join Coahoma Community College’s (CCC’s) “Fit for Life Nutrition and Fitness Boot Camp” to seek help leading a healthier lifestyle.

Now, just three weeks into the eight-week camp, the 33-year-old is already seeing results, weighing in about 13 pounds lighter.

It was this accomplishment that landed him the title of CCC’s Fit for Life Boot Camp

Health Champion for the program’s first two-week assessment. The designation also came with a Wal-Mart gift card.

“It feels awesome,” said Fields, whose fitness goals include lowering his body mass index (BMI) and reducing his risk for high blood pressure.

“It’s a great opportunity to get myself within a normal BMI range and shed some of the extra pounds that are detrimental to my health.”

Fields is just one of the nearly 100 individuals from CCC’s campus and the community participating in the boot camp, organized by CCC’s Fit for Life program.

In addition to total body workouts that include

strength training, cardio and core conditioning, participants have also received free nutritional counseling, individualized meal plans, and hands-on healthy cooking lessons from registered dietician Glenda Odena.

CCC Fit for Life coordinator Taurean Morton said the camp was designed to educate participants on proper nutrition and leave them with healthy habits they can continue to implement long after the camp is complete.

“Diet and exercise go hand-in-hand,” said Morton. “It’s like a car – you can have a nice car on the outside, but if you don’t put the right fuel in it, it’s not going to operate properly. Our bodies are also machines, and we have

to treat them right to perform optimally.”

CCC’s Fit for Life initiative is funded by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation.

Since 2015, the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation has provided almost \$500,000 in funding to CCC for the Fit for Life initiative that extends from the campus into the surrounding communities and schools.

To learn more about CCC’s Fit for Life Initiative, visit www.coahomacc.edu/fitforlife.

For questions or more information, contact Morton at (662) 621-4236 or HYPERLINK “mailto:tmorton@coahomacc.edu” tmorton@coahomacc.edu.

IDS expands nutrition efforts for disability community

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The University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies (IDS) strives to expand its health efforts with the launch of “Nutrition is for Everyone,” a one-year regional project designed to provide nutrition education to people with disabilities, their families, and the community.

An estimated 25,000 people in the disability community will be reached across five states where the needs are greatest: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

“We are pleased to work with the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and partners in our region to implement “Nutrition is for Everyone,” under grant funding from the Walmart Foundation. We are excited about the Walmart Foundation’s commitment to funding programs that provide nutrition education to underserved communities. These efforts support the direct training of people with disabilities and community members on nutrition,” said IDS Executive Director Dr. Beth Bryant.

“People with disabilities are not often included in typical nutrition efforts. During our pilot last year, ‘Nutrition is for Everyone’ reached over 67,000 the disability community with nutrition outreach and education efforts. We want to see people who have disabilities included in all nutrition outreach and education efforts,” says Dr. Adriane Griffen, AUCD’s director of public health.

This new program employs “Nutrition Ambassadors,” experts from AUCD’s member centers, who will help people with disabilities, as well as their families and friends, develop the knowledge and skills to necessary to make healthy decisions about their nutritional needs.

IDS is a member of AUCD, a national, nonprofit network of centers working to improve the health, education, social, and economic well-being for people with disabilities and their families throughout the US and territories. IDS has worked to improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities and their families through projects focused on wellness, health and recreation.

“We look forward to meeting the goals of “Nutrition is for Everyone” – increasing the number of people with disabilities receiving nutrition education, while increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables for people with disabilities,” said Nutrition Ambassador Alma Ellis.

The Institute for Disability Studies, Mississippi’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), has been headquartered at The University of Southern Mississippi for more than 40 years.

For more information about IDS, call at 601.266.5163 or visit www.usm.edu/disability-studies.

To join the “Nutrition is for Everyone” efforts in Mississippi, contact Alma Ellis at 601.432.6975 or alma.ellis@usm.edu.

Alumni chapters and clubs ‘send off’ newest MSU Bulldogs



The Mississippi Link Newswire

STARKVILLE, Miss. – It’s send-off time again for incoming Bulldog freshmen and transfer students entering Mississippi State University. Chapters and clubs of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association will host more than 60 send-off events from July 12 through August 8.

This is the 12th consecutive year the Alumni Association will host events around the nation for first-time MSU students. Parties are scheduled for areas across Mississippi, along with additional events in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington, D.C.

“Send-off parties help encourage enthusiasm and school spirit for our incoming students, and we continue to have tremendous support from our chapters for this nationwide celebration,” said Jeff Davis, executive director of the MSU Alumni Association. “It is the perfect opportunity for our alumni and friends to usher in our newest students to our forever-Bulldog family.”

