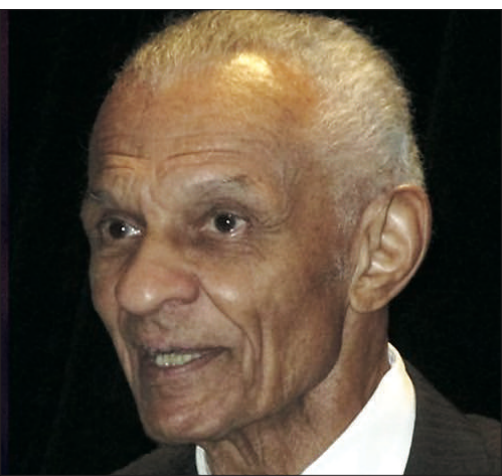


# Legendary Civil Rights icon C.T. Vivian dies at 95



C.T. Vivian addressing the annual convention of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in Atlanta, September 27, 2015.

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, the legendary civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., died of natural causes July 17. He was 95.

Vivian’s daughter, Denise Morse, confirmed her father’s death and told Atlanta’s NBC affiliate WXIA that he was “one of the most wonderful men who ever walked the earth.”

Vivian reportedly suffered a stroke earlier this year, but his family said he died of natural causes.

“He has always been one of the people who had the most insight, wisdom, integrity and dedication,” said former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, a contemporary of Vivian who also worked alongside King.

“The Reverend Dr. C.T. Vivian was one of my strongest mentors in the Civil Rights Movement,” National Newspaper Publishers Association President Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., stated.

“Rev. Vivian, like Martin Luther King Jr, and Joseph Lowery was a visionary theologian, genius, and a leading force in the tactical and strategic planning of effective nonviolent civil disobedience demonstrations. C.T. has passed the eternal baton to a new generation of civil rights agitators and organizers.”

In a statement emailed to BlackPressUSA, the NBA’s Atlanta Hawks expressed their condolences.

“The Atlanta Hawks organization is deeply saddened by the passing of Civil Rights Movement leader, minister and author, Dr. Cordy Tindell “C.T.” Vivian. The City of Atlanta and the world have lost a distinguished icon whose leadership pushed the United States to greater justice and racial equality for African Americans,” team officials wrote in the email.

“To inspire the next generation, Vivian founded the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute in Atlanta, with the intent to create a model of leadership culture in the city that would be dedicated to the development and sustainability

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# IN MEMORIAM

## The world mourns a true icon and freedom fighter

### 1940-2020

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Somewhere it’s raining. Somewhere the heavens have opened up, reflecting the tears that are falling across the globe as news of the death of civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) spreads.

The legislator, freedom fighter and justice warrior, who was famously beaten, bloodied and arrested in Selma, Alabama – and in other cities across the Jim Crow South – during the struggle for civil rights and racial equality, was 80.

His death came just hours after the passing of another civil rights icon, Rev. C.T. Vivian, who was 95.

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO, and comrade in arms with both Rev. Vivian and Lewis, expressed the devastation he and the world feel at the loss of the two revered giants.

Chavis, like Vivian and Lewis, worked with and was a disciple of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He said the world would miss Lewis’s “good trouble,” quoting

Lewis’s famous call to arms.

“The Honorable John Lewis was a longtime master freedom fighter who set the eternal example of how and why we all should fight for the freedom and equality of all humanity,” Chavis remarked.

“May Lewis now have his rest in peace. As for those of us who worked with him and [those] who marched with him, we must keep fighting for freedom and equality with renewed vigor, courage and energy. Black Lives Matter.”

During the NNPA’s 2020 Virtual Annual Convention earlier this month, attendees were treated to a free screening of the documentary, John Lewis: Good Trouble, provided by the Census Bureau. Lewis was also a strong advocate for Census registration.

As he’d done earlier to honor Rev.

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Evers  
PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

# Charles Evers

## 1922-2020

Charles Evers, former CEO of WMPR 90.1 FM radio and brother of the late Civil Rights activist, Medgar Evers, died July 22, 2020 at the age of 97. He was surrounded by family at his daughter’s home in Brandon, MS.

Evers worked at WMPR 90.1 FM in Jackson for over 30 years.

Clyde Burns, announcer and broadcast director at WMPR, told *The Mississippi Link* he received a call Wednesday morning from family that the former CEO had transitioned.

Burns said, “He was good to us here at the

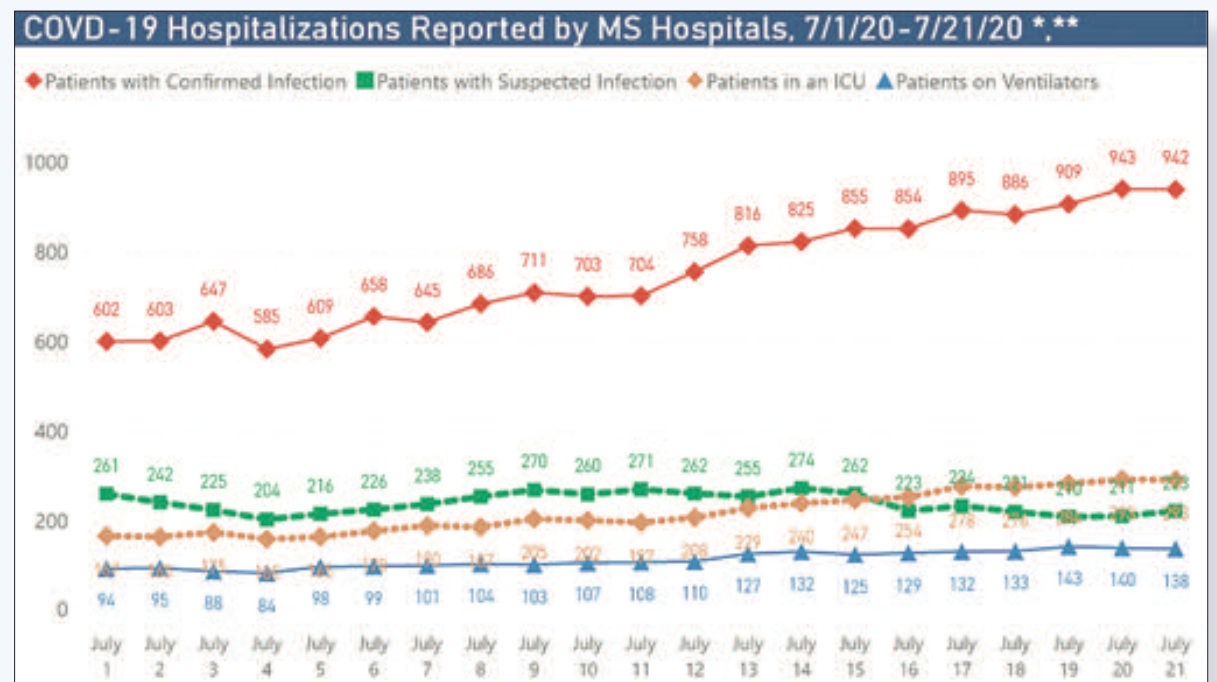
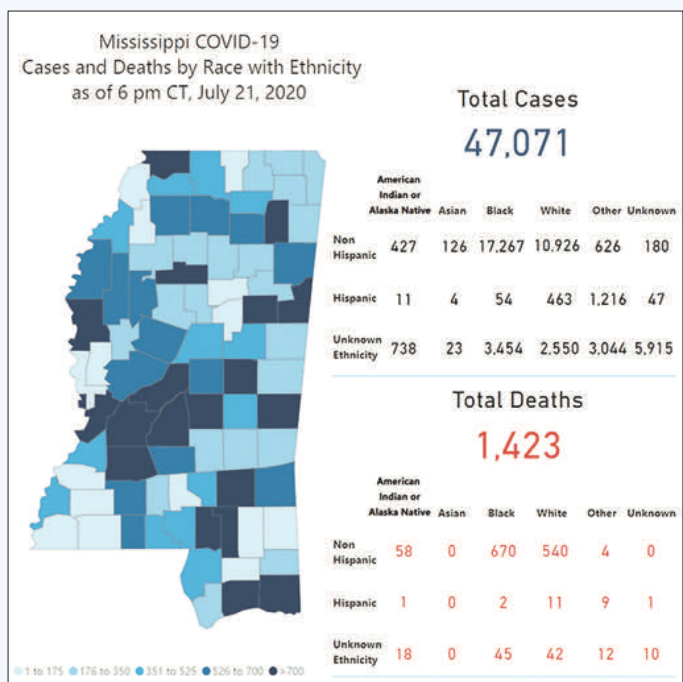
station and everyone was considered family.” Burns said Evers treated him like a son and willingly shared his wisdom.

Prior to his career at WMPR, Evers, on June 3, 1969, was elected mayor of Fayette, MS. He was the first African-American mayor of a biracial town in Mississippi. He served as mayor for 16 years.

He served as NAACP field secretary after his brother Medgar was assassinated in Jackson, MS.

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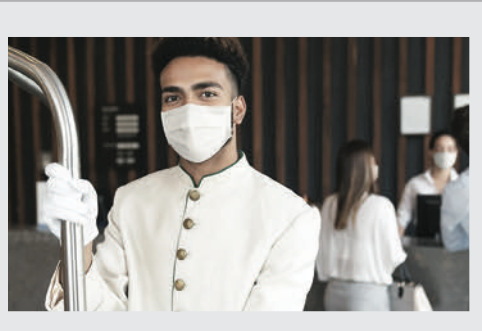
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# Chavis interviews Mississippi Champions of the Black Voice

By **Levell Williams**  
*Online Editor*

CEO and president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. interviewed champions of the black voice in Mississippi July 22. He conducted the interviews at Tougaloo College, one of many historic locations across the country that Chavis plans to visit as part of his upcoming PBS documentary series “The Chavis Chronicles.” The show is to be aired in October, 2020.

Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP and a Tougaloo College alumnus, shared with Chavis the significance of Mississippians in the Civil Rights Movement. “Medgar Evers was a part of a group of WWII veterans who came home to realize the freedom they were fighting for abroad; they could not enjoy.”

Men and women of his time built the infrastructure that would support the Civil Rights Movement, he said. “They were the frontline deliverers of information... to challenge the systems of Mississippi.”

*The Mississippi Link Newspaper* will be twenty-seven years old in October. It is one of Mississippi’s most prominent black newspapers, and its publisher, Jackie Hampton, is personally engrained in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement.

Hampton, who attended both Spelman College and Lincoln



**NNPA CEO Benjamin Chavis (center) with Jackson Advocate Publisher DeAnna Johnson (l) and The Mississippi Link Publisher Jackie Hampton (r) at a taping for his PBS series, the Chavis Chronicles, to be aired in October. PHOTO BY KEVIN BRADLEY**

University is one of six children, who grew up in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement. She told Chavis her father and three of her siblings graduated from Tougaloo College. Hampton’s parents were both Mississippi educators during integration. Her father, the late Emmitt Hayes Sr. was the principal who integrated Jim Hill High

School in Jackson. Her mom, Odie Hayes transferred from Walton Elementary School to become one of the first black teachers at McLeod Elementary School. “We are still addressing a lot of issues today [that we were] in the ‘60s,” she said, making specific reference to voter suppression.

Hampton took up the mantle

of publisher and an owner at *The Mississippi Link* after a successful sales career in corporate America. She adopted the role from her predecessor Socrates Garrett, founder of *The Mississippi Link*.

Chavis also interviewed DeAnna Johnson, a Tougaloo alumna and publisher of the *Jackson Advocate*. The *Advocate* is one of the

oldest members of the black press, turning eighty-two years old in September.

Characterized by a storied history in the fight against injustice and prejudice, the paper endured a racial terror firebombing in 1978. It was also fired on by Ku Klux Klan members with automatic weapons in the 1980s. “It was

definitively a harrowing experience,” she said. “We lost a lot... but you rebuild.”

Johnson recently inherited the newspaper from her mother Alice Tisdale Perkins in February, 2020.

Like Hampton, Johnson’s parents were also integral to civil rights in Miss. Her father, the late Charles Tisdale, was one of many historic men and women who participated in the largest march in Miss. history, which included 10,000 protestors. “My hope is that we continue to have these conversations – the tough ones,” said Johnson.

Hampton and Johnson talked about the significance of the black vote. Hampton said emphatically, “The black vote will decide who will become the president of the United States of America.”

“It is imperative that we have a leader that will hear everyone... [and create] unity,” said Johnson.

Chavis shared that he hopes the program will come to birth “a new generation of freedom fighting scholars...innovators...and scientists.” He expressed that the program should help inspire longevity and efficiency throughout the high and low points of the struggle for freedom. “I don’t believe in protesting just for the sake of protest,” said Chavis.

After leaving Tougaloo, Chavis and his film crew went to city hall to interview Mayor Chokwe Lumumba.

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Dr. Melvin I. Evans Sr.

October 6, 1931 – July 19, 2020



Son of John and Mattie Snipes Evans.  
Grandson of Jefferson Snipes and Frank and Venus Evans.  
Great grandson of Sykes Snipes.  
Great grandson of John Evan.

Melvin Evans grew up in Georgetown, South Carolina, where he attended segregated public schools and graduated from Howard High School lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He continued his education at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, and graduated in 1954. While there, he lettered in football, sang with the Album of Faith Singers, was a member of the Debate Club, and was elected president of his senior class.

After college, Evans began his teaching and coaching career at Sterling High School in Greenville, S.C., but was soon drafted into the military and served with distinction until 1956. Upon his discharge, he resumed his teaching and coaching career at Howard High School in Georgetown where he taught science and health and coached football and basketball. In 1957, he enrolled in the graduate program at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and simultaneously held the position of athletics director at Choppee High School, Choppee, South Carolina. He remained there until 1960 when he accepted the position of head line football coach, cross-country track and field coach and assistant professor at Allen University. In 1963, Evans was named head football coach at Allen and received the honor of Coach of the Year in football, track and field.

In 1965, he accepted a position as assistant professor of Health and Physical Education at Maryland State College, now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. There he coached football, tennis and baseball and continued his research by founding the Exercise Physiology Laboratory and conducting research on “The Effects of Steam Bathing on the Cardiovascular System.”

Evans enrolled in the doctoral program at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 1968 and received his degree in 1970. That same year, he accepted the position of chair and associate professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Jackson State College, now Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. After one year, in 1971, Dr. Melvin I. Evans was promoted to full professor. As department chair, new programs that he instituted included health and recreation administration, therapeutic recreation, drug education, adapted physical education and driver education.

Evans’ expertise placed him in high demand for many important committees including The University Curriculum, Black Studies, Tenure and Promotions, SACS Self-study, SACS Evaluator, Head Football Coach Search, Athletics Committee, Search Committee for Director of Athletics, Self-Study Committee for NCATE and the National Teacher Examination Committee.

He retired in 2001 after 31 years at Jackson

State University and 47 years in the profession. However, he continued as an adjunct professor for several additional years establishing a teaching career that spanned over half a century.

Evans was a member of and held offices in numerous professional and academic associations and organizations including the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, which he joined in 1952 as a student. He continued his membership with the exception of his two years of military service and only missed one national convention from 1964 until his retirement. He was a prolific writer, dynamic speaker and an advocate for the development of young professionals. He worked on every level of the Alliance and demonstrated exceptional leadership for more than five decades. As a life member, he encouraged young members to acquire life membership to demonstrate their commitment to the profession through the Alliance.

Evans was a consultant for the Basic Stuff Workshop that dealt with basic knowledge and problem-solving techniques for physical education teachers in elementary, middle and high schools. In 1990, he served as a consultant for Jamaica where he traveled throughout the country lecturing on the physiological and emotional effects of drugs on the body, methods of teaching sports and general conditioning for sports participation. In 2005, he served as a consultant for the Madison, Mississippi School District.

During his tenure at Jackson State University, he wrote and administered numerous grants totaling millions of dollars, presented at national and international conferences, published articles in professional journals and co-authored three books: Physical Education Handbook (Hunter Publishing Co., 1981), Research Made Meaningful (Burgess Publishing Co., 1984), Three Spirits in One (Evans Enterprises, 2002). Evans was also a regular contributor to the editorial page of the *Clarion Ledger* newspaper.

As a proponent of black entrepreneurship and business ownership, Evans owned and operated several enterprises including The Cotton Gin, an upscale clothing store located on Capital Street in the early 1970s, at the time when it was the main street of the downtown business district.

A life-long member of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Evans was a man of great faith, which governed how he lived. It was the foundation for the integrity with which he lived his life – an integrity for which he was well known and admired. His service at Allen Temple AME Church, Jackson, Mississippi and Lampton Chapel AME Church, Canton, Mississippi included trustee, class leader, choir member, Board of Stewards chairman, chair of the Finance Committee, Sunday School Teacher, president of the East Mississippi Conference Lay Organization, lay president of the Eighth Episcopal District, and committee member of the Katrina Disaster Allocation Committee of the Eighth Episcopal District.

He leaves a legacy of service to his profession, community, church and family that was motivated by a favorite scripture: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Evans was married 69 years to Dora Gathers Evans. He leaves wonderful memories to be cherished by her; their children Joyce (Peter), Vincent (Julia), Veronica (Samuel); daughter-in-law Fred-di; grandchildren Akita (Steven), Melvin III, Vincent Jr. (Tonya), Jamal, Carmen, Steven, Evans, Marcellus, Deatrik, Samuel; great grandchildren Mikelle, Nevaeh, Audrey, Elliott; sister Delores; brother Jefferson (Pauline); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his son Melvin Jr., and his two brothers and four sisters

Lula Mae Friar

1951 - 2020



“I Pray We All Be Ready” was among many gospel favorites often sang by Holmes County, Mississippi native and spirit-filled songbird Lula Friar. This talented servant of God was born to Odessa and Abbie Wright Friar (both deceased) December 31, 1951 in the Busy Bee Community of Lexington, Miss. She was the fourth of 10 children; two of whom – Dessa Ree Friar Gibson and Marion Henry Friar (aka) “Melvin” – preceded her in death.

On Sunday, July 12, 2020, in the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) after fighting the good fight of faith, Friar was summoned home by her Heavenly Father to sweet rest.

Being ready was her principle in life because she believed in “Sending Up [her] Timber Everyday.” She sent up her timber to God with her praise, worship, generous giving, daily study of the Holy Bible each day before work, and with her agape love for her family, community – especially young people. When the “Storms of Life [Were] Raging,” she didn’t really worry because she would sing, “I want you to know that God is keeping me. Oh yes, God is keeping me.” Reflecting over her life, she found comfort in knowing that “Everything that happened to [her] that was good, God did it; Oh yes He did it.”

Friar received her early childhood and teenage foundation and nurturing from her loving and Christian parents. She served Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church of Lexington, Miss. in several capacities: vice president of the Lebanon Inspirational Choir (LIC), president of LIC, youth coordinator, and a trustee on the Board of Trustees.

Educationally, she attended both Mt. Olive Vocational School and Ambrose School of Lexington. She was a proud 1969 high school graduate of the formerly-named Lexington Attendance Center, home of the Purple and Gold “mighty” Mustangs, and where she served as a majorette in the band. She received a choir scholarship to attend Rust College in Holy Springs, Mississippi, where she graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in elementary education in 1974. She also sang in the Rust College Choir.

Her teaching career began in 1975 at Sharkey County Elementary School in Anguilla, Miss., where she served until 1978. She would later serve as a second grade teacher at Goodman-Pickens Elementary School in Pickens, Miss. GPE is what she would always affectionately call it. She served as chairperson for the Teacher Support Team, the 504 coordinator, worked closely with the PTSA, remediated students in After School Tutorial for State Subject Area Testing Program, and much more.

