



# A Warrior for Freedom

## Reflecting on John Lewis as my hero

By **Connie F. Smith-Lindsey**  
*Guest Contributor*



*Oh Freedom, Oh Freedom  
And before I'll be a slave  
I'd be buried in my grave  
And go home to my lord and be free*

From Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church to the Edmund Pettus Bridge and then on to Montgomery.

I stood on top of two tall steel barriers at the base of the Edmund Pettus Bridge to watch history of the horse-drawn caisson with the late Congressman John Robert Lewis. The national media and spectators were positioned with their cameras pointed toward the bridge to capture the historic moment of Lewis crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge one more time.

At exactly 11 a.m. (CST), organizers and members of the media sprinted toward us as if to summon all the witnesses. We were gazed on history. Then the moment arrived and we could see the horse-drawn caisson with the flag draped casket bearing the body of the Honorable Congressman John Robert Lewis as it reached the apex of the bridge. Gabriel's trumpet and orchestra were playing in heaven as the cloud of witnesses stood up. Spectators offered freedom songs, praises of thanks to God, clapping and waving of hands. Some spec-



Caisson bearing the casket of Congressman John Lewis driven by Darrell Watkins PHOTO BY CONNIE SMITH-LINDSEY

tators sobbed. This was far from the image of Bloody Sunday in 1965.

There was a deep sadness with the appearance of his casket for the first-time. I found strength in a familiar cadence with words that flowed with ease to commemorate my hometown hero:

“Congressman John Lewis crosses the Edmund Pettus Bridge one more time. This solemn ceremony culminates the work of a great man. A man who started out with humble beginnings, but by the grace of God he saved a nation and a world. Congressman John Lewis crosses the Edmund Pettus Bridge one more time. This time

he is not bloodied, he is not bowed, he is not down. But instead, he is in the bosom of his Lord.”

The horse-drawn carriage, driven by Darrell Watkins of Willie A. Watkins Funeral Home, was like a processional for a close family member.

My words came from years of watching Congressman Lewis represent the 5th Congressional District in Atlanta, attending worship services and revivals as a member of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, attending over two decades of the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service at the King Center in Ebenezer and the dedication of the Martin Luther

King Memorial in D.C., to name a few.

In a recent prayer service to get our hearts ready to vote, Lewis asked the church to sing a freedom song as he talked about the sacredness of the vote. He said, “About now, Dr. King would ask us to sing a freedom song. We need a freedom song right now.” I watched him move in the spirit that night from the balcony.

There is also the memory of standing at the altar on election night in 2008 awaiting the results of the presidential election. Lewis

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# The Boy from Troy

By **Emmitt Hayes Jr.**  
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“The boy from Troy” are words of Martin Luther King Jr.; a playful set of words, loaded with pride. John Lewis was such a regular looking fellow, so unassuming that you would easily miss him in a crowd. Partly because of his 5 feet 5 inch frame, but mostly because he was a regular looking dude.

But downloaded into him, I believe, as one of his many “gifts” is service. Service by a man, sent from God. I mean, when you think about this regular fellow, he didn’t have the oratorical ability of King but his words were so similarly powerful to a country that needs redemption.

He did not have the great athletic ability and strength of Muhammad Ali; but nonetheless, he pummeled so many detractors of the civil right movement into submission. Lewis did not have the cat quick feet, strength or power like Walter Payton – but a common thread that

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runs through these great people is courage and tenacity. He indeed had a courage that was of the divine source, as in 23 Psalms ... as he “walked through the valley of the shadow of death,” he knew that death is a price he could pay.

At the age of 17, John Robert Lewis sent a letter to King indicating he wanted to attend the all-white Troy State College and had submitted his application. He did not get a response from Troy but, it gave rise to the idea that he would send a letter about this to King

Time passed and he had already started college in Nashville, TN when King responded by sending him a bus ticket to Montgomery to meet him. When he entered the room, King, along with Ralph Abernathy asked, “Are you the boy from Troy?”

This story opened my spiritual eye and I saw something very similar had occurred as Jesus walked along the shores of a fishing village

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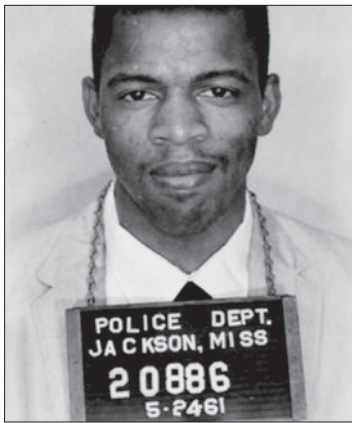
# Rep. John Lewis

By **Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan**  
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John Lewis was only 21 years-old in the famous mugshot seen around the world when he was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi for using a restroom labeled “whites only.”

As the nation mourns the loss of a civil right icon, let us not forget the footprints Lewis left on the nation, especially Mississippi. Lewis was arrested along with 27 other Freedom Riders in Jackson after they entered a “whites only” area of the city’s segregated bus station and refused to leave. He spent 37 days in the notorious Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman on charges of disorderly conduct. He was finally released on July 7, 1961.

Lewis was born February 21, 1940 outside of Troy, Alabama and quickly became involved in the civil rights movement as a teenager. Angered by the unfairness of the Jim Crow South, Lewis launched what he called “good trouble” which included



Lewis

organized protests, sit-ins, arrests and beatings.

In 1957, Lewis left home and attended American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. It was there, he learned about nonviolent protest and helped organize sit-ins at segregated lunch counters. He was arrested during many of these demonstrations.

In 1963, Lewis became chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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# A Trio of Heroes

*by H Ralph Samuels Jr.*

How would you give a fitting tribute to a Civil Rights hero?  
Many could rightly claim that title but here’s a very ‘worthy’ trio

The Rev. Cordy Tindell Vivian  
Congressman John Robert Lewis  
Mayor James Charles Evers  
Three men who lived and were remarkably astute

Each of them where noble giants in their own stature and right  
In the trenches for freedom and justice  
They were willing to stand and take on the fight

C. T Vivian was a minister and a devout Christian man  
A freedom rider and a leader who stood toe to toe against the Klan

He created a college readiness program that was a model for Upward Bound  
As an advocate for education helping youth was where he could be found

Now down in Sweet Home Alabama a group was trying to register to vote  
Rev. Vivian was leading the eager crowd as the sheriff vehemently said no.

Vivian responded “But it’s our right”  
Just as he had done in many ‘sit-ins’  
The sheriff commenced to beating him, blood ran down his cheeks and chin

But he was not the only one who faced the cruel police baton  
John Lewis also had his day in the hot-tempered Alabama sun

He too was beaten by police who cracked the skull of his head and like Rev. Vivian, the blood streamed down as the crowd dispersed and fled

This was the treatment they both faced while fighting for the vote  
And like so many others during that time they were ‘battle tested’ Civil Rights G.O.A.T’s

Now over in sweltering Mississippi the racial hotspot of the South  
Charles Evers made his mark being a man of action with a ‘mouth’

Yes, he was the brother of Medgar with a legacy of his own  
The first black mayor of Fayette, MS  
Since Reconstruction times had known

He used his voice to champion the cause  
And in 1963  
He succeeded Medgar as field director of Mississippi’s NAACP

Across the airwaves of radio, on station WMPR  
His voice would ‘boom’ across the room  
Charles Evers was a Mississippi star

It’s really ironic that this past week for them we heard the death toll ring  
As they each marched arm in arm with Martin  
Who also paid the ultimate cost to achieve “The Dream”

So, here’s a tribute to three brave men  
With histories of Civil Rights’ feats  
96, 80 and 97 years on earth  
May this ‘Trio’ rest in peace.

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*“The Name Inspires The Pen”*





# Tougaloo College embraces new improvements after student activists demand change

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The nation and world lost the legendary civil rights activist and congressman John Lewis July 17, 2020. His life of selfless sacrifice and peaceful protest resounded with many who have come to seek out “good trouble,” as he so iconically coined the work of human rights activism.

The echo of Lewis’ life is felt by all who take up protest today. In addition to the countless youths across the nation who continue to protest police brutality through the Black Lives Matter Movement (BLM), Tougaloo College students have also taken to activism. Their plight is with the state of their institution, which has recently adopted a new presidential administration.

Known as “The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement” to many, Tougaloo College is one of 107 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). Tougaloo gave sanction to such activists as Lewis and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the hostile environment of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Perhaps it is that long-standing spirit of activism that students resonated with as they took to protesting the school administration’s activity nearing the fall 2020 semester during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Student frustration**  
Tougaloo joined many schools across the nation in completing the spring 2020 semester virtually, after COVID-19’s arrival



Walters

in the U.S. However, students say that the current administration, headed by Carmen J. Walters who became Tougaloo’s president in July 2019, spent the following summer being unresponsive. “Students were reaching out but they were either not getting any responses or the responses lacked clarity,” said Sylvionna Horton, a senior psychology major and 2020-2021 Miss Tougaloo College.

Walters shared that throughout her first year as president, she had high hopes for “a strong partnership between the students and the administration to move Tougaloo forward.” However, she said she thought student leaders “would take a break for a few weeks in the summer, and would begin engaging closer to the fall semester.” That matter of weeks during the summer would prove more vital than the president expected.

Relations between students



Haynes

and the administration only worsened when the college released a COVID-19 return-to-campus plan in the beginning of July that did not satisfy student concerns. “The plan...was unclear and resembled a first draft at best,” the student body would later claim in a formal list of requisitions.

Furthering the problem, there was also limited communication between the Student Government Association (SGA) and the administration. “I felt as if the student body’s view had been lost,” said 2020-2021 SGA President A’Mon Haynes, a senior economics major.

On July 23, a turbulent virtual town hall meeting between administrators and the student body saw Walters respond to student complaints for three hours straight. On the call, the president introduced a hashtag, #TougalooTakesControl (#TTC), “to motivate Tougaloo to take con-



Horton

trol over COVID-19.”

However, students proved dissatisfied with the answers rendered during the town hall. “They lacked the depth I needed to feel safe as a student,” said Timmy Bridgeman, a junior English major about the answers provided on the call.

Almost immediately after the town hall, students took to social media in protest, co-opting #TTC for their protesting purposes, in an ironic twist. In just hours, #TTC was listed as trending in Mississippi on Twitter. Tougaloo students gained much support from alumni and other HBCU students, who reposted the hashtag.

Walters later expressed gratitude to the members of the public who supported Tougaloo students in their activism. “I was proud to see how creative our students are and how they decided to use the hashtag to stand for something they believed in,”



Image circulated on social media

she said.

On Monday July 27, ten days before classes were scheduled to begin online as indicated by the return-to-campus plan, the student body delivered a ten page list of requisitions to Walters. Expressly detailed, the list included many matters such as concerns about communication, safety, COVID-19 testing and a planned tuition increase. “This is not an attack on our current administration,” read the plan, “...We are simply working to make a change.”

**Students take control**  
Horton said the movement reminded her of why she came to Tougaloo. “We always heard from alumni that the student body was always vocal when it came to any form of injustices and I was happy to be able to witness such a powerful message being sent during my time as a student.”

In addition to Horton who is

a member of the SGA executive board, many non-SGA members of the Tougaloo student body, including Bridgeman, took charge of the protest and led their peers in constructing the list of requisitions.

One prominent student organizer was Taylor Turnage, a senior biology major who also helped organize the largest march in recent Mississippi history in downtown Jackson as a part of BLM efforts. “I was happy to know that we had the support of other schools,” she said, noting that Tougaloo is sometimes socially excluded from other HBCU activities. “... Seeing their support gave me hope for unity among HBCU students.

Also integral to the #TTC protest design was senior economics major Jamil Johnson, who also advocated for the student plea through a petition to defer the tuition raise, weeks before #TTC ever surfaced. “Students are in dire financial straits and cannot afford added financial pressures,” the petition read.

“Students are not being disrespectful or rebellious,” said Horton. “[They are] simply fighting for their voices to be heard...[It is] a battle that we, as the black community, have been fighting in America for a very long time,” she added. She said that students want “to feel safe, at peace and at home at their HBCU and that is what #TTC is all about.”

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was elated before they declared Barack Obama the winner. We witnessed history of the first African-American president reaching this milestone. Our ancestors prayed that we would not give up in adversity to not only build the White House but someday live there as First Family. This moment brought Lewis to tears and jubilation.

One more memory stands out as this horse-drawn caisson crosses over the Edmund Pettus bridge. On Sunday, February 28, 1999, youth presented a conversation with Lewis and Coretta Scott King as part of the Black Heritage Tribute in Heritage sanctuary at Ebenezer. This is the sanctuary where Dr. King preached “The Drum-Major Instinct” and “A Knock at Midnight.” I prepared our youth with scripts and stories of two of my freedom fighters. As I reflect on my director’s notes, Lewis was in the congregation that Sunday and watched his story portrayed by Sean Seay, who stood in the giant’s shoes on the worship services. Lewis commended Seay on his performance. Like most Black History moments, Lewis and King reminiscence about pivotal moments – life and death – in their fight against injustices.