Sponsored by area alumni chapters and clubs, the annual “send offs” provide excellent op-

portunities for incoming students to meet their future classmates and connect with alumni and friends of the university. Various MSU faculty and staff members will be in attendance at multiple parties, along with MSU Alumni Association representatives.

“These annual parties showcase the enthusiasm of Bulldogs everywhere who are welcoming incoming students to our great university,” said Casey McGee, a 2015 communication graduate and the association’s assistant coordinator for chapter and recruitment programs.

McGee fondly recalls her freshman send-off party hosted by the Oktibbeha County chapter in 2011. “The send-off experience is a point in time where fellow students are drawn into the maroon-and-white fold where they will hopefully remain throughout their lives,” she said.

For a schedule of the 2017 send-off parties and their locations, visit the Alumni Association website at www.alumni.ms-state.edu/sendoff.

For more detailed information, contact McGee at 662-325-3349 or cmcgee@alumni.ms-state.edu.

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USM DuBard School Director Martin retires after 41 years

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Dr. Maureen K. Martin leaves behind a 41-year legacy at The University of Southern Mississippi’s DuBard School for Language Disorders upon her retirement as the school’s director.

Her long-standing service to the DuBard School and to the University was recognized at a small private celebration with DuBard School students and staff June 29. She will be officially honored at the DuBard School’s 55th Anniversary Open House November 16, 2017.

Martin’s impressive career at the DuBard School began in 1975 when she worked as a speech-language pathologist at what was then known as the School for Children with Language Disorders. There, she worked under the tutelage of the late Dr. Etoile DuBard, who founded the school 55 years ago in a small room in the George B. Hurst Building at USM.

At that time, the Preschool for Deaf and Aphasic Children had only three students. Today, the DuBard School serves 80 students in the full-time enrollment program and dozens more through outclient services in a beautiful 17,000 sq-ft. facility.

While the growth of the school has been impressive, Martin’s greatest accomplishment has been the growth and development of those served within its walls.



Martin

ership, Martin has influenced countless individuals through direct services, professional training, curriculum development, and research. Her stewardship, along with the legacy of Dr. DuBard and numerous staff members over the years has laid a strong foundation upon which the DuBard School can continue to build.

“The DuBard School has never been stronger because so many people have contributed to make the DuBard School what it is today,” said Martin. “What an amazing University-community, public-private partnership the DuBard School has become. I am immensely grateful for each person who has helped and supported over the years. The DuBard School has a bright future and it has been my honor to play a small part in its growth. I hope that I can continue to be of service to the DuBard School and the University.”

Michele L. (Missy) Schraeder, M.S., CCC-SLP, CALT-QI has been appointed interim direc-

tor of DuBard School, effective July 1. Missy began her career at DuBard School in 1996 and has served as professional development coordinator since 2002.

“I am honored to serve as interim director of the DuBard School for Language Disorders,” said Schraeder. “I was privileged to work with both Dr. DuBard and Dr. Martin and am humbled to be charged with carrying on their legacy. DuBard School is a special place where children are given the priceless gift of oral and written language. I look forward to working with the advisory board, DuBard School staff, and the university community (including the many students who study and work at DuBard School) to ensure the school remains strong and continues to grow.”

About the DuBard School for Language Disorders

The DuBard School for Language Disorders was established in 1962 and is a clinical division of the Southern Miss Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. The school serves children with severe language/speech disorders, including the written language disorder of dyslexia, and/or hearing impairments and provides guidance and counseling for parents and families of the children. The school is a practicum site for university students majoring in speech-language pathology, audiology or deaf education.

DuBard School for Language Disorders is a United Way agency. Further information is found at www.usm.edu/dubard.

About The University of Southern Mississippi

Founded in 1910, The University of Southern Mississippi is a comprehensive doctoral and research-driven university with a proud history and an eye on the future. A dual-campus university, Southern Miss serves students on campuses in Hattiesburg and Long Beach, in addition to five teaching and research sites in Mississippi and through Online at Southern Miss. Since 2006, Southern Miss students have collected seven Goldwater Scholarships, three Truman Scholarships and 14 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships. Our Center for Undergraduate Research affords our students meaningful research opportunities, and as a proven leader in innovation, we conduct transformative research that translates into real-world solutions. As one of a select number of institutions in the nation accredited in art, dance, music and theatre, we are a haven for creativity and artistic expression. In the classroom or lab, on the playing field, or in the performance hall, we strive to have a positive impact not only on our students, but also the world around us.

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