During her tenure with the Holmes County Public School District, now Holmes County Consolidated School District, Friar led her students at Goodman Pickens Elementary in winning 1st Place Reading Awards. She herself earned the district’s 2004 Teacher of the Year Award.

During and after her tenure with the district,

Friar devoted her love and passion as a volunteer coordinator and mentor for the then-JJ McClain High School Band Twirlers Squad and remained through to the current HCCHS Band Majorettes – “The Prancing Jags” – until her departure. As an Auxiliary sponsor, she was dedicated to making sure that her girls looked good and performed magnificently. She is considered by the band and its director Stephan Mathis as their “Band Mother.” One of her greatest enjoyments in life was traveling in and out of state with those young people. As an active band booster club member, she was so proud of the multiple award-winning “Marching Jags.”

Friar devoted 34 years as a Mississippi educator before she retired (31 of those years were in Holmes County).

However, she later served in an education capacity in the After-School Tutorial Program for the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC), a local 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization of Lexington, Mississippi. She always kept her teaching license renewed whether she was teaching or not.

During her CSLC tenure, she coordinated and helped the center and Holmes County to become Mississippi’s first and only Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program site. HIPPY is an international evidence-based home visiting program that supports parents in their critical role as their child’s first and most important teacher. The CSLC MS PIRC HIPPY program was Friar’s passion. Since 2010, she put her heart and soul into the program. One of her proudest moments was learning that all of her little 2011 HIPPY graduates passed their State-mandated reading assessment test in 2015. The program is an effective model for student success.

At CSLC, she has also served as the housing coordinator, housing counselor, fair housing advocate and the education coordinator for the Health Optimization and Prevention Education (HOPE) program for youth.

Friar’s love for her children, grandchildren, family and colleagues was remarkable. Although she spoke her mind, she would let you know that she meant well by prefacing her constructive criticism with, “I don’t mean any harm...” And, people loved her for her candidness. She always stood up for what she believed.

She enjoyed the many trips the Friar family took together, spending time of laughter during family reunions, barbeques, outings and just sitting around talking.

Lula Friar leaves to cherish her loving memories one daughter: LaTannica Friar of Denham Springs, La. and one son: Fredrick Friar of Lexington, Miss.; one god daughter: Aaliyah Antoinette Greer of Lexington, Miss.; five granddaughters: Lakeithia Friar of Jackson, Miss.; Zarai Hammond of Lexington, Miss.; Kayden Symone Collier and Kaylee Grace Hodges both of Denham Springs, La.; and Cameryn Morris of the Mt. Olive community; two brothers: Lesley Friar and Jessie Earl Friar; five sisters: Janie Friar, Lou Ethel Friar, Beulah Greer, Jeanette Friar all of Lexington, Miss., and Rebecca Friar of Brookhaven, Miss.; one brother-in-law: Leslie Greer, and two sisters-in-law: Geraldine Friar and Brenda Friar all of Lexington, Miss.; one uncle and four aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and all the children whom she mentored who loved her dearly.

Her favorite scriptures were: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 and Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6

Vivian

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of our communities.”

They continued:

“Vivian also started Basic Diversity, one of the nation’s first diversity consulting firms, now led by his son, Al, who has been a great partner to our organization. We are grateful for Dr. Vivian’s many years of devotion to Atlanta and thankful that we had the opportunity to honor and share his legacy with our fans. The entire Hawks organization extends its most sincere condolences to the grieving family.”

Vivan was active in sit-in protests in Peoria, Illinois, in the 1940s, and met King during the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott – a demonstration spurred by Rosa Parks’ refusal to give up her seat to a white rider. The 13-month mass protest drew international attention.

Vivian went on to become an active early member of the group that eventually became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to his biography.

Like King, Vivian was committed to the belief that nonviolent protests could carry the day.

“Some thoughts on the Reverend C.T. Vivian, a pioneer who pulled America closer to our founding ideals and a friend I will miss greatly,” Former President Barack Obama wrote in a statement. “We’ve lost a founder of modern America, a pioneer who shrunk the gap between reality and our constitutional ideals of equality and freedom.”

Vivian was born in Boonville, Missouri, July 30, 1924. He and his late wife, Octavia Geans Vivian, had six children.

With the help of his church, he enrolled in American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville in 1955.

That same year he and other ministers founded the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to the National Visionary Leadership Project. The group helped organize the city’s first sit-ins and civil rights march.

By 1965 Vivian had become the director of national affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when he led a group of people to register to vote in Selma, Alabama.

CNN memorialized Vivian, noting that, as the county Sheriff Jim Clark blocked the group, Vivian said in a fiery tone, “We will register to vote because as citizens of the United States we have the right to do it.”

Clark responded by beating Vivian until blood dripped off his chin in front of rolling cameras. The images helped galvanize more comprehensive support for change.

Vivian also created a college readiness program to help “take care of the kids that were kicked out of school simply because they protested racism.”

“I admired him from and before I became a senator and got to know him as a source of wisdom, advice and strength on my first presidential campaign,” Obama stated.

“I’m only here to thank C.T. Vivian and all the heroes of the Civil Rights generation. Because of them, the idea of just, fair, inclusive and generous America came closer into focus. The trails they blazed gave today’s generation of activists and marchers a road map to tag in and finish the journey.”

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# Hotel industry releases top 5 requirements to travel safely

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The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) recently released the “Safe Stay Guest Checklist” for guests on how to travel safely while also creating a standardized safety experience nationwide. This checklist is part of AHLA’s Safe Stay guidelines, an industry-wide, enhanced set of health and safety protocols designed to provide a safe and clean environment for all hotel guests and employees.

The Safe Stay Guest Checklist includes:

1. Require face coverings in all indoor public spaces and practice social distancing in all common areas.
2. Choose contactless options, where available, including online reservations, check-ins, and payments.
3. Consider daily room cleaning, only if necessary. Ask the hotel about your options.
4. Request contactless room service delivery.
5. Refrain from traveling if you have, or recently had, any symptoms of COVID-19 or contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

“The top priority for the hotel industry is the health and safety of guests and employees. Utilizing these best practices, including requiring face coverings and practicing social distancing in public spaces, will create an even safer environment for all our guests and employees,” said Chip Rogers, president and CEO of AHLA. “As an industry, we want every guest to experience



a clean and safe hotel no matter where they stay. We applaud governors who have standardized the use of face coverings in all indoor public spaces and we urge all lawmakers to help make this a national standard by implementing this requirement in their states. These preventative measures make it safer and easier for Americans to travel while also supporting hotel and tourism employees.”

Statements below from AHLA member companies:

Chris Nassetta, president and CEO, Hilton said, “Hilton is united with the hospitality industry in prioritizing the health and safety of our guests and employees. We are supportive of the industry adopting consistent guidelines and practices that adhere to public health guidelines, including the wearing of face coverings indoors and in public areas. As part of our Hilton CleanStay program developed in partnership with Lysol and the Mayo Clinic, all Hilton team members are required to wear

face coverings in an effort to protect all who enter our more than 6,100 properties worldwide.”

Mark Hoplamazian, president & chief executive officer, Hyatt said, “At Hyatt, we require face coverings for hotel guests across the U.S. and Canada in order to care for the health and safety of our guests and colleagues. To help enable safe travel amidst the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, we need to come together as an industry and promote clear guidelines, which for the foreseeable future include the wearing of face coverings in indoor public spaces and practicing social distancing.”

Elie Maalouf, CEO, Americas, IHG said, “It is critical we take action to protect the health and safety of guests and colleagues to build confidence in travel as the industry begins to recover. IHG fully supports the AHLA Safe Stay program, which complements the protocols in our own IHG Way of Clean, and the new Covid-19

best practices implemented in all of our hotels in partnership with the Cleveland Clinic. Requiring face coverings in all indoor public spaces across our industry will help create an even safer environment for all travelers and frontline hotel colleagues.”

Jonathan Tisch, chairman & CEO, Loews Hotels & Co. said, “The travel & tourism industry is rooted in partnerships. As an industry we need to work and align together and AHLA’s Safe Stay Guidelines is an opportunity to do just that. As hotel operators and owners, we have a role and responsibility to provide a welcoming, safe and comfortable environment for team members, guests and our communities, and now more than ever we need to ensure we are exceeding expectations in this area.”

Arne Sorenson, CEO, Marriott International said, “The health and safety of associates and guests has always been a top priority at Marriott. Part of our Commitment to Clean is

that we’re redefining our cleaning and safety standards to align with evolving expert protocols as we all work together to manage the spread of COVID-19. Health guidance is clear on wearing masks and it is a simple step everyone can take when in public spaces of hotels to protect themselves, each other and associates. We’re pleased to join with the industry to create consistency and collectively support our communities so we all can travel more safely.”

Jim Alderman, CEO, Americas, Radisson Hotel Group said, “One of Radisson Hotel Group’s highest priorities is the continued health, safety and security of our guests, team members and partners. One of the easiest ways to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 is by wearing a face covering, especially indoors. It’s going to take all of us working together, which is why we stand alongside AHLA in asking our government leaders to help make this national standard by implementing this

requirement in their states.”

To further expand the hotel industry’s Safe Stay initiative, AHLA also recently launched COVID-19 Precautions for Hotels, an online course developed in partnership with the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute(AHLEI) to help hotels train their staffs on the enhanced safety and cleanliness guidelines.

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## Tougaloo college impliments plans for the fall 2020 semester

By Morgan Bridgeman  
Student Intern Writer

Tougaloo College has recently released plans to accommodate their students, faculty and staff for the fall 2020 semester. The return plan, based on the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), includes practices of social distancing and the requirement for face coverings to be worn at all times on campus.

Outlined in the return plan, Tougaloo has implemented precautions such as: in-person class size reductions, occupancy guidelines being posted for meeting and conference workspaces, sex-feet of distance between individuals, large in-person gatherings taking place virtually, on-campus housing being reduced, communal spaces being limited and face masks to be worn in all community spaces.