### Bloody Sunday through the eyes of the John Lewis

“We marched down Water Street, turning right and walking along the river until we reach the base of the Edmund Pettus Bridget. There were armed white men everywhere. They had hard hats on their heads and clubs in their hands. Some of them were smirking. One of the officers shouted out: This is an unlawful assembly. Your march is not conducive to the public safety. You are ordered to disperse and go back to your church or to your homes. We weren’t about to turn around and run. The officer said, “You have two minutes to turn around and go back to your church.” We couldn’t go forward and we couldn’t go back. We decided to kneel and pray. Before we could pray, the troopers were everywhere, swinging their clubs, riding horses over fallen people, shouting racial slurs and obscenities. A large, husky trooper swung his club against the left side of my head. I didn’t feel any pain, just the thud of the blow, and my legs giving way. I raised an arm as I curled up in the ‘prayer of protection’ position. And the trooper hit me again. I was bleeding badly. My head was now exploding with pain.”

### Fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith

Bloody Sunday was over 55 years ago and there is a new narrative today. We must cross the bridges that deny human rights and civil

rights in America and world.

John Robert Lewis crossed what was once a barrier to freedom. But God has the final word. Lewis won one of the battles for freedom with love and non-violence to destroy hate.

### 5th Principle of Nonviolence

Lewis and others could have lost their lives and limbs and even minds with the beatings. They practiced Dr. King’s Fifth Principle of Nonviolence:

Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate. Nonviolence resists violence to the spirit as well as the body. Nonviolence love is active, not passive. Nonviolence love does not sink to the level of the hater. Love restores community and resists injustice. Nonviolence recognizes the fact that all life is interrelated.

Bloody Sunday could have defeated freedom fighters and freedom riders with the amount of bloodshed, beatings, lynchings and human indignities, but they returned with a unflinching determination to finish the race, to march, to sit in and to go to jail together to change the injustices against black and brown people. Freedom fighters and freedom riders showed up in cities and places to challenge segregation and voter suppression. Some died. Some marched on.

The unrest in Selma and across American moved President Lyndon B. Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

### Red rose petals

Organizers commemorated the historic crossing with beautiful red rose petals – symbolic of the blood that Lewis and others shed on the bridge. The red roses moved freely across the bridge to show that love wins over hate. Many spectators young and old picked up the crushed roses. Generations have a piece of history that is transformative. Funeral Director Willie A. Watkins emerged from the black hearse with platinum and presented red long-stemmed roses to some spectators. Love wins over hate.

### His siblings

Lewis preached to the chickens on his family farm and those sermons gave them a special family bond. His siblings speak fondly of their brother – Robert, as affectionately called by them. He is their beloved brother but also a childhood pastor. They were Lewis’ first congregation.

### From all walks of life

Spectators lined the streets and carried messages of “Good Trouble” “Black Lives Matters” “Nah” as reminders that we must work in harmony to create the Beloved Community. As God ordained, the fluffy clouds rested just above our heads bringing relief during the ceremony from Selma’s dry, scorching heat. Regardless of the weather, no obstacle was too big or too small to keep me from the Edmund Pettus Bridge on this day.

### From Selma to Montgomery

With sirens blasting and rapid flashing blue lights, the Montgomery police led the motorcade on that historic 54 miles to Montgomery. As we reflect on the full circle of history of the Selma to Montgomery March, we know God orchestrated “Bloody Sunday” and used it for His good and good of His children.

### Young warriors pick up the mantle for freedom

The curtain closes on Lewis’ God-centered life. He leaves a legacy for young activists to march in the streets with their fists raised toward heaven. They are the sons and daughters of sharecroppers, immigrants and families who may have once owned slaves. Change has come with this new generation. Lewis passes the mantle to keep fighting and keep pushing for change – against system racism, the need for police reform to stop the killings of black bodies in the streets by police and from gun violence. As we wade in the water toward another presidential election, this election is pivotal, and we must remove all acts of voter suppression and educate our children and their children that voting is sacred. Young warriors go get in good trouble for justice.

### “You must never give up. You must never give in.”

On Thursday, July 30, 2020, the Honorable John Robert Lewis will be laid to rest in Atlanta, Georgia. This mighty warrior is victorious one more time.

Goodnight, mighty warrior. We will keep marching and getting in “good trouble.”

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*See photos on page 22 and view video on [www.themississippilink.com](http://www.themississippilink.com).*

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and began to collect his disciples. He did not send bus tickets, but He offered two brothers an opportunity to become fishers of men. King was so moved as he apparently sensed the spirit within this young man, that it was not long before these men were walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to a vicious confrontation with pure unmitigated hate.

Locked into the divine vision of nonviolence, Lewis, at 5 feet 5 inches tall, was at the front of the line of hundreds of the redeeming forces lined up, two by two, marching into what became known as “Bloody Sunday.” As the marchers moved to the crest of the bridge, they witnessed unbridled hatred of racists whose vile thoughts were to be a part of and witness to the annihilation of people, who simply wanted to cross over and continue the march to Montgomery.

After seeing that vicious crowd, hearing the words of hate, this man of God, Lewis, himself, felt this would be the day he would die. Certainly, when he was the first to be clubbed, he saw “...the valley of the shadow of death,” but his faith was bolstered, he continued forward,

“...As he feared no evil” for God was with him and the hundreds of others that followed. The demonic force and rage was released by the evil, hard-hearted racist who apparently did not view them as human beings, But GOD.

“The Boy from Troy,” did not complete the march to Montgomery on that day. But King, who had walked alongside him, did however, complete the march.

But Lewis did not stop marching there. He marched to and sat at lunch counters where Jim Crow laws said he could not; he marched and registered voters during a time when voter suppression and intimidation were bold and right in your face, unlike today.

Lewis marched into Congress and many soon found that he could “walk with kings and maintain a common touch” as he was able to reach both democrats and republicans to the extent that he became known by them as the “conscious of the Congress.” “Thou have prepared a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies, my head is anointed with



oil.


Lewis authored the bill for the National Museum of African American History. He fought for it, and then saw it signed into law by Republican President George W. Bush.

In his last days he marched to Washington D.C. and stood in the middle of the Black Lives Matter sign where, it seems he passed the baton, and had one last bridge to cross – the one that crosses the River Jordan, where he was met by his Savior saying, ‘Welcome my good and faithful servant.’

Thank you John Robert Lewis, thank you Boy from Troy, we thank God for you.


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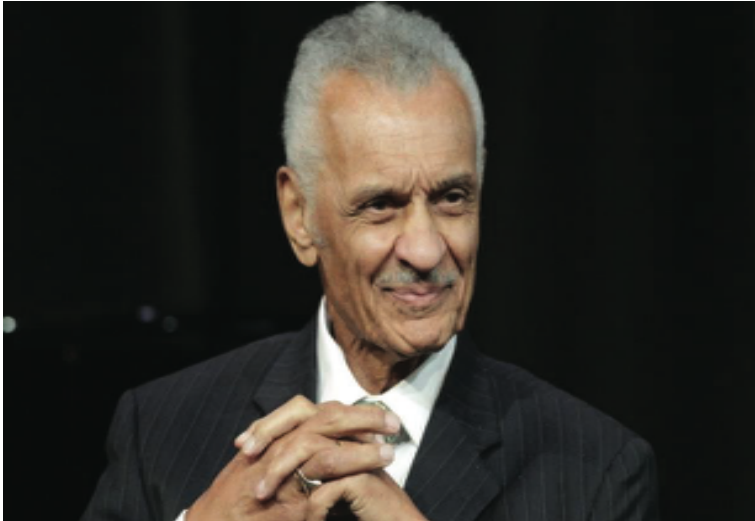
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# Edwards mayor recovering from COVID-19 as town awaits his return



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As Coronavirus spreads in Edwards, Marcus Wallace, mayor of Edwards, announced that he tested positive for COVID-19 on Facebook, a week after an Edwards police officer died from the virus.

“I would like to thank each of you for all the prayers, calls and messages over the last week. Today, I received some tough news that I have tested positive for COVID-19,” Wallace wrote on his Facebook post. “It definitely wasn’t the news I was expecting but it’s the news I received and God always has the last word. Continue to pray for me.”

Sergeant Kelvin Mixon, who had been a part of the Edwards Police Department for more than 20 years, died of COVID-19 July 2. Wallace said he was forced to shut down the small police department after two additional officers tested positive. The mayor, then, mandated wearing a

mask in public.

“I’m doing much better,” Wallace replied when asked how he was doing. “COVID affected me in a huge way. After being tested three times, I tested positive and my physician, Dr. Shekoni (thank God for him) immediately ordered more tests and discovered not only did I have COVID, but the other symptoms caused me to develop pneumonia in my lungs as well,” Wallace confessed.

While Wallace was in the hospital, he also learned his son tested positive for COVID-19. “I was hospitalized for a week. The hospital experience is nothing you want to experience. My son also tested positive but he has now been cleared,” the mayor added.

When asked how the City of Edwards was dealing with this pandemic, the Mayor said he wants the whole city tested. “Well, after Sgt. Mixon passed, I attempted to get the entire town tested,” the Mayor

explained.

“I partnered with the Mississippi State Health Department and Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, and they brought their mobile units to Edwards. We were blessed to get over 500 citizens tested,” Wallace stated.

“I haven’t received the results from the Health Department yet but out of the 250 tests that Jackson Hinds performed, 12 percent of the town tested positive. We are still encouraging everyone to get tested. I am also looking into possible companies in the surrounding areas that may have some positive cases. It is my goal along with other leaders in the Western Hinds county delegation to require these companies to get their employees tested,” Wallace reported.

The mayor was asked, “What are the next steps to controlling or limiting cases in Edwards?” The mayor replied, “Because this virus is airborne, there’s really no way to con-

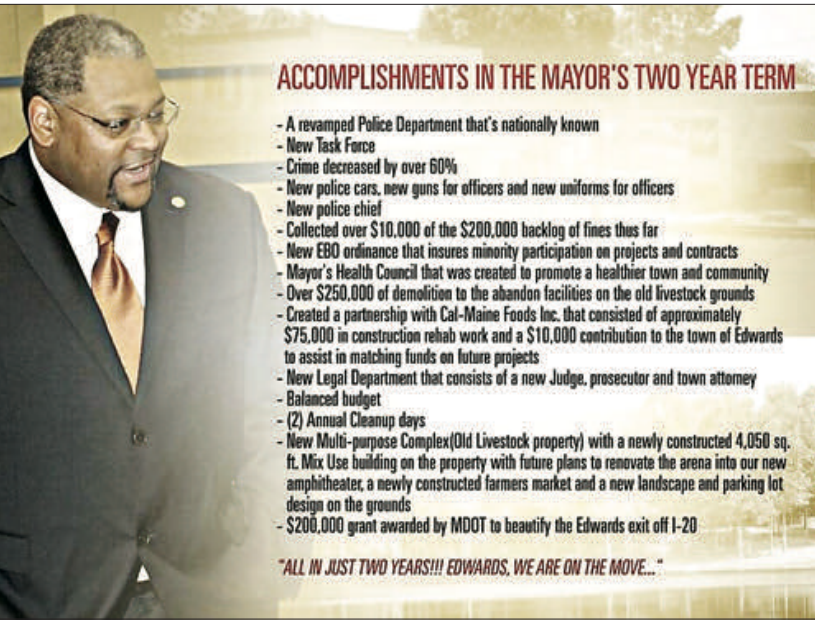
trol or limit it. I wore a mask, sanitized my hands and wore gloves...You name it, I did it. The only way to control or attempt to get in front of it is for someone in leadership to step up and make the hard decisions.”

“None of the leaders want to make the tough calls. This country needs to be shut down completely for the rest of the year, everyone given monthly stimulus checks and make us stay in and/or restrict our movements until the vaccine is complete,” Wallace stated.

The mayor said that he’s not at 100 percent yet, but he’s happy to be at home recovering.

Wallace, who is in his second term as mayor, serves a population of about 1,048 inside the city limits but there are also 5,000 to 6,000 in the county that are served as well.

Alderwoman Kedra Harris-Pope, mayor pro tempore, is in charge while the mayor is recovering.



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- A revamped Police Department that's nationally known
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- Crime decreased by over 60%
- New police cars, new guns for officers and new uniforms for officers
- New police chief
- Collected over \$10,000 of the \$200,000 backlog of fines thus far
- New EBO ordinance that insures minority participation on projects and contracts
- Mayor's Health Council that was created to promote a healthier town and community
- Over \$250,000 of demolition to the abandon facilities on the old livestock grounds
- Created a partnership with Cal-Maine Foods Inc. that consisted of approximately \$75,000 in construction rehab work and a \$10,000 contribution to the town of Edwards to assist in matching funds on future projects
- New Legal Department that consists of a new Judge, prosecutor and town attorney
- Balanced budget
- (2) Annual Cleanup days
- New Multi-purpose Complex (Old Livestock property) with a newly constructed 4,050 sq. ft. Mix Use building on the property with future plans to renovate the arena into our new amphitheater, a newly constructed farmers market and a new landscape and parking lot design on the grounds
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**"Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful. Be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime! Never ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."**

John Robert Lewis

*Joy B. Shirley Johnson*



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### Administration’s response

Walters and her administrative body moved swiftly in reaction to student protest. In less than one day between the town hall and the time that #TTC became trending in Mississippi, the president arranged a meeting with the SGA executive board. “We have to work together to find solutions,” said the president. “We are committed to doing that because we love Tougaloo.”

Among the decisions established at the meeting is a bi-weekly meeting schedule to improve communication with the SGA, and they also decided on a monthly town hall meeting for informing the student body. The president said she would negotiate with the school’s board of trustees to defer the tuition increase, and she also invited members of SGA to be on several committees for the expressed purpose of addressing the student grievances in the list of requisitions.

Haynes made sure that every member of SGA had a role on one of these committees. “Representation matters,” he said. “I believed that

having student members on committees would give the administration a student perspective on issues before they make decisions.”

Walters shared high hopes for the future of the #TTC movement. “We would like to find a way for SGA, the student body, faculty, staff and administrators to continue using the hashtag #TTC in the future to tackle many issues that negatively affect HBCUs,” she said.

In some ways, it seems as though constant protest is as much a part of the new normal as face masks and social distancing, amid COVID-19. The late Congressman Lewis left such a strong spirit of activism that many young people will by no means be silenced until their voices are heard.

To that end, though, there may be hope for peace to return to Tougaloo College. “I think the relationship between the administration and the students has already been affected in a positive way,” said the president. “I think both groups learned that active listening on both sides is important and must be worked at in order to have great communication.”

However, as the administrative response is still developing, there are those who remain skeptical. “I believe that a better relationship could come from this if it’s not just to pacify the public opinion of the school,” said Horton. “I truly hope anything that is done is genuine and with the best interest of the students.”

As administration works with SGA to address the student grievances enumerated in the list of requisitions, perhaps student unrest will subside. Maybe #TTC will go on to be a galvanizing force for not only Tougaloo students, but also HBCUs and other institutions of higher education across the nation.

Indeed, as of July 28, both Talladega College and Alcorn State University have followed Tougaloo’s lead, taking to social media with hashtags of their own (#RevampTalladega and #AlcornAnarchy, respectively) to voice student concerns.

No matter what the future holds, it appears that Tougaloo has once again acted as a shining example for the cause of social activism.

## Lewis

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or SNCC. SNCC organized voter registration drives aimed at increasing the number of registered black voters in the south.

Lewis was one of the “Big Six” leaders of the civil rights movement who helped plan the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom August 28, 1963 where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. Leaders selected August 28 as the date of the march in remembrance and honor of 14 year-old Emmett Louis Till who was kidnapped, beaten and murdered in Money, Mississippi for whistling at a white woman.

Freedom Summer or the Mississippi Summer Project was a successful voter registration drive that was organized by SNCC. The work of Bob Moses, John Lewis, King and others led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

During that time, African Americans still had a hard time voting in the south. To bring attention to this issue, Lewis teamed up with Hosea Williams to lead a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama March 7, 1965. Marchers were attacked by state troopers after crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Lewis was severely beaten and suffered a fractured skull. This day was dubbed Bloody Sunday because of the blood shedded. News cameras captured the beatings and the world witnessed this unjust act which ultimately led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Lewis was elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1981 before serving in the House of Representatives. Lewis was elected and served 17 consecutive terms in the United States Congress representing Georgia’s 5th congressional district since 1987.

Lewis, during his tenure in office, fought for education, healthcare reform, poverty, gun control and more. The Supreme Court struck down part of the Voting Rights Act in the 2013 case, Shelby County v. Holder. Lewis expressed that the decision was a “dagger into the heart” of voting rights.

Lewis died July 17 in Atlanta, GA from pancreatic cancer. Lewis announced in December 2019 that he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Following a short ceremony outside of Brown Chapel AME Church Sunday, Lewis’ body traveled on a horse-drawn carriage across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

Lewis is the first black lawmaker to lie in state at the US Capitol Rotunda according to congressional historians. How ironic or maybe even iconic that the raised box that once supported the president that issued the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves in the south now supported the first black lawmaker to lie in the state in the Rotunda, a lawmaker that dedicated his life to fighting for freedom, voting rights and justice for African Americans.

President Trump, unlike most respectable presidents, did not visit the Capitol to honor the late civil rights icon. A cross-section of influential lawmakers did show up to pay respects to the civil rights icon before his body was moved for public viewing.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus wore masks that read, “Good Trouble” as a tribute to Lewis. Speaker Nancy Pelosi gave remarks during the emotional ceremony Monday afternoon. “Under the dome of the US Capitol, we have bid farewell to some of the greatest Americans in our history. It is fitting that John Lewis joins this pantheon of patriots.”

During Pelosi’s remarks, she quoted John Lewis’ 2014 commencement address at Emory University in Atlanta where he encouraged students to “find a way to get into trouble – good trouble, necessary trouble.”

Republican Senator and Major Leader, Mitch McConnell quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a personal friend of Lewis, who once said that “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. But that is never automatic. History only bent toward what’s right because people like John paid the price to help bend it,” McConnell expressed.

Lewis was an American politician and civil rights leader who spent his life being a champion for justice, voting rights and civil rights throughout his lifetime.

He was a member of countless organizations including Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2011. His life and work were recently chronicled in Dawn Porter’s documentary, “John Lewis: Good Trouble.”

John Lewis will lie in state in the Georgia State Capitol Rotunda Wednesday, and will be laid to rest Thursday, July 30, at a private ceremony at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

John Lewis’ legacy will live forever.



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# Kansas City mayor faces racism lynching after issuing COVID-19 mask mandate

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Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Quinton Lucas, 35, says he has been the target of racism and falsely photoshopped tweets showing him holding a T-shirt saying “F\*\*\* the Police.” The accurate photos were displayed by Lucas side by side in a social media post.

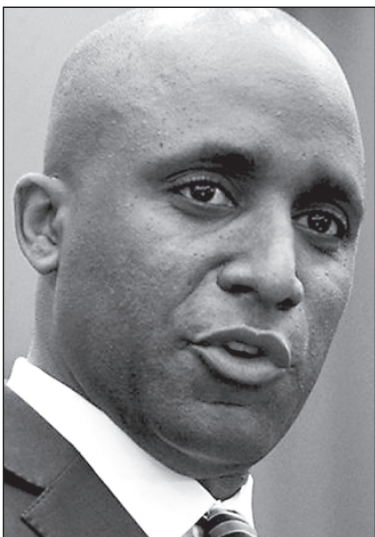
Lucas claims the targeting of him came after he issued a citywide order to wear masks because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The mayor’s order took effect June 29.

“Social media and photoshop are always fascinating. To the many texting me aghast of fake photos circulating, I recommend you not believe everything a muckraker sends your way...and use some judgment,” said Lucas.

Lucas’ order requires residents of Kansas City to wear facial coverings in all indoor public spaces and “while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where 6 feet of separation is not feasible.”

“Wearing a mask or face covering can be uncomfortable, but this is a necessary step to ensure we can save lives and keep our economy open. We wear masks to protect our loved ones, those around us and their loved ones,” Lucas stated.

Lucas also posted screenshots from an individual who claimed that



Lucas

the mayor treated white cops disrespectfully. Lucas said he had received numerous texts from people appalled by the fake photoshopped image of him in an anti-police t-shirt and encouraged the public to use “some judgment” when looking at images floating on social media.

The racial slur and death threat after the false image controversy prompted Lucas to say, “Y’all ... let’s do better.”

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# One North Carolina City Council approves reparations – sort of

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Lost in the aftermath of the demonstrations stemming from the police killing of George Floyd and the pandemic is the issue of reparations for African Americans.

Asheville, a North Carolina city where black people make up just 11 percent of the more than 92,000 residents, may have set a precedent. The city council formally apologized for its role in slavery and voted unanimously to provide reparations to African-American residents and their descendants.

“Hundreds of years of black blood spilled that fills the cup we drink from today,” said Councilman Keith Young, one of two African-American members of the city council that voted 7-0 in favor of reparations.

“It is simply not enough to remove statutes. Black people in this country are dealing with systemic issues,” Young declared.

While black Americans have long been deprived of their 40 acres and a mule reparation promise for horrific centuries of slavery, the U.S. government has never honored that commitment and has mostly shied away from offering an official apology.

Asheville’s resolution doesn’t include monetary payments to African Americans but promises investments in areas where black people face disparities.

The resolution states: “The resulting budgetary and programmatic priorities may include but not be limited to increasing minority home ownership and access to other affordable housing, increasing minority business ownership and career opportunities, strategies to grow equity and generational wealth, closing the gaps in health care, education, employment and pay, neighborhood safety and fairness within criminal justice.”

Council has called on the city to create the Community Reparations Commission, inviting community groups and other local governments to join. It will be the commission’s job to make concrete recommendations for programs and resources to be used.

“Slavery is this institution that serves as the starting point for the building of the strong economic floor for white America while attempting to keep blacks subordinate forever to its progress,” Councilwoman Sheneika Smith stated while responding to emails that asked why should the city pay today for what happened during slavery.

“This is a really good gesture as far as the foundation of what we can build,” stated Rob Thomas, a community liaison for the Racial Justice Coalition, which led to the push for reparations. “The potential of what can come out of this document is amazing,” Thomas noted.

To address racism in this country, white people need to dare to be uncomfortable by accepting their tacit complicity in the promotion of the historical condition of white supremacy, Brett Paice, the downtown coordinator of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the St. Francis School in Louisville, Kentucky, told BlackPressUSA.

“Whiteness needs to be made visible, and race shouldn’t be made the burden of communities of color. Tactically, legislation needs to consider the undue impact on communities of color when it’s enacted,” Paice stated.

“Fiscally and psychologically, some manner of reparation needs to be instituted to balance the scales of time, whether through government subsidizing of education or land ownership.”

In early 2019, Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) convened a congressional hearing on slavery reparations. Jackson-Lee stated the purpose was to begin serious

legislative discussions that would examine “through open and constructive discourse, the legacy of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, it’s continuing impact on the community and the path to restorative justice.”

This summer, the U.S. House expects to take up H.R. 40, a bill introduced by Rep. Jackson-Lee.

The congresswoman noted that the designation of this legislation as H.R. 40 intends to memorialize the promise made by General William T. Sherman.

In his 1865 Special Field Order No. 15, Sherman pledged to redistribute 400,000 acres of formerly Confederate owned coastal land in South Carolina and Florida, subdivided into 40-acre plots.

In addition to the more well-known land redistribution, the order also established autonomous governance for the region and provided protection by military authorities of the settlements.

Though Southern sympathizer and former slaveholder President Andrew Johnson would later overturn the order, this plan represented the first systematic form of freedmen reparations.

“The federal government has been slow to engage the issue of reparations, individuals, corporations, and other public institutions have engaged the discussion out of necessity and conscience,” Jackson-Lee said.

“Reparations are ultimately about respect and reconciliation – and the hope that all Americans can walk together toward a more just future one day.”

Jackson-Lee continued: “We owe it to those who were ripped from their homes those many years ago an ocean away; we owe it to the millions of Americans – yes they were Americans – who were born into bondage, knew a life of servitude, and died anonymous deaths, as prisoners of this system.

# Is the Postal Service slowing mail delivery?

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Already frustrated with late, delayed or lost mail?

Residents who depend on the U.S. Postal Service can expect even more frustration.

As first reported by the Associated Press, mail deliveries could be delayed by a day or more under cost-cutting efforts being imposed by the new postmaster general.