The return plan also outlines that hand-washing and alcohol-based sanitizer dispensers will be accessible throughout campus. The custodial staff is responsible for the consistent cleaning of all buildings, facilities, common/public restrooms on campus twice a day, high touch surfaces, and after-hours deep cleaning of large common areas such as the chapel and library. Administrators, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to clean their personal work spaces throughout the day.

Students, faculty and staff should monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and check their temperatures daily. Students will be tested as needed and are not required to receive services at the campus clinic but can go to an outside healthcare provider. If a student tests positive, they must inform the office of the vice president of Student Life Office and isolate and relocate from the campus for 14 days while continuing classes online. Faculty/staff should seek help from their healthcare provider and provide a medial clearance to the provost before returning to campus after isolation.

Those with pre-existing conditions and/or those caring for a sick family member may self-report to the Office of Human Resources to request accommodations.

For those students at Tougaloo who wish to stay on campus, there are several days for them to move in. Residence halls open for student leaders August 2, 3 and 4 for freshman students; August 8 and 9 for returning students. Resident dorms with small square footage will have only one occupant and rooms with larger square footage will have double occupancy. There are quarantine spaces for students who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate.

Tougaloo asks for students to bring and carry their own hand sanitizer, face masks, disinfectant supplies, hand soap, medicine and a personal thermometer. Students must inform public safety of any visitors coming on campus and those visitors must undergo a temperature screening and questionnaire.

The Office of Student Engagement will offer virtual events for students to encourage a sense of community for students. Dining services will also be modified for students to adhere to social distancing. Food stations will be closed but associates will serve pre-packed to-go meals for students.

As Tougaloo sets out their return plans, a staff member notes how the plans are a step in the right direction. "Tougaloo is putting the safety of the community first while also having the education process met," said the staff member.

A Tougaloo student is glad Tougaloo has put these plans into place, but is concerned for how these plans will be enforced. "These feasible plans present individual challenges such as cleanliness and social distancing. I just hope individuals will respect and adhere to the plans.

Tougaloo is set to start classes virtually August 6. Classes will resume in-person and hybrid classes September 8. The first semester will officially close November 24.

## Education's trajectory amidst Coronavirus

### *Aspirations and vision: Grand way foreword*

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob  
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Education is a priceless asset. It is an endowment which enriches not solely the beneficiaries but those adjacent and tangential to its advocates and providers. It is particularly significant in this uncertain Coronavirus era.

Since education focuses on knowledge and skills acquisition, wisdom building and usage, it is a formidable individual and communal weapon, with global utility. It is thus a marvelous socio-economic missile recipients cherish and utilize from birth to death. Education is further a dynamic and potent benefit nobody can take from you.

As the great philosopher Thomas Dewey said, "Education is not solely a social process, education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life. Education is life itself."

As Coronavirus now dominates global discourse owing to its devastating impact on all facets of life, the critical question arises: what is the educational way forward as humanity strives to forge ahead? What do those in need of education – students, teachers, counselors, support staff providers etc – and other stakeholders require to forge ahead?

#### Review past lessons

One of the major roles for educators globally especially in this Coronavirus epoch is critically reviewing and addressing the pertinent questions of life and death, truth and fairness, love and hate, joy and sorrow, tragedies and comedies. Consequently, one of the dominant interrogations of our times is what must be done to enhance or upgrade the current educational systems?

#### COMMENTARY

First, it is imperative for all educators and stakeholders, to review the status quo against the backdrop of changing times. A major objective of this endeavor is to focus on current missions and goals then identify their strengths and weaknesses. To this end, an incisive analysis of the existing educational systems globally is imperative. Education as a process in the Coronivirus era, needs an autopsy with emphasis on its merits and demerits. Further, such analysis are crucial partly due to the fact that education is dynamic as opposed to being static.

#### Basic questions

Additionally, basic questions such as what is education? Who needs an education? How should young and old be educated? What challenges hamper the current educational systems? Most of all, how can education be reformed to benefit those avidly in quest of it? These crucial questions yell for short and long term answers in the Coronavirus age.

#### Microscopic analysis

Most of all, questions must be addressed such as what strategies are needed for educational advancement which can enhance people's wellbeing and enable them to push ahead?

After all, one of the major functions of education in the Coronavirus age is to uplift and elevate humans everywhere so that they can live better and successful lives, whichever way or pattern we envisage such laudable ventures.

#### Policies

As the uncertain Coronavirus era forges ahead, we must flash back on the past. Indeed, history, which enables people to study the past for the benefit of the present and future, is crucial. Small wonder the great

statesman and leader, Winston Churchill said, "If the present quarrels with the past, then there is no hope for the future."

It is thus crucial and imperative to revisit the drawing board with fundamental educational questions, strategies and tactics. It is wise posing basic questions such as what is education and its relevance? What is the purpose of education? Which philosophies should undergird education? Who needs an education, when, where, why and how? What are the best strategies for dispensing education at differing stages: primary, secondary and tertiary? How should teachers be trained and where? Where should focus be placed in this Conorovirus dispensation? What policies can enhance education?

#### Policies and problems

Several challenges inhibit education. How should students be tested, when, where and in what areas and contexts? Which philosophy should undergird the educational pursuit? What should be the mission of higher education? Since technologies seem to dwarf all human endeavors, the issue arises: how can we use them to foster and uplift the educational status of children, adults, youths and the disabled?

#### Conclusion

As humans wrestle in this new Coronavirus era and arena,

each and all must pursue tasks with a renewed vision. It cannot be business as usual. Rather, it is a time for renewal and realignment which enables all parties concerned to look back, adopt best practices and constantly revisit what is done. It also calls for analyzing the current situation and above all projecting and propelling real and imaginary propositions into the future with caution, tact, bravery and foresight.

This is a onerous task that must be done. Let's map out strategies and swing to work with both a positive attitude and buoyant fortitude. Victory ultimately will be ours. As the popular evangelical hymn chimes "Victory is Mine."

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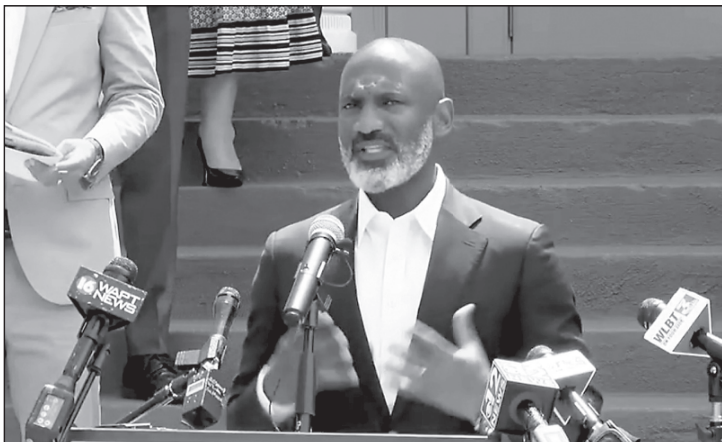
## JPS Return to School Plan Fall 2020

By Levell Williams  
Online Editor

The Jackson Public School District (JPS) has released its plan for the fall 2020 semester. JPS Superintendent Errick L. Greene said in a press conference July 14, "In... listening and learning, we've been struck by the range of needs that our families have...[JPS' responsibility] is to provide a flexible plan to meet those needs."

At the elementary and middle school levels, students will be allowed to choose between attending school physically with modified safety measures or attending school virtually from home. High school students can choose to attend virtually or via a hybrid system in which freshmen and sophomores will alternate every other day with juniors and seniors, learning in person one day and remotely the next.

Greene emphasized the importance of registering students as soon as possible in order for schools to prepare to adequately serve all students. He also added, "We have to insist that once those selections



Greene

are made...we maintain those selections throughout the grading term."

The return plan will also include various measures to prevent the spread of germs. Among these measures are frequent hand washing and sanitation, mandatory face coverings and strategic movement of students to limit contact.

JPS schools will also not allow visitors to enter the school. Acknowledging that the change may be uncomfortable for some who are used to having easy access to their children in school, the superintendent said, "We simply have

to draw the line."

The school environment will also be newly treated with spray cleaning devices, giving special priority to bathroom areas. "That will happen everyday," he said. He also said there will be new implementation of UV light to help exterminate germs.

In addition to new sanitation measures, JPS is also increasing its use of technology, an addition that is partially funded by the CARES Act funds. The devices will not be available to students at the beginning of the school year, because of the millions of others across the coun-



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try who are purchasing devices right now." Nevertheless, he said based on current device inventory and parental feedback, "We are confident that we will begin our school [year] with a strong virtual program."

"Finally...each and every scholar will have their own device," he said. He also said there are plans to increase broadband capabilities throughout the city, in order to make remote learning accessible to everyone.

"I was reminded of the title of the strategic plan...Excellence for all," said Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumum-

ba who also spoke at the press conference. "We have to be committed to that endeavor."

He noted that government officials are "learning our way through this process just like each and every one of you." He also said that the return plan is the "best equitable solution" with respect to "the concerns of parents, students and teachers." He added, "This plan works within the confines of our options."

The superintendent noted, if there becomes a need to suspend on-campus classes and return to strictly remote learning, JPS will be prepared to do so.

With school only weeks away, many are still uneasy. One Jackson resident shared that "school should be postponed and start later in the year so we can get more control of the virus."

Some say it is merely a question of what school officials value more: school revenue or children's lives.

Still others believe that returning to school is important for securing a sense of normalcy for children. "Going to class teaches us structure...Virtual learning [causes you] to get out of touch with reality," said one Jackson minister.

"This is a call to action, for all of Jackson," said Greene. "Any of our churches, our family members, or others, who are able to support working parents by providing academic assistance and care for their scholar, please raise your hands... The more families we can support in accessing the virtual model, the better off we'll all be."