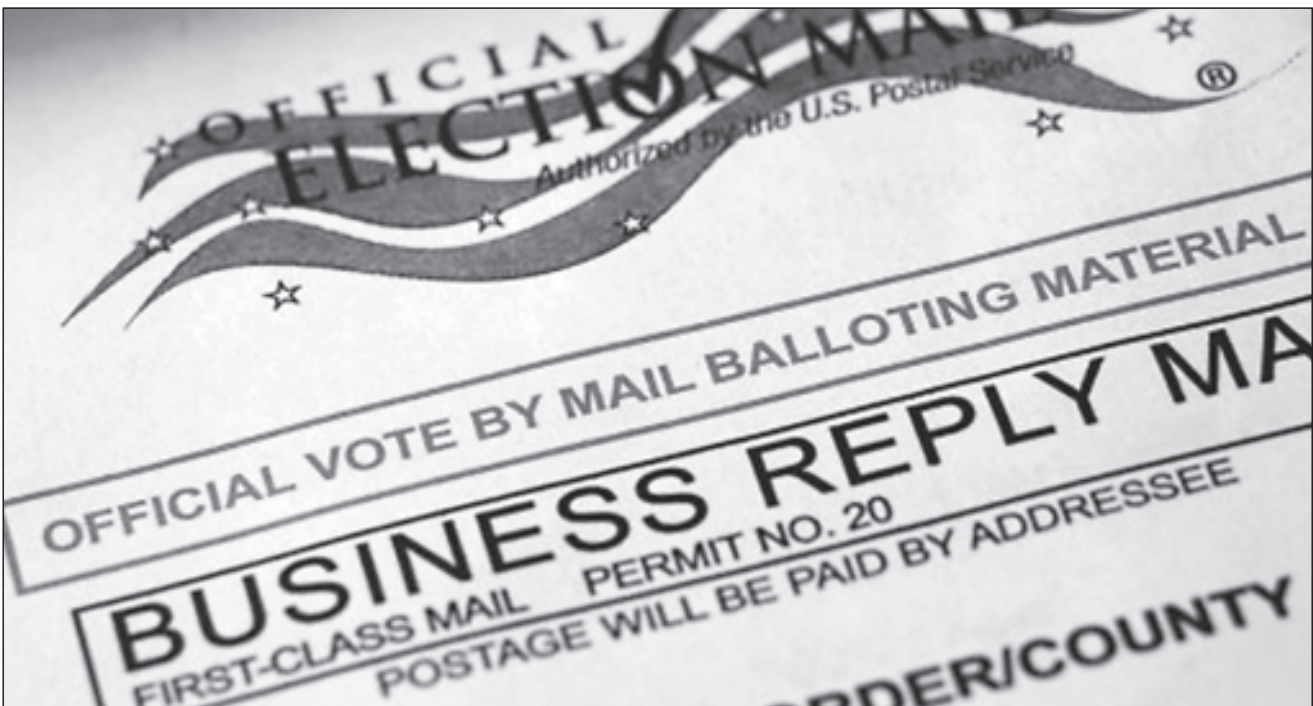
“The plan eliminates overtime for hundreds of thousands of postal workers and says employees must adopt a different mindset to ensure the Postal Service’s survival during the coronavirus pandemic,” The Associated Press reported, citing a confidential memo circulated throughout the postal service.

Late trips will no longer be authorized. If postal distribution centers are running late, “they will keep the mail for the next day,” Postal Service leaders wrote in a document.

“One aspect of these changes that may be difficult for employees is that – temporarily – we may see mail left behind or mail on the workroom floor or docks,” another document says, the AP reported.

In a livestream interview, Rep. Val Demings (D-Fla.) told BlackPressUSA that Congress had approved new funding for the U.S. Postal Service and hoped to do more.

Congress authorized a \$10 billion



loan to the postal service as part of a coronavirus relief package. Still, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin steadfastly has refused to hand over the money until the USPS turns over much of its operations to him.

Reports of significant problems at the postal service under newly appointed postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, a major Trump donor, has exacerbated claims that the slowdown is intentional.

“The Week,” an online publication, called it “yet another example of how Trump’s authoritarian rot is dissolv-

ing the American state – and raising the possibility of interference with the 2020 election.”

Trump has voiced strong opposition to mail-in voting.

Additionally, many said the slowdown impacts minorities more than anyone else.

“As a small business owner who utilizes USPS to ship many of our products to customers, this will significantly affect us,” Calvin Harris, the founder and managing director of Reveille Trading Company, a coffee importing operation that offers

specialty coffee and single-origin by partnering directly with farms around the world.

“It is my opinion that it will disproportionately harm minority businesses. Black-owned businesses often have harder times securing financing, and we generally secure financing at higher rates than white-owned companies,” Harris opined.

“This means that we run on tighter margins, so many businesses will be forced to either have slower shipping or decrease our already small margins if possible, to offer faster shipping.”

Harris added that USPS priority mail had enabled his company to offer free shipping on all orders. He noted that UPS and FedEx are more expensive options and are much slower.

“For many minority businesses, we have to compete with much larger companies, and we need every advantage that we can get. If I can at least offer free shipping, then it’s one less customer objection that we have to overcome,” Harris said.

Elizabeth Weatherby, who works for the integrated marketing development company, Youtech, recanted a recent move across the country from Massachusetts to Arizona.

She said she sent her security deposit overnight via the post office and expected it to arrive long before her week-long journey.

“By the time I had arrived in Arizona, the check was still not delivered to my housing management company. What’s even more strange is that when I called USPS, no matter what number, what office, what location, I could not get through to anyone,” Weatherby stated.

“I was waiting on hold forever and couldn’t even speak with a representative. In-person, I had to go to every single post office in my new town to track down my check. I am lucky my housing management still let me move in. I definitely think this could be due to the Trump Administration slowing down the ability to vote by mail.”

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# JPS moves to virtual learning only

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan  
Contributing Writer

Erick Greene, JPS superintendent Jackson Public School District Administration, announced last week that they will provide virtual learning only for the fall semester in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic.

As school districts are preparing to reopen, Greene made the announcement at a press conference Friday that the district will offer virtually learning only after the Mississippi State Department of Health reported a record number of new cases for the last five consecutive days.

“It just does not make sense to bring our scholars back at this time, that’s why we’ve elected to use the entire first semester to instruct our scholars and serve

them virtually only,” Greene explained.

The decision comes after a reversal of the two-option plan announced last week that would have included hybrid and traditional methods of learning.

Last week, the district proposed a two-option system, based on grade levels. Parents of elementary and middle school students could have chosen between virtual and traditional face-to-face learning, while high school students would be offered a virtual and hybrid instructional model.

“I am very concerned about the families that are not connected, and not prepared to engage in the ways that this new model will provide for,” Greene explained.

Greene said there are plans to give out devices for teachers and students to help them stay connected although they haven’t received federal funds to do so. Those funds could be coming soon as Senate Republicans unveiled a \$1 trillion package and sources say it includes funds to help schools reopen.

Brad Franklin, a JPS parent of a 5th grader at Walton Elementary School weighed in on the topic. “I think it’s in the best interest of the district to err on the side of caution. While opinions may vary on where we are right now with Covid, I don’t think we want to see even one child become ill,” Franklin stated.

“I think monitoring the situation as it progresses is best. Proper distancing and mandat-

ing masks in my opinion will help. Although smaller kids will have a harder time not being able to visit with friends as usual,” Franklin added.

“We need to be compassionate and understanding of all situations in the district. Let’s be mindful and respectful of those parents who have conflicting work schedules or financial hardships. We’ve got to come together to lift all households up during these unprecedented times. Although you may be able to stay at home with your kid or afford a laptop today...tomorrow you could see fortunes change,” Franklin exclaimed.

JPS will also suspend football for the fall semester, and is slated to start the school semester August 12.



Franklin and daughter Bralynn PHOTO BY EDELIA JAY CARTHAN

## SAAS Alumni Hall of Fame establishes new scholarship, committee seeks donations

By Renita Lacy  
Mississippi Link Newswire

The Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences’ (SAAS) Alumni Hall of Fame is furthering its commitment to student success through its establishment of the SAAS Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship for deserving students.

Under guidelines established by the Alumni Hall of Fame committee, this \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to three qualifying students within the Departments of Agriculture, Human Sciences and Advanced Technologies.

Previously, proceeds for the organization’s scholarships were derived from annual Hall of Fame alumni banquets, advertisement sales and several dedicated sponsors. However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

pandemic, the 2020 alumni banquet and associated activities have been cancelled. That being said, the committee will continue to solicit additional financial donations in order to make awards readily available to students.

According to Don Smith, director of Development, SAAS, the current need for scholarships and financial support for students is imperative.

“We are so grateful for the generosity that we have received over the years,” said Smith. “We are counting on our previous inductees, sponsors, alumni, faculty, staff and friends to step up once again and continue their support for these important scholarships.”

Smith looks forward to the organization offering future awards through a \$10,000 endowed scholarship fund created in 2019.

Student scholarships are managed and administered through the Alcorn State University (ASU) Foundation, Inc. A non-profit organization, the foundation distributes invaluable awards each academic year to aid students in their academic journey.

There are several ways to designate a gift to the SAAS Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship.

To make an impact, visit the ASU Foundation link at [www.alcorn.edu/givingback](http://www.alcorn.edu/givingback) or call 601 877-6693. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Alcorn State University Foundation, Inc., 1000 ASU Drive #810, Lorman, MS 39096. Please be sure to write SAAS Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship on the memo line.

For additional information, contact Smith at [dsmith@alcorn.edu](mailto:dsmith@alcorn.edu), 601.877-6526 or 601 877-6502.

## ASU School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to provide support through scholarship program

By Renita Lacy  
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As the fall semester approaches, so does the deadline to apply for a new scholarship.

The 1890 Scholars Program, an entity of the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (SAAS), provides up to \$10,000 per academic year (\$5,000 per semester) to help defray student expenses.

Edmund R. Buckner, dean and director of Land-Grant Programs, SAAS, hopes that the scholarship will aid students, as well as bring more awareness to the agricultural sector.

“Agriculture is the largest segment of our state’s economy,” he said. “With many of our students in need of financial assistance to complete college, this scholarship will help them to successfully pursue and complete bachelor’s degrees in agriculture and related disciplines.”

According to De’Onqua

Isaac, student recruitment specialist, SAAS, “Our primary goal is to increase retention and graduation rates among Alcorn State University students who are pursuing bachelor’s degrees in the agricultural sciences. We aim to do this by providing scholarships, as well as experiential learning and career development opportunities.”

Sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a \$765,000 grant, the scholarship will fund tuition, housing and living expenses for approximately 75 students annually. Each annual award is contingent upon the student’s continued successful academic performance.

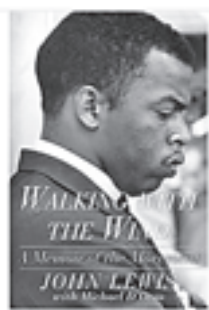
To be eligible, students must be accepted for admission to Alcorn State University; be classified as a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; and possess a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale). He or she

must also demonstrate leadership ability and a commitment to community service, be enrolled as a full-time student, as well as aspire to one of the following courses of study: Agricultural Sciences; AgriBusiness Management; Agricultural Economics; Human Sciences; Child Development/Human Development; Family and Consumer Sciences; Food, Nutrition and Community Health Sciences or Geographic Information Science and Technology.

Students are encouraged to visit [www.alcorn.edu/land-grant](http://www.alcorn.edu/land-grant) to apply. The application period will close after all scholarships have been dispersed.

For more information, contact Isaac at 601 877-2407 or [deonqua@alcorn.edu](mailto:deonqua@alcorn.edu). You may also contact Casnacita Gray, director of Student Services, School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, at 601 877-6552 or [csgray@alcorn.edu](mailto:csgray@alcorn.edu).

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# What we must do to protect ourselves from the Coronavirus

By Michael Grant  
*United Security Financial, Inc.*

The late Allen Floyd of Valley, Ala., was known as the “father” of his church because of his loving kindness despite a disability. His pastor, the Rev. Wendell Jones, says Floyd served the pulpit every Sunday with ice water and tea although he could not talk.

He died of a Coronavirus infection at the age of 81.

This article is a clarion call to anyone who has an audience with the African-American community. That means radio announcers, celebrities like actors or rappers, ministers or leaders generally.

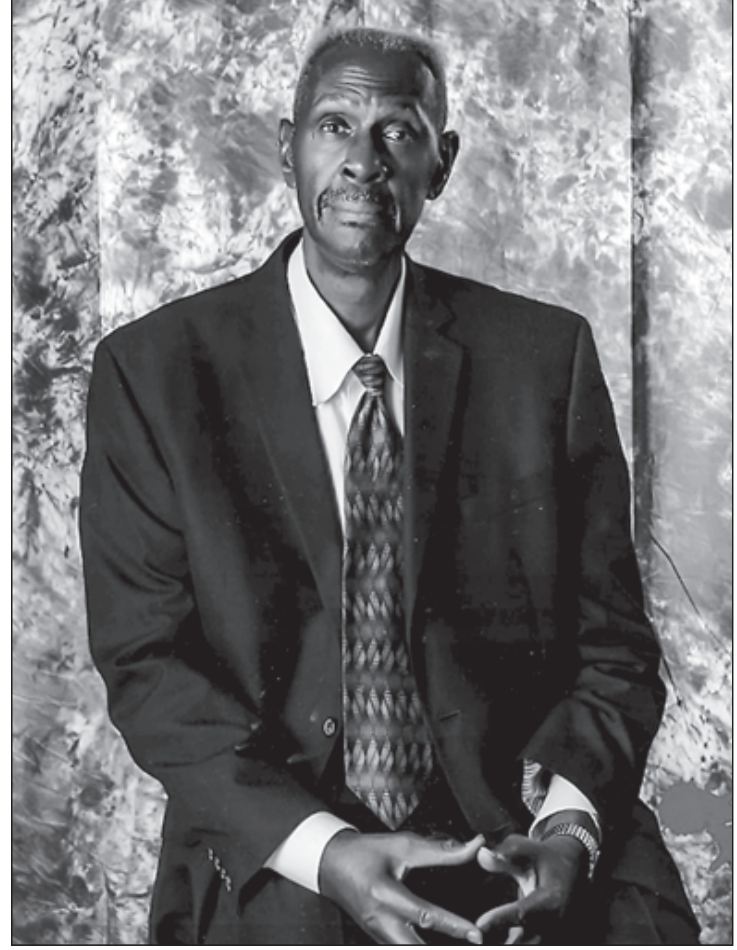
Those who are younger might be unintentionally causing harm to the elderly and those who have health challenges. It appears that far too many young people, by refusing to follow CDC guidelines: wearing face masks in public places, practicing social distancing, washing hands or using hand sanitizers and keeping counters and tables in the home disinfected, are causing their elderly relatives to become infected with the novel coronavirus. We are in urgent need of sounding the alarm: We must all do everything that we can to stop the spread of this deadly virus!

Radio announcers must become drum majors leading a national awareness campaign with the message: “Only you can stop this menace, this killer of our people.” Rappers and other celebrities must use every medium available to them: social media, radio, zoom conferences, etc. to warn the public; especially the young, that by not following the protocol given to us by the health experts, we might be inviting the needless, serious illness and death of our people.

It is understandable that younger people feel less threatened, even invincible. However, in some cases, they, too, can succumb to illness and death. But the greater threat is to older family members and those with chronic health conditions.

We must act now. An intense round-the-clock campaign must capture the attention of the young. This menace to the human race is a real and immediate threat. Hospitals and intensive care units are reaching capacity. Some of the ill might have to be turned away. This is serious business and each of us must do all that we can to protect the vulnerable among us as well as ourselves.

Recently, a 30-year-old African-American male in Nashville, Tenn. died from complications caused by the Coronavirus. But those most



Floyd

at risk for death are the elderly. Quoted in this article is an Alabama pastor who buried eight people last week and three the week prior to that. All perished because they became infected with the Coronavirus. At the writing of this article, he has now attended the funerals of at least 16 victims of the coronavirus.

That pastor, Wendell Jones of Mount Zion AME Church of Opelika, Ala., has made some crucial observations about how thousands of elderly people have died from the virus; yet many of them were secluded in nursing homes or their own homes. He pleads with family members and youth to protect themselves and their elderly loved ones:

“The multiple deaths that we’re dealing with, the funerals that I have to attend, the one thing that crushes my heart is that grandchildren, cousins, and other family members would come in and they’re not protecting themselves,” said Jones. “It just hurts my heart the selfish way that we approach this pandemic – ‘I’m healthy, I’m young, I’m vibrant. I work out.’ – And so, we think that we’re immune to the virus. But you have to think of other people that you come into contact with, you have to think of your family members.”

Jones lovingly recalls Floyd, who became known as the father of the church. That’s because he was so faithful in serving the pulpit with ice water and tea every Sunday that they gave him a new suit for Father’s Day.

If you are reading this arti-

cle, the message to you is this: Sound the alarm that we are losing this battle against the coronavirus because we are not taking it seriously!

Remember: No one will save us but us. And no one should save us if we are not doing everything within our power to stop the spread of this highly contagious disease. To those who believe that God will protect us from this Coronavirus, please believe that Almighty God will help those who try to help themselves.

We can defeat the Coronavirus, but we must remain vigilant; we must follow the CDC guidelines; and we must be actively engaged in an on-going battle of protecting ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities.

If everyone does his or her part, collectively, we will end this scourge and maybe, even before a vaccine is available, we can bend the curve downward, even flatten it.

As Jones said, “I just pray that our young people will realize the severity of the situation that we’re in. As a united family, we can make this thing happen. We can crush corona at the core if we just remember to not only protect ourselves from others, but also to protect others from ourselves.”

With enough honest effort by everyone, we will eventually be able to sing: “It’s a brand new day.” We Can Do This!

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# Loneliness can harm your health

By Vince Faust  
*The Philadelphia Tribune*

Covid-19 has put us in a situation of being alone a lot. Occasionally we all want a little alone time. Now we are forced to spend days at a time and not interacting with others. We have to adjust but we still need interaction with others to stay healthy. Plenty of people are in a situation now where they are out of work, social distancing from family and friends, working from home, not going to events, not going to church or family functions.

Persistent loneliness has been linked to a growing list of health problems that include insomnia, cardiovascular problems and Alzheimer’s disease. Studies also show that loneliness raises the risk for premature death among adults age 50 and older by 14%.

We can’t assume that people know when they are lonely. For many people that extreme sense of social disconnection is so familiar and constant that they don’t even realize that they’re lonely. Even friends and family might not necessarily recognize that a friend or loved one is lonely.

Of course as I said earlier we all need some time by ourselves, some solitude and the opportunity to think and feel quiet without distraction or demands of others. But loneliness is very different.

If you are experiencing any of the following, loneliness is a problem:

- Spend hours alone
- Find you are spending hours at a time on the internet
- Find yourself glued to Facebook or other social media
- Watch TV for hours at a time
- Feel a vague sense of dissatisfaction with life
- Over eating
- Not eating
- Sleeping more than 12 hours a day
- Feeling fatigued all the time
- Drinking alcohol
- Using recreational drugs.

The connection between loneliness and depression has been established for quite some time but has only recently been linked to elevated blood pressure, increased stress hormones and an impaired immune system. Loneliness also exacts a huge toll when people turn to unhealthy behaviors to avoid the pain loneliness brings. You can’t eat it away. You can’t drink it away. There is no recreational drug that will erase it.

Are you lonely or bored? Boredom is a leading cause of loneliness. Out of all the causes of loneliness boredom is the easiest to solve. The key is planning. You need to know what you are doing. Most people hate that they have to script their life. We should all plan our life. Make a list of things you want to do and things you have to do. Clean that closet you always wanted to clean. Make a list of people you want to call.



Don’t wait for friends and relatives to call you. That’s not to say we should just put together a list of things to do. We should have daily, weekly, monthly and yearly goals for our life.

Nutrition, sleep, exercise, recreational time and me-time are areas that we can adjust to fight loneliness. These areas are the ones we control.

The body needs carbohydrates, fats, protein, vitamins, minerals, fiber and water to be healthy everyday. Carbohydrates, fats and protein supply energy (calories) necessary for work and normal body functions. Vitamins, minerals, fiber and water do not have caloric value but are still necessary for normal body functions. Your daily intake of food should include 2 to 3 servings of protein, 4 to 6 servings of vegetables, 2 to 3 servings of a grain and 3 to 6 servings of fruit. You should ingest no more than 14 grams of saturated fat, which is 126 calories.

We need to do two types of exercise. We need both aerobic and strength workouts. A complete strength workout should include exercises for each body part. This will include the chest, shoulders, triceps, back, biceps, forearm, thighs, calves and your abdominals (midsection).

Start with 2 or 3 different exercises for each body part. Gradually work up to 8-12 repetitions for each exercise. Do each exercise 1-3 times to start. We strongly recommend that you have a professional show you what to include in your routine and that you get an OK from your physician before you start.

If you have chronic conditions such as, congestive heart failure, hypertension, arrhythmias, angina or diabetes they must be stable before starting an exercise program.

Aerobic workouts will help you burn body fat and improve your cardiovascular system if you do 30 minutes or more of continuous movement. It takes your body 20 minutes to switch

to the fat burning stage during a workout. Try to get in at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise 3 to 4 times a week.

Research has shown that when healthy adults are allowed to sleep unrestricted, the average time slept is 8 to 8.5 hours. Some people need more than that to avoid problem sleepiness; others need less.

If a person does not get enough sleep, even on one night, a “sleep debt” begins to build and increases until enough sleep is obtained. Problem sleepiness occurs as the debt accumulates. Many people do not get enough sleep during the workweek and then sleep longer on the weekends or days off to reduce their sleep debt. If too much sleep has been lost, sleeping-in on the weekend may not completely reverse the effects of not getting enough sleep during the week.

You have to want to change. Ask yourself if you are doing everything you can do to help yourself. Find yourself. Remember you have one friend already, yourself.

Put yourself out there. Enroll in a class you’ll enjoy or find interesting. Develop a hobby. Volunteer some time with a community organization or groups, such as the Homeless, PAL, The American Red Cross, Special Olympics or The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. Helping others makes you feel good about yourself and helps develop self-esteem.

Seek out programs, which satisfy your needs as well. For instance, if you’re a drop out or need job training find a GED or job training program. Don’t sit around and wait for things to happen, make things happen in the morning everyday, turn on some music and play it until you’re dancing and singing from with those old Motown tunes.

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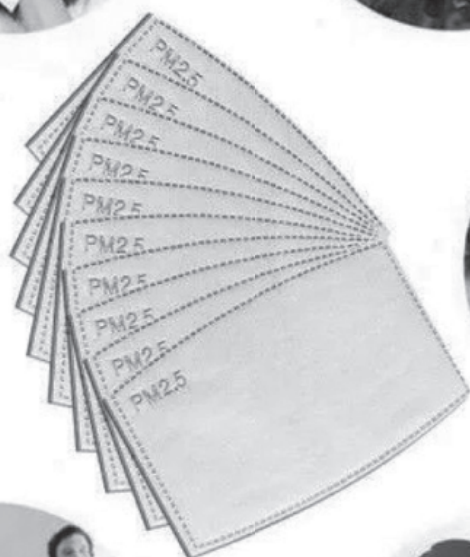
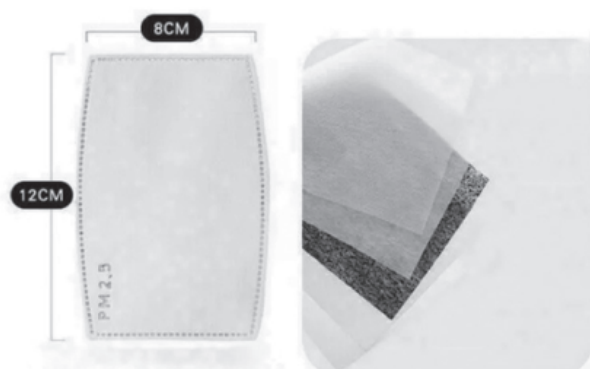
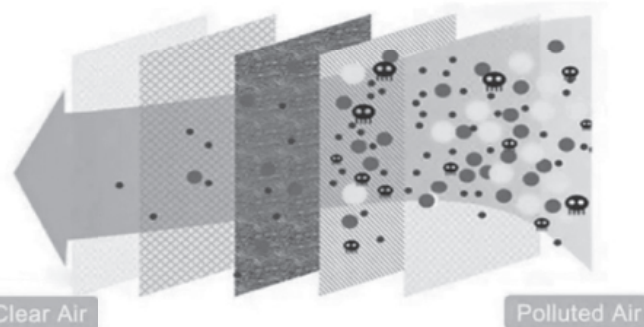
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# The importance of the changing of the guard

By Dr. John E. Warren  
*Publisher of The San Diego Voice*

The recent deaths of C.T. Vivian, Rev. Joseph Lowery, Rep. John Lewis and, earlier this year, Rep. Elijah Cummings, all signal the passing of those who have guarded our freedom and led the fight for equality.

These men were not giants. They were mere mortals like you and I who were brave enough to commit to what they believed in and to do so because the outcome involved more than themselves. If we look back at their lives, we will find they did not set out to become great, but became great because they set out to make a difference. The differ-

ences they made came at great personal cost to each.

For Lewis, we have been able to visit that cost through the film footage of such things as Bloody Sunday where Civil Rights demonstrators were beaten, hosed by police and chased on horseback while marching for the right to vote.

We gained that victory with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and lost most of it with a bad U.S. Supreme Court Decision just a few years ago. We who are today fighting for such things as an end to police brutality, the stopping of voter suppression and the reenactment of the Voting Rights Act, which would restore that which the U.S. Supreme Court

decision took away, must ensure that their deaths and the legacies these men left do not die with them.

Our committed involvement in the fight that they lead for us ensures that we convert their deaths into a “changing of the guard” and not the death of those guardians.

Locally, the lives and legacies of such individuals as Charles Evers, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hammer and others must be continued with the same commitment and selflessness that made these men great. Those of us who are here must ensure that “the strong keep on coming.” We must be strong and committed because of the men and

women on whose shoulders we stand.

This is bigger than “Black Lives Matter” and the Covid Pandemic. Those who see the fight for human rights, life and dignity know that the battle is as serious as the pandemic. They also see police brutality as a danger as great as the pandemic itself. We can each become participants in this battle. We can register to vote; join the demands for change at all levels of government and add our voices, our money and our bodies to the struggle.

Where will you stand during this changing of the guard? This is so important today.

# John Lewis – A true hero has departed

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow  
*Contributing Writer*

On July 17 we got the news that one of our few heroes made his transition from earth to Heaven. We are sure that St. Peter used few words when he looked into the eyes of John Lewis. He must have quickly said ‘Job well done John – welcome!’ He is gone now, and we will all miss him. His work made such a difference.