*The complete JPS School Re-Opening Plan can be found online at the JPS website www.jackson.k12.ms.us/.*



## 2 more Mississippi boards vote to keep Confederate statues

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

Supervisors in two Mississippi counties voted Monday not to move Confederate monuments that stand in front of courthouses.

One vote happened in Neshoba County, where three civil rights workers were killed and buried in an earthen dam in 1964 in what the FBI called the “Mississippi Burning” case. The other happened in Lauderdale County, where those civil rights workers had been based.

Confederate monuments have come under increased scrutiny recently amid widespread protests over racial injustice.

Black Empowerment Organization was supported by the Southern Poverty Law Center in asking Neshoba County supervisors to remove the Confederate soldier statue. The figure stands outside the courthouse where a jury in 2005 convicted a reputed former Ku Klu Klan leader, Edgar Ray Killen, of manslaughter in the 1964 killings of the three civil rights workers – Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman.

“Our public buildings, landmarks and institutions should not conceal the truth about our shared history, and should not be used as a backdrop to glorify traitors to the United States,” Brandon Jones, Mississippi policy director for the Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund, said in a statement Monday.

“Confederate monuments are symbols of white supremacy,” Jones said. “They continue to further the false narrative

that the Civil War was fought for something other than to keep black people enslaved.”

Lauderdale County is going to turn its current courthouse into a history museum after it moves government operations to a different building. Supervisors’ President Kyle Rutledge said the statue’s current location is “a fitting place,” WTOK-TV reported.

The “Mississippi Burning” case gained international attention because President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered the FBI to conduct a massive search for the three missing civil rights workers, whose bodies were found weeks after they disappeared.

Chaney was an African American who grew up in Lauderdale County. Schwerner was a white man from New York who worked in Mississippi for several months, registering black people to vote. Goodman was a white New York resident who arrived in Mississippi only hours before he, Chaney and Schwerner were killed after they drove to Neshoba County to investigate the burning of a black congregation’s church.

Southern Poverty Law Center says about 780 Confederate monuments and statues stand on public property in the U.S., and at least 50 are in Mississippi.

Many of the monuments were put up in the early 20th century, as groups such as United Daughters of the Confederacy pushed a “Lost Cause” narrative that minimized slavery as a central cause of the Civil War.

After historic votes in the Mississippi Legislature in

late June, the state retired a 126-year-old banner that was the last state flag in the U.S. with the Confederate battle emblem. A commission will design a new flag that cannot have the emblem and must have the phrase, “In God We Trust.” That lone design will go on the statewide ballot in November.

During the past few weeks, supervisors in Mississippi’s Bolivar, Leflore, Lowndes, Noxubee and Washington counties have voted to move Confederate statues away from courthouses.

A Mississippi law enacted in 2004 says no war monument may be “relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or rededicated.” But the law also says: “The governing body may move the memorial to a more suitable location if it is determined that the location is more appropriate to displaying the monument.”

Lafayette County supervisors voted unanimously July 6 to leave a Confederate monument outside the old courthouse on the Oxford square, about 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) from where the similar statue stood on the University of Mississippi campus. The university last week moved its statue to a Civil War cemetery in a remote part of campus.

Forrest County supervisors said in June that they will let voters decide in November whether to move a Confederate monument that was donated to the county in 1910. In Harrison County on the Gulf Coast and in Lee County in northeastern Mississippi, residents have asked supervisors to remove Confederate soldier statues.

## Official: Mississippi hospitals likely to be overwhelmed

By Leah Willingham  
Associated Press

Within two weeks, Mississippi hospitals will need to start housing patients two-to-a room and placing beds in open wards and other areas where patients don’t normally stay to keep up with the surge in new coronavirus cases, the state health officer said Monday.

“If we don’t see a decrease in transmission immediately, then it’s pretty likely that the health care system is going to be thoroughly overwhelmed,” Dr. Thomas Dobbs said at a news briefing.

On Monday, 943 people were hospitalized in Mississippi with confirmed cases of Coronavirus and 293 people were battling the virus in intensive care. And 40% of all patients in Mississippi’s ICU’s have Coronavirus compared with 31% of patients just last Friday, a “phenomenal number,” Dobbs said.

“The fact that we are growing so quickly really tells us that we are at the verge of really pushing our system over its capacity,” he said. “In large measure, we are already there.”

The rising cases have forced leaders to take action. Starting Monday, people are required to wear masks in public in 23 of the 82 counties under a new executive order by Republican Gov. Tate Reeves. Those 23 counties cover 55% to 60% of the state population, Reeves said on a call with the White House coronavirus task force Monday.

On the call, Reeves said Mississippi is seeing a rapid increase in patients hospitalized with COVID-19.

“I recognize that compared to some other states, these are relatively small numbers, but obviously a movement in the wrong direction,” Reeves said.

Health officials paint a bleak

picture. Emergency rooms have become makeshift intensive care units because hospitals have no other place to put patients, Dobbs said. He said he got a call about sending a patient to Missouri Sunday because no beds were available in Mississippi or surrounding states.

Dobbs said it’s discouraging to see social media posts with people not wearing masks or socially distancing. A video of a street basketball game in Jackson attended by hundreds of people drew attention over the weekend. A handful of people were wearing masks. A country music concert on the Gulf Coast also attracted a large crowd, with many people bare-faced.

Reeves’ new executive order is an expansion of his past order requiring masks in 13 counties. Although he has vehemently spoken in support of all Mississippians wearing masks, Reeves has not set a statewide mask requirement and has said he will only mandate mask-wearing in counties with the highest increases in new coronavirus cases.

Monday on Twitter, Reeves said people have sought a “silver bullet” solution to the pandemic, whether it be ventilators, shelter-in-place orders or statewide mask mandates.

“Here’s the hard truth: there’s no single answer,” he wrote. “All of those measures can be useful. None can be our savior. There’s no magic solution coming to save us all from personal responsibility. There is no piece of paper that a politician can sign to make this go away.”

The governor’s new order restricts public gatherings in those additional 10 counties. The governor announced that in those counties, he will limit gatherings to 10 people indoors and 20 outdoors. Until earlier this month, the statewide limit was 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in all counties.

The new restrictions apply to Bolivar, Covington, Forrest, Humphreys, Panola, Sharkey, Simpson, Tallahatchie, Tate and Walthall counties.

The existing restrictions are in some of the most heavily populated counties in the state: Hinds, Madison and Rankin in the Jackson area; DeSoto County in the north; and Harrison and Jackson counties on the coast. The restrictions are also in smaller counties with high rates of the virus: Claiborne, Grenada, Jefferson, Quitman, Sunflower, Washington and Wayne.

The executive orders will expire at 8 a.m., Aug. 3.

Mississippi has a population of about 3 million. The Health Department said Monday that the state has had at least 43,889 confirmed cases and at least 1,358 deaths from the coronavirus as of Sunday evening. That was an increase of 1,251 cases and three deaths from numbers reported the day before.

At least 3,162 cases of the virus have been confirmed in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, with at least 651 virus-related deaths in those facilities, the department said.

The true number of virus infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected without feeling sick. While most people who contract the coronavirus recover after suffering only mild to moderate symptoms, it can be deadly for older patients and those with other health problems.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc. we take pride in providing services to those who are most in need of medical care. Perhaps that explains the response to our drive-by SARS-CoV-2 screening at our main clinic in Jackson, Mississippi where, accepting all comers, we have screened more than 150 individuals in a day. Once armed with the information on their COVID-19 status, these individuals, largely from the surrounding community, are empowered to make intelligent and rational decisions regarding the health of their families and loved ones.

These patients are just an example of the 308,000 Mississippians who use community health centers for primary health care. More than 200 clinic sites are located around the state, and 78% of the community health center are in rural communities. They operate clinics in schools and rural communities, providing an access point to primary health care for those in need.

Federal funding through grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration that provide funding for community health centers was enshrined into law decades ago. But reauthorization has been a series of

extensions for more than a year. This makes it exceedingly difficult for these non-profit organizations that make up Mississippi's largest primary health care system to plan for the future.

The U.S. Congress is working on the 4th stimulus package of \$77.6 billion to alleviate short-term concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic. This stimulus package must include the reauthorization of the Community Health Center Fund. This fund accounts for 70% of the federal grant funding for community health centers. Health centers are currently working under an extension set to expire November 20, 2020.

The request is a 5-year reauthorization of the Community Health Center Fund to serve an increasing number of unemployed, uninsured and underinsured people. This number is only enhanced by the present COVID-19 pandemic.

If health centers in Mississippi do not receive necessary funding from the federal government:

- Nearly 2,000 people who will lose jobs in their communities.
- 308,000 patients will lose access to care.
- Communities will lose over \$250,000,000 in total economic impact

based on the ripple effect of health center closures and layoffs.

Please contact your members of Congress. Tell them community health centers matter to your community, and ask them to pass the reauthorization of the Community Health Center Fund as soon as possible, so Mississippians can feel secure in knowing their health care providers will be there for them through the pandemic and in taking care of their basic health care needs now and in the years to come.

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## Remembering Congressman John Lewis

Men's Health Network

On behalf of Men's Health Network's staff, volunteers and advisors we join all Americans in mourning the loss of Georgia's Congressman and "The Conscience of the U.S. Congress," John Lewis, who died from pancreatic cancer at age 80 July 17, 2020 after a long, storied and exemplary record of service to our country as a tireless fighter, advocate and spokesperson for equal rights for Americans.

Men's Health Network worked with Congressman Lewis on several projects, including the passage of National Men's Health Week in 1994 and community events in his Congressional district.

In a statement, Jean Bonhomme, MD, MPH, president of the National Black Men's Health Network said, "John Lewis was a man of extraordinary courage who met even armed violence with nonviolence and racial hatred with love. Perhaps a fitting legacy to his loss from illness might be a renewed interest in addressing the health issues facing men and boys."

"I will fondly remember Representative John Lewis, a never-wavering activist and statesman whose legacy will live on. His temperament and steadfastness will continue to encourage this and the next generation to pursue true equality for people of color," said Judy Seals-Togbo, MSW, Men's Health Network Tri-State area: Arkansas, Mississippi & Tennessee.