He was born a sharecropper in the heart of Troy, Alabama. It seems like he was born to fight for freedom. In fact, he was one of the original freedom riders making dangerous journeys across the south demanding freedom and facing some of the meanest cops that ever attacked demonstrating black protestors.

His badge of honor was a split skull he experienced on “Bloody Sunday” when black demonstrators faced Alabama state troopers while crossing that infamous bridge in Selma, Alabama. It appeared on national television and the entire American audience watched in horror. From that day on, everyone knew who John Lewis was. He was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s most loyal and fiercest warrior.

Recently, the White House was able to abolish the NAFTA agreement. This was enacted in 1993. However, Lewis began fighting against it before the ink dried on the treaty. Recently, his battle was victorious via President Trump. That was Congressman Lewis – he never quit or stopped fighting. Victory would be his eventually.

During his 17 years on the House Ways and Means Committee (Oversight Subcommittee) he remained vigilant in ensuring black business procurement. His greatest accomplishment was his management of the magnificent Smithsonian Museum on African American History and Culture. If you have not toured this yet do it as soon as possible. This was Congressman Lewis’s “Baby.”

Dr. King, Parren Mitchell, Art Fletcher and other black business advocates must have been smiling down from Heaven as Congressman Lewis oversaw the black business participation. Brick by brick, window by window it was soon accomplished, and the black participation came in at 66%. A true record for such a task. \$600 million at 66%. This was the ilk of Congressman John Lewis.

I was at a meeting in Atlanta and I asked the audience to stand up and applaud Congressman Lewis for this marvelous accomplishment. He stood up in his classic “stone face style” and quietly said “Well, this is what we are supposed to do.” We need more persons of his ilk. It was that morning that John Lewis became my hero.

I have a question or challenge for the current members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Will the next John Lewis please step forward and take the “reigns?”

It is time for the Congressional Black Caucus to focus on black procurement with the

federal government. Minority procurement in federal contracts has fallen from 8 percent in the Bush administration to 1.3 percent as of March 31, 2019. Some departments didn’t award minority businesses even one federal contract.

According to the Small Business Administration (SBA): “The federal government’s goal is to award at least five percent of all federal contracting dollars to small disadvantaged businesses each year.”

Here are the Program benefits: “To help provide a level playing field for small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged people or entities, the government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the 8(a) Business Development program.”

“Disadvantaged businesses in the 8(a) Program can: Compete for set-aside and sole-source contracts in the program, form joint ventures with established businesses through the SBA’s mentor-protégé program, receive management and technical assistance, including business training, counseling, market assistance and high-level executive development programs, as they apply.”

The above program was the brainchild of the late, great Parren J. Mitchell while he was the Chair of the House Small Business Committee and his staff – led by NBCC Board Member Anthony W. Robinson. It is, without debate, the most successful minority business program in the history of federal procurement. No formal program has made more black millionaires than this program. Despite this, it needs to be updated and reinforced.

Having a 5% minority business goal for the federal government is pittance. The black population percentage of our nation is over 14.6% alone. Hispanics have a percentage of 17.0%. That amounts to 31.6% without other ethnicities.

Here is our strategy to increase the numbers:

- Contact each agency head and inform him/her of their procurement level status. Suggest increased utilization of the SBA 8a program on a recurring basis.
- Encourage our members to apply for 8a status.
- Make quarterly updates on black procurement status for each agency and follow-up with correspondence to agency heads.
- Worldwide marketing and publicity.
- Garner Trump administration support.

Let’s get busy turning this atrocity around. If black firms could attain at least 5% in procurement contracting with the federal government that would mean \$25 billion annually infused into our economic base.

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# President Barack Obama makes statement on the passing of Congressman John Lewis

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

America is a constant work in progress. What gives each new generation purpose is to take up the unfinished work of the last and carry it further – to speak out for what’s right, to challenge an unjust status quo, and to imagine a better world.

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. 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.

Considering his enormous impact on the history of this country, what always struck those who met John was his gentleness and humility. Born into modest means in the heart of the Jim Crow South, he understood that he was just one of a long line of heroes in the struggle for racial justice.

Early on, he embraced the principles of nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience as the means to bring about real change in this country, understanding that such tactics had the power not only to change laws, but to change hearts and minds as well. In so many ways, John’s life was exceptional. But he never believed that what he did was more than any citizen of this country might do. He believed that in all of us, there exists the capacity for great courage, a longing to do what’s right, a willingness to love all people, and to extend to them their God-given rights to dignity and respect.

And it’s because he saw the best in all of us that he will continue, even in his passing, to serve as a beacon in that long journey towards a more perfect union.

I first met John when I was in law school, and I told him then that he was one of my heroes. Years later, when I was elected a U.S. Senator, I told him that I stood on his shoulders. When I was elected President of the United States, I hugged him on the inauguration stand before I was sworn in and told him I was only there because of the sacrifices he made. And through all those years, he never stopped providing wisdom and encouragement to me and Michelle and our family. We will miss him dearly.

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. Afterwards, I spoke to him privately, and 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.

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. Not many of us get to live to see our own legacy play out in such a meaningful, remarkable way. John Lewis did.

And thanks to him, we now all have our marching orders – to keep believing in the possibility of remaking this country we love until it lives up to its full promise.

# Mississippi among most aggressive states addressing broadband infrastructure issue

By Dane Maxwell  
*Public Service Commissioner for the Southern District*



It’s no secret that 2020 has presented some of the most unprecedented times in recent memory. With businesses rushing to adapt to new guidelines in response to COVID-19 and legislative sessions across the country delayed and suspended, the first 6 months of 2020 has sent many of us scrambling to find a “new

normal.”

One thing the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light is the dire need for expanded broadband infrastructure not just in our state, but across the country. In 2020 alone, Mississippi, along with 42 other states, including Guam and Puerto Rico, addressed broadband expansion in legislative action.

While each state’s efforts and policy initiatives are all different according to their needs, an overwhelming majority of states agree on one thing. People need connectivity and they need it

now.

In Mississippi, there were several bills brought before the legislature to address this issue including funds to the Department of Education as well as a grant application process to our rural electric cooperatives and other providers to the tune of 75 million dollars.

These funds combined with the over 900 million eligible federal dollars from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund means our state could see over 1 billion dollars of investment this year, putting us among the top

states in America aggressively addressing this issue.

While it is true, money is not a silver bullet solution, this year’s unprecedented effort to fund up-front broadband infrastructure is undoubtedly setting the table for Mississippi’s positive future.

I’m confident that putting these funds to work alongside creative policy initiatives like those included in PSC Rules, we can further set the table for a highly-competitive, all-of-the-above approach in connecting every Mississippi home to adequate internet service.



# Trials make our hearts soft

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



We read in 2nd Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” Sometimes we get really earnest about wanting to be rid of our problems, do we not? We say, “God, take away this trial; take away this feelings.” I want to remind you that, as great a man as the Apostle Paul was, he went through severe trials. The Lord allowed him to go through those trials to keep him humble. Trials are good for us. Job said, “For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me.” Trials make

our hearts soft. If we are getting a little too hard, we have to buckle our seat belts because we are going to go through some trials. If our hearts becomes a little too hard, God has a way to soften them. I have been through many trials, but every one of them was good for me and gave me confidence for the future. Three times, Paul asked the Lord to remove the thorn. Many people try to speculate on what that thorn was, but he plainly tells us that it was a messenger of Satan sent to buffet him. Have you ever felt that you’re were getting a beating from the devil? You may say, “Oh, I am a child of God. I am not going to have problems with the devil. If the devil

comes around, I will just let him have it, and he will not be able to stay around me.” Talking like that will let us know that we are really in for a trial. God will let us know just how weak we are in ourselves and how dependent we really are on Him. When we think we can stand in our own strength, we need to take heed because we are heading for a fall. We can only stand in the grace of God, by faith in His grace. We can only make it through Him, not in our own strength. If we become hard toward others who are going through trials, we need to get ready because we may be next. We need to be careful of what we mete out to others; it will come back to us. I think sometimes humans

can be the most inconsiderate, hurtful creatures created by God. When we feel down, our old dog will cover and rub our legs, but some people will kick us, so to speak, while we are still down. God has a way to make our hearts soft, but, oh, what hope it will instill in us. The reality of God and His grace are so real when we are going through trials. God will manifest Himself to us right in the trial. He does not always dump out a bucket of blessings, but He will give us strength. 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.

# Unrestrained: The angry christian

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



Like many of you, lately I’ve watched in disbelief as politicians have angrily responded to criticism, police officers have displayed explosive moments of deadly rage and citizens have asserted their first amendment rights to protest. A few decades ago, Marvin Gaye said that all the trouble in the world made him want to holler and throw up his hands. It seems like in this day and age, the trouble in the world also makes people want to post a video about it on social media.

lieve that proclaiming ourselves as christians entitle us to a guarantee of answered prayers and blessings. In fact, some say that holiness is not the biggest challenge for christians but that it is effectively dealing with the peculiar mixture of anger and guilt that some christians try to hide when prayers don’t get answered like we think they should. In the past, it was easy to hide behind excessive church work, unhealthy eating habits, disconnection and addictive behaviors. However, with the shifting that has taken place with the Covid-19 pandemic shutdowns, we are forced to be with ourselves and be honest about how we really feel about our lives and those we are connected to. Also, we are now being forced to “unmask” around others that previously we could safely keep at a distance through work and church obligations. It is trick of the enemy of God’s peace to make us feel angry as if we have been cheated out of something. Anger is almost always a sign that there are unresolved feelings that need to be dealt with. Ecclesiastes 7:9 says, “Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.” One way to deal with it is to pray honestly to God about how we feel and be willing to allow Him to heal the broken places. 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 preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

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# The Honorable Congressman John Robert Lewis: “A Soul Giant”

By Flonzie Brown Wright  
*Special to The Mississippi Link*

Our paths crossed in 1965 in Mississippi. I had seen him numerous times on TV, especially in 1963 at the March on Washington. Many activists spent a lot of time working in Mississippi, particularly in counties where there was a high concentration of potential unregistered African-American voters.

In meeting this “Soul Giant,” it was obvious that his commitment to the Civil Rights Movement had been clearly defined. He had suffered much physical harm at the hands of a system called...the ugliness of racism.

It was also clear to me that just as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., espoused that you cannot victimize yourself by hating those who perpetrated unequal and discriminatory treatment of the oppressed, John epitomized that philosophy.

John, as he liked to be called, was passionate about using his voice and his body to obtain the right to vote for our people, no matter the cost and it was extremely costly.

Shortly after the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, John concentrated his efforts on providing funds for blacks who were running for political office, particularly in counties where there was a black majority. He founded The Voter Education Project (VEP), for the purpose of funding rides to the polls on election day(s), as well



Flonzie Brown Wright (with purse) is waiting to speak while Lewis holds ladder for Annie Devine in Canton, MS

as food for the drivers. It was not unusual for John to come into my hometown of Canton, MS and other towns with funds for this purpose. Other times, he would send funds to the NAACP office where I worked.

When I was elected to the position of election commissioner in 1968, VEP provided financial assistance to me for that purpose. Thanks to John, we were able to organize, hire and feed drivers to ensure that anyone who was registered to vote would have the opportunity. After my election, I invited John and Georgia Legislator Julian Bond, as featured speakers at the first community meeting in the Madison County

Court House. Incidentally, this is the same court house where scores of blacks had been in some cases, savagely escorted and/blocked from attempting to register.

During the Meredith March in 1966, he was a visible representative of Dr. King and others during this historic event.

I wish to credit the Alabama Department of Archives and History for the photo in this story. Annie Divine, known as the “Mother of the Movement,” is standing on a ladder addressing a huge crowd of marchers from across the country. They were in Canton in support of the 1966 march. John, a number of other supporters and I

are featured in this photo. Just after Divine spoke, I spoke from that same ladder.

John and I kept in touch over the years. In 2004, he was invited to keynote the 40th anniversary observance of Mississippi Freedom Summer at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. As Student Affairs Scholar in Residence, it was my honor and privilege to introduce him. In 2018, he was invited to be the keynote speaker at New Hope Baptist Church during the annual “Back in the Day” Black History celebration. I was surprised that he called me personally to express his regrets that he could not attend because of pressing business “on



John Lewis and Flonzie Brown Wright

the Hill.”

I will always take with me his legacy as a “Soul Giant,” because he lived and breathed his passion, which was to do all he could, while he could to elevate the cause of human dignity. Even though like King, he was short in stature, his words and actions towered well above racism, bigotry and hate.

Allow me to suggest how we can all honor him, whether your paths crossed or not... Let’s go to the polls in record numbers this November to honor him and continue the work he left behind. Every generation has an assignment. His, C.T. Vivian and Rev. Joseph Lowery, all of whom we lost this year

provided the bridge for us to continue to seek justice for all.

One of the best ways to remember John is to look and listen to the young voices who are speaking out today for human and civil rights. John often spoke to youth of all races and nationalities and challenged them: “Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

My life is better and I am stronger because our paths crossed.