Lewis began his storied career for civil rights and voting rights as a young boy and never stopped. The enormity of his dedication to these causes is underscored by more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries he withstood in his quest. Throughout all of this Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence.

He was elected to represent Georgia's 5th Congressional district in 1987 and served continuously and tirelessly until his death. His tireless work in Congress and as part of the Congressional Black



Lewis

Caucus will long be remembered and honored.

Lewis is the recipient of numerous awards from eminent national and international institutions, including the highest civilian honor granted by President Barack Obama, the Medal of Freedom, the Lincoln Medal from the historic Ford's Theatre, the Golden Plate Award given by the Academy of Excellence, the Preservation Hero award given by the National

Trust for Historic Preservation, the Capital Award of the National Council of La Raza, the Martin Luther King Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize, the President's Medal of Georgetown University, the NAACP Spingarn Medal, the National Education Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award, and the only John F. Kennedy "Profile in Courage Award" for Lifetime Achievement ever granted by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

## Remembering John Lewis

By H. Ralph Samuels Jr.  
Contributing Writer

John Lewis, was an American Civil Rights pioneer who stood up for those who had no voice. He was small in stature but larger than life, as he fought for justice, democracy and respect for humanity. This was his 'calling' and this was his 'choice.' He was a civil rights legend for years and years, and his hope and desire was to see justice, equality and fair voting rights as he "Marched on Washington" in 1963.

He coordinated efforts with others of like mind, and with

them, he tried to help fix the "pains" of racial inequality. Whitney Young, James Farmer, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Martin Luther King, Jr. and John Robert Lewis were known as the Big Six.

On the steps of the memorial where Abe Lincoln sits, he stood alongside Dr. Martin Luther King; and on that day gave a fiery speech himself, just before King declared 'I Have A Dream'.

Lewis never held back, but always spoke his mind. His words were inspiring to many, as he articulated truth like a baptist preacher, but it

was Congress that beckoned and called. He served in Congress for thirty-four years, striving to help make things equal and fair. And often he would cross the aisle for bipartisan support because he was a man of compassion who cared.

Lewis will be remembered for that day in Selma Alabama, March 7, 1965, on that fifty-mile march to Montgomery. With Lewis leading the line, thousands would march arm in arm protesting in a 'nonviolent way' as they met cruel opposition on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. It would

become known as "Bloody Sunday."

Riding on horseback and swinging their clubs, state troopers struck Lewis in the head fracturing his skull. Thank God he didn't end up dead. But that didn't stop or discourage him. He never backed down, and always fought a good fight. John Lewis was truly "battle tested."

And now he has gone from labor to reward. His work here on earth is now done.... John Lewis a "Civil Rights Champion for Justice," his last fight victoriously won.

## Mississippi is the most regulated state in the South

By Brett Kittredge  
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Mississippi has a ways to go before challenging some of the South's strongest economies, and one key reason is more regulation and red tape than its neighbors. New legislation proposed this session could have helped rein in government red tape, but the most significant bills failed to gain enough traction. Thus, Mississippi has a long way to go if it wants to unburden itself of the moniker "the most regulated state in the South."

In 2018, as part of a national review of state regulations, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University found Mississippi has nearly 118,000 regulatory restrictions on the books. All told, the state code book includes 9.3 million words, and it would take about 13 weeks to read if all one did was read regulations as a full time job.

The biggest regulator in Mississippi, by far, is the Department of Health, with more than 20,000 restrictions. Coming in second is the Department of Human Services, with over 12,000 restrictions. Various state boards, commissions and examiners have a combined 10,000 restrictions.

These regulations touch every industry in the state and impact each Mississippian in some form or fashion. The health care and assisted living sectors are particularly highly regulated. Some of these rules keep our senior citizens safe, but surely others, like restrictions on relocating or renovating medical facilities, just make the system inflexible, especially during an emergency.

The coronavirus pandemic has revealed deep shortcomings in the regulatory system. To ensure an adequate amount of health care coverage, governors around the country have been relaxing – not increasing – regulations. This includes easing restrictions on telemedicine, recognizing medical licenses from other states, and in some states, rolling back requirements that health care facilities obtain permission from regulators before adding new equipment like hospital beds.

Overall, Mississippi's regulatory load is about average for a typical state, but when compared to some of its neighbors, a clearer

picture emerges. A new Mercatus Center analysis summarizes data from eight southern states stretching from Kentucky down to Florida and over to Louisiana. Of these states, Florida has the most regulatory restrictions at 171,000. However, if one adjusts for the fact that a bigger population tends to generate more regulation, Florida is, by that measure, actually the least regulated. Of the group, Mississippi has the most regulations per capita (and the lowest GDP per capita).

More populous states tend to have more industries, denser urban areas, and other factors that generally contribute to a higher number of regulations. This explains why California, Ohio, New York and Texas are all among the five-most regulated states in America, despite having very different political environments.

Mississippi lawmakers had an opportunity to reduce regulatory burdens. Several bills were proposed that would have created regulatory reduction pilot programs at various state agencies. The idea is that a small consortium of agencies should have to measure and track how much regulation they impose, and then make sensible cuts based on those measurements. If all goes well, the pilot program can be expanded to other agencies. The state of Virginia has already implemented a pilot program like this, demonstrating that the idea is feasible, affordable and even bipartisan.

None of the various Mississippi proposals made it into law this year. However, governors around the country have taken action by issuing red-tape reduction executive orders. Gov. Tate Reeves could start by reviewing regulations suspended in response to COVID-19, as Idaho has recently done. Or he could take a more aggressive approach, like Gov. Kevin Stitt of Oklahoma, who earlier this year ordered a 25 percent across-the-board regulatory reduction.

Whatever approach is taken, Mississippians need regulatory relief now. The pandemic continues to ravage the country, and the nation's regulatory system is simply not up to the task. There is an opportunity to rectify the situation if our leaders will heed the call.

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# A limited time for repentance

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



My friends, God is demanding action on our part. The cry has gone out, “Repent!” Acts 17:30 tells us, “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” Repentance is not just a favor; it is a command. We are under command to repent. Many people act as if it is left to their own fancy. Well, we accept that way, but it is a command.

Now is the time when God is speaking to us. We can choose to ignore it and disregard it, but we are going to suffer the results of such actions. Whenever God brings light and understanding to us concerning our spiritual condition it is our day to seek peace. Whenever God speaks to us and His Word

digs around our hearts, it is our day to consider the things meant for our peace. Today, in too many cases, these things are being ignored and disregarded, and the sinner passes on into a state of hardness of heart not realizing his destruction until it is too late.

Dear ones, we have a limited time to repent. The days are dissimilar; no two days are alike. We cannot say, “Well, as with Lot in Sodom, God will send an angel down to talk with us personally.” No friend, we need to be aware that this is our day. We need to do what is required of us now to find peace for our souls.

We read in Romans 5:1, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Israel rejected their day and it is recorded on the pages of history that they lived to regret it. Friend, these days of pleasure in sin and whiling away our time

will soon be gone. We must make sure that we are not caught without Christ.

The Bible makes it plain that this day is accompanied with things of peace. That is speaking about our spiritual welfare. There is no peace with God except by the blood of Jesus Christ. We may join a church, shake hand with the preacher or get confirmed and become a church member, but none of these things can bring peace to our souls.

There is no peace without confessing and forsaking sin and repentance toward God. The Bible says in Isaiah 55:6-7, “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

Love ones, we are warned to seek the Lord while He

may be found, or while He is near. We do not know how long He will be near us. It could be only a short while. Many individuals have heard Gospel messages like this, ignored them and gone into a lost eternity. At the same time, others have opened their hearts and accepted the precious Word of God. No matter what we try, it all will be in vain unless we obey God.

The Bible says, “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.” If we do not, the time will come when we will remember this message. Then, we will say, “If I had only known what that preacher was saying was true, I would not have ended up in this condition.”

*Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.*

# Good Trouble

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



This past week, the world mourned the deaths of two titans of the modern Civil Rights movement: 95-year-old Rev. C.T. Vivian and 80-year-old Congressman John Lewis. They both died July 17.

It seems fitting that Vivian and Lewis, who worked closely together during protests for voting rights and desegregation, would pass away on the same day. Individually and collectively, their lives stand as a testament to the power of purposeful resilience.

Reading stories of how they fought against racial discrimination reminded me of the biblical story of David who defeated the much larger Goliath using just a slingshot and five smooth stones. David boldly declared in 1 Samuel 17:47, “All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” Like David, even though they were fighting against powerful systems of racism, both Vivian and Lewis successfully used strategic acts of non-violent protest against decades of institutionalized discrimination.

Lewis acknowledged the part that faith played in their fight for equal rights when he said, “Without our faith, we wouldn’t have been able to succeed. On many occasions, before we’d go out on a sit-in, before we went on the freedom ride, before we marched from Selma to Montgomery, we would sing a song or say a prayer. Without our faith, without the spirit and spiritual bearings and underpinning, we would not have been so successful.”

Here are additional inspirational quotes from Lewis and Vivian that will hopefully remind us of their legacies of faithful determination.

**Congressmen John Lewis:**  
*I want to see young people in America feel the spirit of the 1960s and find a way to get in the way. To find a way to get in trouble. Good trouble, necessary trouble.*

*We are one people with one family. We all live in the same house... and through books, through information, we must find a way to say to people that we must lay down the burden of hate. For hate is too heavy a burden to bear.*

*We are tired of being beaten by policemen. We are tired of seeing our people locked up in jails over and over again. And then you holler, ‘Be patient.’ How long can we be patient?*

*I believe race is too heavy a burden to carry into the 21st century. It’s time to lay it down. We all came here in different ships, but now we’re all in the same boat.*

*The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have.*

*Without prayer, without faith in the Almighty, the civil rights movement would have been like a bird without wings.*

**Rev. C.T. Vivian**  
*People do not choose rebellion, it is forced upon them. Revolution is always an act of self-defense.*

*Leadership is found in the action to defeat that which would defeat you... You are made by the struggles you choose.*

May they both rest in peace and power.

*Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedby-purpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.*



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

- I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
- A. OLD BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2020-09, REQUESTED BY: SAM NEWMAN, TO CONSTRUCT A NEW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT 0 GILLESPIE STREET (PARCEL 15-9), LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.
- B. NEW BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2020-16, REQUESTED BY: DAVID VAUGHAN TO KEEP THE NEWLY REPLACED FRONT DOORS OF THE BUILDING AT 815, 817, 819 OAKWOOD ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.
2. CASE NO. 2020-17, REQUESTED BY: JASON BUCKLEY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING "DOG EARED" BOARD FENCE WITH 6FT TALL GOOD NEIGHBOR FENCE WITH THE SAME ALIGNMENT AND POSITION WHERE A PARTIAL OF IT EXCEEDS THE FRONT BUILDING LINE AT 2111 LAUREL ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.
3. CASE NO. 2020-18, REQUESTED BY: HULON (HUGH) CARR TO INSTALL WHITE ALUMINUM STORM WINDOWS THROUGHOUT THE EXTERIOR OF THE RESIDENCE AT 1168/1170 QUINN ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

II. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO AUGUST 5, 2020.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
BY THE  
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
FOR  
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
CLEARING, GRUBBING & LEAD CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT  
SERVICES FOR JMAA SITE 1 AT THE EAST METRO CORRIDOR  
JMAA PROJECT NO. 7000-002-20

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic bids for construction and related services in connection with the Clearing, Grubbing and Lead Contamination Assessment Services for JMAA Site 1, 31.7 acres on the East Metro Corridor (the "Work").

JMAA will receive electronic sealed submissions only. All submissions to perform the Work will be accepted until Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the "Bid Deadline"). Electronic submissions are to be submitted via email to Chad Parker, Director of Procurement, via email at cparker@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive hand delivered electronic submissions up to the Deadline at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:35 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Bidder's company name; (ii) Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number; and (iii) the wording: "Clearing, Grubbing & Lead Contamination Assessment Services for JMAA Site 1, Project No. 7000-002-20." If the submission is submitted via email, then the information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery, then the information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any submissions, to include bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received after the Bid Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information to Bidders relating to this Request for Bids ("RFB") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest 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) 360-8622  
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713  
Attention: Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist

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 (<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>). 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 0% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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Art Center of Mississippi  
ADA Restroom Renovation  
201 East Pascagoula St, Jackson, MS 39213  
City of Jackson Project No. 17B7003.701

Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished and sealed and deposited with City Clerk prior to the hour and date above designated. A copy of the construction documents (plans and/or specifications) for the construction being sought has been filed with the City Clerk of Jackson, MS. Official bid Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Electronic bids and/or reverse bids can be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Questions regarding plan clarifications or requests for information should be directed to the architect as follows:

Baker LPA Group, LLP  
11 N. Water Street  
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Mobile, AL 36602  
Attn: Douglas Thomason  
251-380-0898

A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website <http://planroom.jaxblue.com>. There is no charge for registration or to view the bid documents online. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is approximately \$75.00 plus shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$25.00 plus applicable sales tax. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601)353-5803.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

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Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities in respect to any bid submitted or to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to the City of Jackson.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

The Notice of the Pre-Bid Conference date, time and place will be issued by Addendum. All Contractors who intend to submit "BIDS" are encouraged to attend.

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Director of Public Works

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Housing & Community Development

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The demolition and cleaning of parcels for the following:  
1. 1833 WALTHAM ST.  
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5. 1071 MCDOWELL RD.

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by: LaTonya Miller, Manager  
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Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers PA  
601-366-3110 Extension 216  
Attention: Chris Myers

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Director of Public Works

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Advertisement for Bid  
Bid 3147 JPS High School Libraries and Academies Renovations

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) August 26, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project JPS High School Libraries and Academies Renovations will be held at The Offices of JBHM Architects, P.A, 308 E. Pearl St, Suite 300, Jackson, MS 39201, on July 30 2020 at 2:00 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.jpssdm-projects.com](http://www.jpssdm-projects.com). A \$500.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and on-line orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact John McBride AIA at JBHM Architects, P.A, Phone: 601-352-2699 or Email: [jmcbride@jbhm.com](mailto:jmcbride@jbhm.com)

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Advertisement for Bid  
Bid 3146 Capital City Restroom Renovations

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IN CONNECTION WITH  
EAST PERIMETER FENCE TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL PROJECT  
AT THE  
HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT  
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 12500-001-20-A)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) is seeking electronic bids for construction and related services in connection with the East Perimeter Fence Tree & Brush Removal Project at the Hawkins Field Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will receive electronic sealed submissions only. All submissions to perform the Work will be accepted until Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the “Bid Deadline”). Electronic submissions are to be submitted via email to Chad Parker, Director of Procurement, via email at cparker@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive hand delivered electronic submissions up to the Deadline at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 5:05 p.m. (CST) (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Bidder's company name; and (ii) the wording: “East Perimeter Fence Tree & Brush Removal Project at HKS, Project No. 12500-001-20-A.” If the submission is submitted via email, then the information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery, then the information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

The checkmarks marched down the columns like hand-holding toddlers on a daycare outing.

You cast your vote for this candidate. You liked what that guy had to say, and this woman thinks like you. You hope this person wins, and that one, and your civic duty is done. In the new book “Thank You for Voting” by Erin Geiger Smith, you’ll see how you got here, and how you maybe almost didn’t.

In the earliest days of this na-

tion, the rules for voting were easy: if you were a white male landowner over age 21, you could vote.

That rule, says Smith, wasn’t hard-and-fast: in 1776, Pennsylvania allowed any white male over 21 to go to the polls, and New Jersey allowed landowning women and free black men to vote, too.

By 1807, laws began rolling back, until white male property-owners had the only say in elections again. Black male suffrage was granted after Reconstruction; it took women more than a centu-

ry to get the vote, which included black women – though the latter, like their menfolk, continued to be victims of voter suppression until 1965’s Voting Rights Act, or later. Some Native Americans could vote in 1924, while others were barred until the late 1950s. Some Asian Americans were kept from the booths until 1952.

Today, says Smith, Americans have more opportunities to vote in ten years than Japanese citizens get in their entire lives. With such an abundance of opportunities to choose our elected officials, why

are voting numbers so low?

Many reasons, she says: convicted felons may or may not be allowed to vote, depending on state of residency. States can set different laws on registration and voter ID issues. Voter suppression and gerrymandering are problems that are in the news right now. People can be apathetic. So how can we ensure that everyone has a voice in our democracy?

We can work toward that goal. We can also model good behavior and vote, vote, vote.


Chances are, you’ve already

made up your mind. You know exactly who’ll get your nod in November’s election. Now find out how this wonderful right came to be, because the story’s quite eye-opening.

“Thank You for Voting” is one of those books you might feel like you’ve read already but trust this: author Erin Geiger Smith is going to surprise you with factlets, shocking statistics and stories of outrage and courage. There’s lots of history in this book but though it might seem familiar, it doesn’t read like a lecture.

Readers may find, however, that the most helpful parts of this book are the explanations of voting issues and suppression tactics, why you should stay as informed as possible, and how you can encourage friends and family to join you on November 3.

“Thank You for Voting” is for readers ages 16-and-up but if you want to co-read with your kids, there’s a child’s version available, too. You probably already know where you stand on this fall’s ballot but just in case, this book checks all the right boxes.



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# Mississippi governor adds 10 counties to mask mandate

By Leah Willingham  
Associated Press/Report for America

Starting Monday, July 27, people will be required to wear masks in public in 23 out of 82 counties in Mississippi, per a new executive order by Gov. Tate Reeves.

“COVID-19 is spreading and killing in our state. It’s not a hypothetical – it is happening,” Reeves said in a statement Monday morning.

The executive order is an expansion of a past order that required mask-wearing in 13 counties in the state. Reeves has refused to impose a blanket mask requirement and has said he will only mandate mask-wearing in counties that have seen the highest increases in new coronavirus cases.

In a Twitter thread Monday morning, Reeves said people have leaped for a “silver bullet” solution to the pandemic, whether it be ventilators, shelter-in-place orders or statewide mask mandates.

“Here’s the hard truth: there’s no single answer,” he wrote. “All of those measures can be useful. None can be our savior. There’s no magic solution coming to save us all from personal responsibility. There is no piece of paper that a politician can sign to make this go away.”

In another tweet, Reeves said he’s grateful to see more people standing behind masks and what they can do to prevent the spread of the virus.

The governor’s new order also restricts public gatherings in those additional 10 counties. The governor announced that in those counties, he will limit gatherings to 10 people indoors and 20 outdoors. Until earlier this month, the

statewide limit was 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in all counties.

The new restrictions apply to Bolivar, Covington, Forrest, Humphreys, Panola, Sharkey, Simpson, Tallahatchie, Tate and Walthall counties.

The existing restrictions are in some of the most heavily populated counties in the state: Hinds, Madison and Rankin in the Jackson area, DeSoto County in the north and Harrison and Jackson counties on the coast. The restrictions are also in smaller counties with high rates of the virus: Claiborne, Grenada, Jefferson, Quitman, Sunflower, Washington and Wayne.

The executive orders will expire at 8 a.m. August 3.

Mississippi has a population of about 3 million. The Health Department said Monday the state has had at least 43,889 confirmed cases and at least 1,358 deaths from the coronavirus as of Sunday evening. That was an increase of 1,251 cases and three deaths from numbers reported the day before.

At least 3,162 cases of the virus have been confirmed in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, with at least 651 virus-related deaths in those facilities, the department said.

The true number of virus infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected without feeling sick. While most people who contract the coronavirus recover after suffering only mild to moderate symptoms, it can be deadly for older patients and those with other health problems.