# U.S. Postal Service to review stamp honoring Supremes Florence Ballard

By Stacy M. Brown  
*NNPA Newswire Contributor*

Supremes legend Mary Wilson is on a crusade that she hopes will end with the United States Postal Service commemorating her late bandmate and close friend Florence Ballard on a Forever Stamp.

“I get so emotional when I speak about Flo,” said Wilson, who received a 2020 NNPA Lifetime Achievement Award during the Black Press of America’s recently completed virtual convention.

“I’ve been working hard to get that recognition for her because she deserves it.”

Wilson noted that the U.S. Postal Service has done a brilliant job of issuing commemorative postage stamps about iconic pop culture heroes who have helped shape the world.

In the past, there have been U.S. postage stamps to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of several music business legends, including Elvis Presley, Sarah Vaughn, Patsy Cline, Jimi Hendryx, Marvin Gaye and Janis Joplin.

Wilson’s quest to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp to celebrate Ballard, a founding star of The Supremes, has gained momentum.

“We have received a proposal from the public, and it will be reviewed at our next Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee



Wilson’s quest to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp to celebrate Ballard, a founding star of The Supremes, has gained momentum. PHOTO: THE SUPREMES IN HILTON HOTEL, THE NETHERLANDS, 1965. [FROM LEFT:] FLORENCE BALLARD, MARY WILSON AND DIANA ROSS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

meeting,” Roy Betts, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman, told BlackPressUSA.

The U.S. Postal Service and the members of the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) have set specific criteria used in determining the eligibility of subjects for commemoration on all U.S. stamps and stationery, Betts added.

Among them are that stamps and stationery would primarily feature American or American-related subjects. The Postal

Service will honor extraordinary and enduring contributions to American society, history, culture or environment.

U.S. stamp programs are planned and developed two to three years in advance and, consideration would occur if suggestions are submitted three or more years in advance of the proposed stamp.

In 2018, the Postal Service began considering proposals for deceased individuals three years following their death.

Officials noted that the stamp program commemorates positive contributions to American life, history, culture and environment.

Born in Detroit in 1943, Ballard was the eighth of Jesse and Lurlee Ballard’s thirteen children.

Almost from the start, music played an essential part in her life, according to her biography.

Her father was her first teacher, and a young Ballard

displayed a keen interest in his music. Jesse Ballard would play particular songs and teach his daughter to sing them.

Those early lessons made a deep impression, and legend has it that Florence was soon out-singing her father.

Ballard’s musical gift was hard to go unnoticed. As she grew older, she found an outlet for her singing in school music classes and choirs.

While in her early teens, Ballard’s career was set in motion.

Two of her neighbors, Ed-die Kendricks and Paul Williams, sang in a group called the Primes (later to become the Temptations). They introduced her to manager Milton Jenkins, who was so impressed with the 14-year-old’s voice that he asked her to perform as a soloist along with the Primes. After Ballard appeared with the group for a few engagements, Jenkins knew he had found an outstanding talent, her biography read.

Since groups were popular in the late 1950s, Jenkins suggested that Ballard form a sister group to the Primes.

Immediately she asked her friend, Mary Wilson, to be a member of the group. Betty McGlown and Mary’s friend, Diana Ross, were also recruited. After gaining their parent’s permission, the four teenagers, in the spring of 1959, became officially known as the Primettes. They began rehearsals with Ballard as the lead singer.

McGlown departed just before the group found fame at Motown with the name, The Supremes. Ballard died in 1976 at the age of 31.

“The memories are so vivid,” Wilson said. “Florence Ballard was such a wonderful person. It’s my sincere hope that we can get the Postal Service to honor her now.”



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ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND DESIGNATE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the “City”), is a municipal corporation, organized and existing according to the laws of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature enacted House Bill 1223, effective July 1, 2016, and codified in Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101, which permits and authorizes certain municipalities in the State of Mississippi to establish “Leisure and Recreation Districts” and to designate the geographic areas to be included within the district; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature enacted Senate Bill 2588, effective July 1, 2018, which amended Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 by providing that the governing authorities of a municipality, by ordinance, may establish one or more leisure and recreation districts within the corporate boundaries of the municipality and designate the geographic area or areas to be included within a district; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 requires that an Ordinance which establishes a Leisure and Recreation District include a detailed description of the area or areas within the district, the boundaries of the district, and a georeferenced map of the district, as well as a description of the manner in which the municipality will provide for adequate law enforcement and other public safety measures and services within the district; and

WHEREAS, municipalities which create Leisure and Recreation Districts authorize business entities that hold alcoholic beverage permits issued by the Department of Revenue, and that are located within the boundaries of the designated Leisure and Recreation District, to allow patrons to leave the licensed premises with an open container of alcohol and to carry and consume alcoholic beverages within the designated Leisure and Recreation District; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has determined and hereby finds that the City of Jackson would benefit from the establishment of a Leisure and Recreation District within the Fondren by enhancing pedestrian-oriented areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has further determined that the establishment of a Leisure and Recreation District at Fondren would be in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has found and determined that the manner of current law enforcement is adequate and sufficient for the area to be designated as a Leisure and Recreation District, and the Mayor therefore has agreed to direct that the Jackson Police Department continue to provide adequate and sufficient law enforcement and other public safety measures and services as stated herein in the City’s Leisure and Recreation District established pursuant to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein is intended to confer any rights or entitlement as the sale of alcohol within an area designated as a Leisure and Recreation District is a privilege and not a right and is subject at all times to reasonable regulation; and

WHEREAS, subject to Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 and this Ordinance, the City hereby establishes a Leisure and Recreation District at Fondren as more fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS: The matters, facts and things recited in the above and foregoing Preamble to this Ordinance be, and they are hereby adopted as the official findings of the governing authority of the City.

SECTION 2. TITLE: This ordinance shall be known as ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FONDREN LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT: Under the authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101, the City does hereby establish a Leisure and Recreation District in Fondren, within the geographic areas and within such boundaries as are set forth and designated herein and as represented on the geo-referenced map which is incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Leisure and Recreation District established herein shall be known as the “Fondren Leisure and Recreation District” (the “District”) and shall have the boundaries incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

SECTION 4. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED; CONDITIONS: Any on-premises retail alcoholic beverage permittee (a “permittee”) located within the District shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations which govern its license type, except that a patron, guest or member of that permittee may remove an open container of alcoholic beverage, beer or wine from the licensed premises, and may possess and consume such beverage outside of the licensed premises anywhere within the boundaries of the District subject to the following regulations:

- Nothing in this Ordinance permits a patron to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage, beer or wine in an open container that was not purchased from an on-premises retail alcohol beverage permittee located within the District.

- A person may not enter licensed premises with an open container or closed container of alcoholic beverage, beer or wine acquired outside the District.

- A permittee located in the District shall allow alcoholic beverages to be removed from the licensed premises only in containers possessing the insignia or indicia of a permittee or the District.

- No permittee shall allow a patron, guest or member to exit its licensed premises with more than one open container of an alcoholic beverage, and it shall be unlawful for any person to exit such licensed premises with more than one such open container. Permittees located in the District may allow alcoholic beverages to be removed from the licensed premises during the District’s hours of consumption, which are during the permittees’ hours of operation.

- Nothing in this Ordinance shall require a permittee located in the District to allow its patrons to remove alcoholic beverages in open containers from the licensed premises.
- Permittees located in the District shall post, at all points of egress from the licensed premises, a map of the boundaries of the District in which it is located along with an overview of the policies enacted to enforce this Ordinance. The map and policies shall be provided, either in electronic or paper form, to those permittees upon their request.

- The purpose of this Ordinance being primarily to allow pedestrians to carry open containers as described in this Ordinance within the District, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to allow patrons, guests, or members of a permittee to drive a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle while carrying an open container of alcoholic beverage onto or into such vehicle, and it shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to drive a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle while carrying an open container, as described in this Ordinance, containing an alcoholic beverage within the District in which it was purchased. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to allow patrons, guests or members of a permittee to leave the District as a pedestrian or passenger in a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle of any kind while carrying an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

- Each permittee shall be required to place trash receptacles, consistent with the specific design approved for the District, at an exit and/or entrance door of the licensed premises.

SECTION 5. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE PERMITTED; CONDITIONS: Within the boundaries of the District, a permittee may also allow beer and light wine to be removed from the licensed premises subject to the same regulations and Alcoholic Beverages and Wine.

SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term “alcoholic beverages” shall mean any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, including native wines. Within the boundaries of the District, a permittee may allow beer and light wine to be removed from the licensed premises as permitted in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The City reserves the right to modify or repeal this Ordinance, and any district designation created hereunder, upon at

least thirty days written notice to all permittees located within the District.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES: The City, by and through its Police and Fire Departments, shall provide for adequate law enforcement and other public safety measures and services with the District as required by State Law. In addition, the Police and Fire Department shall provide public safety services within the District in the same manner it provides those services in the remainder of the City. Nothing in this Ordinance shall amend or change any other ordinance pertaining to amplified music, noise, litter or loitering.

SECTION 9. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance, to include without limitation, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, are hereby declared to be inapplicable within the geographic boundaries of the District.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective upon approval as required by law, execution and publication.

Exhibit 1

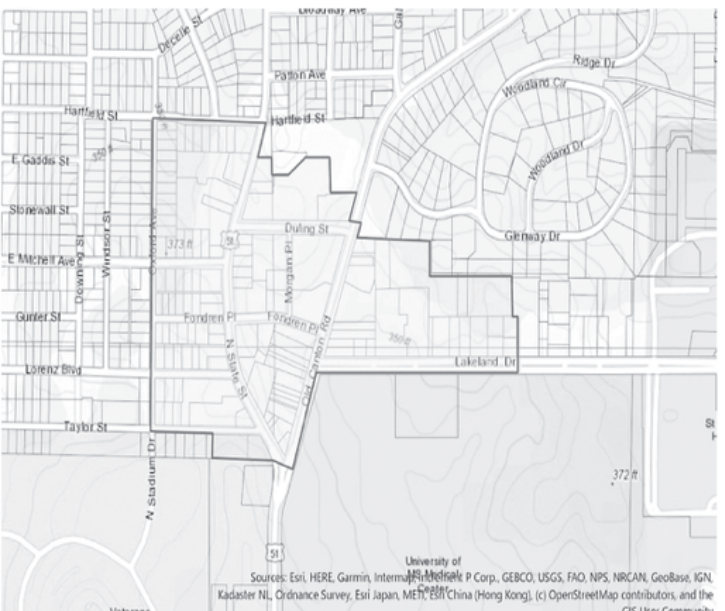


Exhibit 2

POINT OF BEGINNING: Point of intersection of the east right-of-way line of Oxford Avenue and the south right-of-way line of Hartfield Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Thence: Run in an easterly direction along the south right-of-way line of Hartfield Street to the point of intersection with the west right-of-way line of North State Street;

Thence: Run due east to the point of intersection with the east right-of-way line of North State Street;

Thence: Run in a southerly direction along the east right-of-way line of North State Street to the point of intersection with the north right-of-way line of Duling Avenue;

Thence: Run in an easterly direction along the north right-of-way line of Duling Avenue to the point of intersection with the west right-of-way line of Old Canton Road;

Thence: Run due east to the point of intersection with the east right-of-way line of Old Canton Road;

Thence: Run in a southerly direction along the east right-of-way line of North State Street to the point of intersection with the north right-of-way line of Lakeland Drive;

Thence: Run easterly along the north right-of-way line of Lakeland Drive to the point of intersection with southeast corner of lot 2 of Riverview Park Subdivision;

Thence: Run southerly to the point of intersection with the south right-of-way line of Lakeland Drive;

Thence: Run westerly along the south right-of-way line of Lakeland Drive to the point of intersection with the east right-of-way line of Old Canton Road;

Thence: Run southerly along the east right-of-way line of Old Canton Road to the point of intersection with North State Street.

Thence: Run due west to the west right-of-way line of North State Street;

Thence: Run in a northerly direction along the west right-of-way line of North State Street to the point of intersection with the south right-of-way line of Taylor Street;

Thence Run in a westerly direction along the south right-of-way line of Taylor Street to the point of intersection with the west right-of-way line of Oxford Avenue;

Thence: Run in a northerly direction along the west right-of-way line of Oxford Avenue to the point of intersection with the south right-of-way line of Hartfield Street;

Thence: Run in a easterly direction to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And also:

POINT OF BEGINNING: Northwest corner of Lot 2 Fannie Brown Estate Survey.

Thence: Run in an easterly direction 100.36 feet;

Thence: Run in a southeasterly direction 72.6 feet;

Thence: Run in an easterly direction 99.78 feet;

Thence: Run in a northeasterly direction 159.65 feet

Thence: Run in an easterly direction 161 feet;

Thence: Run in a southerly direction 204.09 feet;

Thence: Run in an easterly direction 173.68 feet to west right-of-way line of Old Canton Road;

Thence: Run in a southerly direction along west right-of-way line of Old Canton Road 172.82 feet to the north right-of-way line of Duling Avenue;

Thence: Run in a westerly direction along the north right-of-way line of Duling Avenue to the point of intersection with the east right-of-way line with North State Street;

Thence: Run northerly along the east right-of-way line of North State Street 362.45 to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And also:

POINT OF BEGINNING: Southwest corner of Lot 1 of the Woodland Hills Subdivision.