Leah Willingham is a corps member for the Associated Press/R

## Lewis

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Vivian, former president Barack Obama expressed his sorrow.

“John Lewis – one of the original Freedom Riders, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the youngest speaker at the March on Washington, leader of the march from Selma to Montgomery, Member of Congress representing the people of Georgia for 33 years – not only assumed that responsibility, he made it his life’s work,” Obama observed.

“He loved this country so much that he risked his life and his blood so that it might live up to its promise. And through the decades, he not only gave all of himself to the cause of freedom and justice but inspired generations that followed to try to live up to his example.”

The former president recalled his last meeting with Lewis.

“It’s fitting that the last time John and I shared a public forum was at a virtual town hall with a gathering of young activists who were helping to lead this summer’s demonstrations in the wake of George Floyd’s death. Afterward, I spoke to him privately.

“He could not have been prouder of their efforts – of a new generation standing up for freedom and equality, a new generation intent on voting and protecting the right to vote, a new generation running for political office,” Obama recounted.

“I told him that all those young people – of every race, from every background and gender and sexual orientation – they were his children. They had learned from his example, even if they didn’t know it. They had understood through him what American citizenship requires, even if they had heard of his courage only through history books.”

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), who served more than three decades in Congress with Lewis, declared Lewis’ death as one of the saddest days in American history.

“He dedicated his entire life to what became his signature mantra, making ‘good trouble.’ Despite being one of the youngest leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, John Lewis galvanized and inspired hundreds of his peers to join in the fight for equal rights,” Waters said.

“Very few people could have been harassed, arrested more than 40 times, beaten within inches of their lives, and still espouse Dr. King and Mahatma Gandhi’s teachings of nonviolence, peace and love. However, these principles were core philosophies to John Lewis, and our nation is forever indebted to him for his humble sacrifices,” the congresswoman stated.

Lewis routinely credited King and Rosa Parks for inspiring his activism, which he famously called “good

trouble, necessary trouble.” He also referred to his participation in the civil rights movement as a “holy crusade.”

Lewis joined a Freedom Ride in 1961, organized by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He suffered one of many beatings at the hands of authorities when he and other CORE members attempted to enter a whites-only waiting room at a bus station in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

“If there was anything I learned on that long, bloody bus trip of 1961,” he wrote in his memoir, “it was this: that we were in for a long, bloody fight here in the American South. And I intended to stay in the middle of it.”

Lewis was the last surviving speaker from the famed 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The world also will remember Lewis for leading hundreds of people in one of the most famous demonstrations for civil rights ever – Bloody Sunday.

On March 7, 1965, as Lewis and others journeyed across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, a mob of state troopers clad in riot gear attacked.

The authorities began their onslaught on Lewis and the other marchers using tear gas before brutally escalating the assault to bullwhips and rubber tubing that had been wrapped in barbed wire.

One of the cops attacked Lewis with a nightstick, fracturing his skull and knocking him to the ground.

In the aftermath of the police killing of George Floyd, Lewis praised this generation of freedom fighters. “This feels and looks so different,” he said of the Black Lives Matter movement and other ongoing demonstrations.

“It is so much more massive and all-inclusive. There will be no turning back.”

Lewis announced late last year that he had Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. However, stalwart in his resolve to fight until the end, he refused to quit the struggle. “I have been in some kind of fight – for freedom, equality, basic human rights – for nearly my entire life,” he said, “I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now.”

“So, I have decided to do what I know to do and do what I have always done: I am going to fight it and keep fighting for the beloved community. We still have many bridges to cross,” Lewis said during one Sunday in late December of 2019.

Dr. King once said that, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” In words, deeds, actions, thoughts, influence, practice and conscience John Lewis was rarely silent about the things that matter. For this reason, and for so many others, his legacy will remain alive forever.

# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

### Hinds County School District Reopening Plans for the 2020-2021 School Year

## Superintendent’s Letter to 9th - 12th Grade Parents



### Hinds County School District COVID-19 Parent Letter

July 10, 2020

**Superintendent:**  
Dr. Delencia M. Martin, Ed.D.

**Hinds County School District:**  
Timothy Burnett – District 1  
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**To the Parents of HCSD High School Students:**

The leadership of the Hinds County School District is working daily to develop re-entry scenarios, establish a baseline level of safety, and plan a responsive strategy that prioritizes the health and safety of our community while leveraging our schools’ agility. We are planning to start classes on Monday, August 10, with the schedules outlined in this letter.

We are preparing for both in-person and distance learning. However, it is important to understand these plans are subject to change in response to public health conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. With these realities in mind, we are building a comprehensive approach that will ensure instructional continuity for all students during the 2020-2021 school year.

We understand families have many questions about sending their students to school. Therefore, we have included responses to key questions regarding the return to school in this letter. You can find our complete school reopening plan on our website at [www.hinds.k12.ms](http://www.hinds.k12.ms).

**What health and safety measures will be implemented in our schools?**

- Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center clinics on each campus – COVID-19 testing is available for staff and students
- Temperature screening for staff AND students daily
- Requirement for staff AND students to wear a mask/face-covering
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and frequently used in each classroom and throughout the buildings
- Regularly scheduled handwashing for all students and staff
- Staff members will be trained on CDC guidance to reduce likelihood of COVID-19 transmission
- Students will stay in the same classroom and teachers will rotate to classes as much as possible
- Strict social distancing in hallways and common areas
- Meals served in the classrooms or outside when weather permits – no large groups in a cafeteria setting
- Buses will run at reduced capacity – maximum of 30 students per bus
- Enhanced nightly cleaning in all schools
- Bipolar ionization will be mounted inside the HVAC systems. This technology has been proven 99.4% effective against SARS-CoV2 which is the virus that causes COVID-19. This technology cleans the air and surfaces without the use of chemicals, heavy metals or mercury, and produces no harmful by-products such as ozone or ultra-violet light.

**Will buses be available to transport students?**

Yes. Your children will be able to ride buses, and those buses will operate at a reduced capacity. Each bus will transport 30 or fewer students in order to maintain a level of safe distance between students. Much planning must go into making this happen, and full cooperation from parents is required. \*Please be sure to complete the section regarding transportation on the enclosed **Schedule Selection** form and submit it no later than July 17.

**What time will school begin and end each day?**

In order to coordinate safe transportation, both high schools will begin classes at 8:45 a.m. and dismiss at 1:50 p.m. Be sure to watch for further details regarding car drop-off and pick-up instructions from your specific school.

**How can I learn more about the technology tools the teachers will use with my child?**

The HCSD Technology Team is offering **Parent Technology Academies** on Tuesday, July 21, Thursday, July 23, Thursday, July 30, and Friday, July 31. Please see the enclosed flyer for information about registration for one of these sessions.

**What time will students arrive and depart each day?**

In order to coordinate safe transportation, schools will operate according to the schedules listed below. Be sure to watch for further details regarding car drop-off and pick-up instructions from your specific school.

SCHOOL	Student Drop Off Begins (AM)	Bus Dismissal (PM)	Car Rider Dismissal (PM)
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Gary Road Intermediate	7:00 Bus / 7:00 Cars	3:15	2:45
Byram Middle School	8:00 Bus / 8:00 Cars	2:00	1:55
Utica Elementary Middle School	7:00 Bus / 7:20 Cars	3:00	2:40
Bolton Edwards Elementary Middle School	7:00 Bus / 7:20 Cars	3:00	2:45
Raymond Elementary School	7:00 Bus / 7:20 Cars	3:00	2:45
Carver Middle School	7:10 Bus / 7:20 Cars	3:00	3:00

**What will PK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student schedules look like during the 2020 – 2021 school year?**

- **TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON SCHEDULE** (\*\*\*\*This is the schedule of choice for PK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students\*\*\*\*)
  - Attend school 5 full days per week
  - Reduced class sizes (approximately 18 students per class)
  - HCSD will follow public health guidelines for safety while students are together in school
- **FULL DISTANCE LEARNING / VIRTUAL**
  - Available for those students deemed as “medically fragile” with a physician’s order
  - Available upon parent request provided they are able to meet the provisions outlined by the HCSD
  - Strict adherence to the traditional schedule would be followed by students 5 days per week virtually.
  - Students will “log into” their classrooms which will be broadcast via internet through Google Meet or Zoom. Attendance will be taken for each period, and students will be required to be fully present and engaged at all times.
  - Parents will transport virtual students to the school for proctored assessments two times each month.
  - Students who select this option must complete a 9-week session before choosing to change to the traditional in-person schedule.
  - Distance learning/virtual students will be held to the same expectations for work submission and grading guidelines as traditional in-person students.
  - If at any point a distance learning/virtual student is deemed as being unsuccessful in this platform, a conference will be held with the school principal to determine a change of status.

**What are my next steps as a parent?**

Please feel free to call your child’s school if you need assistance with any of these steps.

1. **REGISTER** – If you have not already completed the online registration process, please do so no later than Friday, July 17. If you are unable to complete the registration process online, please call your child’s school, and they will assist you.
2. **SUBMIT A SCHEDULE SELECTION FORM FOR YOUR CHILD** – You will find this form enclosed with this letter. This form should be submitted to your child’s school no later than Friday, July 17. You may mail it or simply drop it off in the “drop box” outside the school office.
3. **SUBMIT AN UPDATED CONTACT SHEET FOR YOUR CHILD** – You will find this form on the back of the **Schedule Selection** form. This should be submitted to your child’s school no later than Friday, July 17. You may mail it or simply drop it off in the “drop box” outside the school office.

**When will I have an opportunity to visit the school and have a conference with my child’s teacher?**

After you complete the three steps outlined above, your child’s school will contact you to confirm a time to meet with your child’s homeroom teacher in a small group setting. During this time, you will receive hands-on training on accessing the digital platform and tools we will use this year. You will also receive information specific to your child’s classes and school. These meetings will be held during assigned appointments only on Tuesday, August 4, or Wednesday, August 5.

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