Thence: Run in a southerly direction along the east right-of-way line of Old Canton Road to the point of intersection with the north right-of-way line of Lakeland Drive;

Thence: Run in an easterly direction along the north right-of-way line of Lakeland Drive to the point of intersection with the southeast corner of lot 2 of Riverview Park Subdivision;

Thence: Run in a northerly direction 217.2 feet;

Thence: Run in a westerly direction 26 feet;

Thence: Run in a northerly direction 215 feet

Thence: Run in a westerly direction along the south lot lines of Woodland Hills Subdivision to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

And also:

POINT OF BEGINNING: Point of intersection of the west right-of-way line of North State Street and the south right-of-way line of Taylor Street.

Thence: Run in a westerly direction along the south right-of-way line of Taylor Street for 339.6 feet;

Thence: Run in a southerly direction 130 feet;

Thence: Run in an easterly direction 431.2 feet to the east right-of-way line of North State Street;

Thence: Run in a northerly direction along the east right-of-way line of North State Street to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Stamps seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Priester and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on June 9, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book “6R, Pgs. 173-178”.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23rd day of July, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26 ARTICLE IX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, GOVERNING LANDSCAPING AND TREE STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, Section 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes landscaping and tree standards for development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson finds it necessary to amend the landscaping and tree standards to accommodate more flexibility in new construction and redevelopment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 26-448 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson Mississippi definition of “Vehicular Use Area”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Vehicular use area means that area of development subject to vehicular traffic including access ways, loading and service areas, areas used for parking, storage or display of vehicles, boats or portable construction equipment, and all land which vehicles cross over as a function of primary use.

SECTION 2. Section 26-449 (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson Mississippi is hereby amended to read as follows:

As to new developments and vehicular use areas, a common development which includes more than one lot shall be treated as one lot for the purposes of satisfying this article. Split ownership, planning in phases, construction in stages, and/or multiple building permits for a project shall not prevent it from being a common development as referred to in this subsection. The final project shall comply with this article.

SECTION 3. Section 26-446-467 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson Mississippi is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-464 – Materials for vehicular use areas.

The following standards apply to vehicular use areas:

- Parking surfaces shall be kept in good repair at all times. The parking surface shall not be allowed to degenerate to a point of disrepair where there is loose gravel or potholes, or to a condition where mud or gravel may be tracked onto the street.

- In order to control dust and mud, all vehicle areas must be surfaced with a minimum all-weather surface included but not limited to concrete, asphalt, pavers, or compacted crushed stone. Alternatives to the specified all-weather surface may be provided, subject to approval by the city engineer.

- Driveway aprons and approaches shall be paved with concrete or asphalt. Alternatives to the specified driveways and approaches surface may be provided, subject to approval by the city engineer if the surfaces provides results equivalent to paving.

(4) Accessible parking spaces and associated pathways shall be paved with a hard surface material meeting the standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act

Sec. 26-466. - Variances.

- Required circumstances. Where there are unusual circumstances peculiar to the site being developed and where a literal application of specific provisions of this article would unnecessarily restrict the development of a site and result in hardship to the owners or other interested persons, a variance from specific provisions of this article may be requested.

- Application; contents; required demonstration. The application requesting a variance from the requirements of this article shall include a description of the property, the exact nature of the proposed variance, and the grounds upon which it is requested. The applicant shall further demonstrate that the granting of such variance will not adversely affect the properties nor otherwise be detrimental to the public welfare.

- Filing; recommendation of landscape architect to construction board of adjustment and appeals; consideration by board. The application shall be filed with the zoning administrator, or designee, for the city. Upon receiving an application for a variance, where all required information is supplied, the zoning administrator, or designee, shall make a recommendation within ten working days and forward the application to the construction board of adjustment and appeals for their consideration. Within ten working days after the board’s receipt of a recommendation by the zoning administrator, or designee, the board shall meet to consider the request.

- Grant or denial. Within ten working days after the board’s meeting, the board shall grant or deny the variance in whole or in part. If the board fails to take action on the request for the variance within the specified time period, such inaction shall be deemed to grant the variance. Every decision of the board shall be final, subject, however, to such remedy as any aggrieved party may have at law or in equity.

Sec. 26-467. - Enforcement.

Violation by any person of the provisions of this article or failure to comply with any of its requirements, after written notification by the zoning administrator, or designee, of the city of the type, nature, and extent of the violation of this article, shall upon conviction thereof, constitute a misdemeanor.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article or fails to comply with any of its requirements within days after having been duly notified in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the zoning administrator, or designee, of the city shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000.00. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a new and separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the city from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

Secs. 26-469—26-490. - Reserved.

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Article be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as a whole.

SECTION 3. The preceding amendments and revisions to the Section 26 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be published and effective 30 days after passage.

Council Member Stamps moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays – None.

Absent – Priester and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on June 9, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book “6R, Pgs. 171-173”.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 27th day of July, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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Notice of Sale  
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

1999 Ford Mustang 1FAFP4048XF136406  
Registered to Ware Tracy  
Credit Plan of Greenwood, Inc., Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: August 14, 2020

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.  
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Notice of Sale  
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

2007 Honda Sedan 1HGCM66517A040343  
Registered to Gilmore, Porsche  
Credit Acceptance Corp., Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: August 14, 2020

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.  
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Notice of Sale  
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

2009 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46K89U826591  
Registered to Scott Michael  
Members Exchange Credit Union., Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: August 14, 2020

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.  
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

- The demolition and cleaning of parcels for the following:
1. 1833 WALTHAM ST.
  2. 1720 CAMELLIA DR.
  3. 2611 TERRY RD.
  4. 614 MCDOWELL RD.
  5. 1071 MCDOWELL RD.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and or conduct business in the City, to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

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, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Contract Documents may be obtained from and/or examined at the offices of the Community Improvement Division located at 200 S. President Street, Suite 331, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Telephone 601.960.1054. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes. There is NO charge for electronic or e-mail copies. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Electronic 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.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The City 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.

by: LaTonya Miller, Manager  
Community Improvement Division of Planning and Development

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
City of Jackson  
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

75070-081820 12-Month Supply of Ready-Mix Concrete

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT [WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV](http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV)

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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, and Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Destiney Williams Purchasing Manager  
Purchasing Division  
(601) 960-1533 or 1025

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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

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 25, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project Capital City Restroom Renovations will be held at 2221 Boling Street, on August 14, 2020 at 11:00 A.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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is considering Amendment Number 3 to its 2015-2019 Five Year (5 YR) Consolidated Plan and Amendment Number 2 to the 2019 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan by:

- Increasing available funding to include CARES Act funding awarded to the City of Jackson in the following amounts:
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - \$1,444,552
- Include projects to expend the CARES Act funding in preparing, preventing and responding to the Coronavirus.

Comments regarding the proposed amendment may be emailed to [OHCD@jacksonms.gov](mailto:OHCD@jacksonms.gov). Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., August 5, 2020.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, unless there are objections from the general public, this Amendment will be considered adopted, however, if there are any objections from the public, these objections will be presented to the City Council for consideration prior to the adoption of the Amendment.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received electronically via MAGIC or physically delivered to the office of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 09/01/2020 , for:

RE: GS# 371-162 Children's Museum Flooring  
Department of Finance and Administration  
RFx #:316003788

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Canizaro Cawthon Davis, A Professional Association  
Address: 129 South President Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Phone: 601-948-7337  
Email: [trisha@ccdarchitects.com](mailto:trisha@ccdarchitects.com)

A deposit of \$75.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director  
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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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](mailto: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.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3145 New Press Box and Ticket Booth for South Jackson Football Field

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid 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) Tuesday, August 21, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for South Jackson Football Field will be held at Forest Hill High School, 2607 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS on August 7, 2020 at 10:30 A.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 \$150.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid specs/documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Nick Jackson at M3A Architecture, PLLC Phone: 601-981-1227 or Email: [njackson@m3aarch.com](mailto:njackson@m3aarch.com).

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Advertisement for RFPs

RFP 2020-15 Pre-Kindergarten - Eighth Grade On-line Supplemental Music Program

RFP 2020-16 JPSSD Teacher Certification Program

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp 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 06, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing [jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us](mailto:jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us), calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at [www.jackson.k12.ms.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

SECURITY CAMERA / ALARM INSTALLATION & MONITORING SERVICES

SECTION I. – INTRODUCTION / INVITATION

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from professional security companies desiring to provide security camera and/or alarm system installation and monitoring services at the following City of Jackson facilities located in Jackson, Mississippi. Interested professional security companies are hereby invited to submit a response to this request in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

	LOCATIONS	
	FACILITY	ADDRESS
1.	Battlefield Community Center	953 West Porter Street (39204)
2.	Battlefield (Dorothy Vest Tennis Center)	953 W. Porter Street (39204)
3.	Champion Gymnasium	1355 Hattiesburg Street (39204)
4.	Grove Park Community Center	4126 Parkway Avenue (39213)
5.	Jackson Zoo	2918 West Capitol Street (39209)
6.	Jayne Avenue Community Center	3615 Jayne Avenue (39209)
7.	Kurts Gymnasium	125 Gymnasium Drive (39209)
8.	Medgar Evers Gymnasium	3159 Edwards Avenue (39213)
9.	Mynelle Gardens/Westbrook House	4736 Clinton Boulevard (39204)
10.	Park Maintenance Facility	3880 Bullard Street (39209)
11.	Pete Brown Golf Facility	3200 West Woodrow Wilson (39209)
12.	Sykes Gymnasium	520 Sykes Road (39212)
13.	Vergy P. Middleton Community Center	3971 Flag Chapel Road (39213)
14.	Virden Addition Multi-Purpose Center	2050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (39203)
15.	Westside Gymnasium	1450 Wiggins Road (39209)

Submittal Deadline: Three (3) sealed bid packets must be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, until 3:30 p.m., CST, August 25, 2020.

Electronic Bid Submittal: This RFP is also being posted on the Central Bidding website at: <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/main.php>. You may submit your bid electronically through this provider.

To Obtain Packets: Packets may also be secured by emailing Patrice Bernard at [pbernard@jacksonms.gov](mailto:pbernard@jacksonms.gov). If a response is not received with 24 hours, it is the responsibility of the requester to call Ms. Bernard at 601-960-0716, to confirm receipt of the RFP request.

Bid Advertisement Dates: The bid advertises July 30, 2020 and August 6, 2020.

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference will be held on August 12, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., local time, via Lifesize Video Conferencing. (Instructions shown below.)

- To gain access to the video conference and join the meeting: <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/2973481>
- If you do not have a Lifesize Cloud account, please sign-in by using the guest account as shown below. The Lifesize Cloud software can be downloaded to any device from this link:
  - <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/download>
  - Join the meeting: <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/2973481>
  - Call in by Phone or Mobile (audio only)
  - United States: +1 (312) 584-2401
  - Meeting extension: 2973481#

Bid Opening Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. CST. - Three (3) bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked as: Department of Parks & Recreation, Security Camera / Alarm Installation & Monitoring Services.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities and informalities in the submittal and evaluation process. This RFP does not obligate the City of Jackson to pay any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation and submission of a proposal. The City reserves the right to negotiate equipment specifications regardless of the proposal design. Furthermore, the RFP does not obligate the City to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services.

Islon B. Harris, Jr., Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Dr. Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative  
Officer (CAO)  
Office of the Mayor

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ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND DESIGNATE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "City"), is a municipal corporation, organized and existing according to the laws of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature enacted House Bill 1223, effective July 1, 2016, and codified in Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101, which permits and authorizes certain municipalities in the State of Mississippi to establish "Leisure and Recreation Districts" and to designate the geographic areas to be included within the district; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature enacted Senate Bill 2588, effective July 1, 2018, which amended Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 by providing that the governing authorities of a municipality, by ordinance, may establish one or more leisure and recreation districts within the corporate boundaries of the municipality and designate the geographic area or areas to be included within a district; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 requires that an Ordinance which establishes a Leisure and Recreation District include a detailed description of the area or areas within the district, the boundaries of the district, and a georeferenced map of the district, as well as a description of the manner in which the municipality will provide for adequate law enforcement and other public safety measures and services within the district; and

WHEREAS, municipalities which create Leisure and Recreation Districts authorize business entities that hold alcoholic beverage permits issued by the Department of Revenue, and that are located within the boundaries of the designated Leisure and Recreation District, to allow patrons to leave the licensed premises with an open container of alcohol and to carry and consume alcoholic beverages within the designated Leisure and Recreation District; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has determined and hereby finds that the City of Jackson would benefit from the establishment of a Leisure and Recreation District within the Belhaven Town Center by enhancing pedestrian-oriented areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has further determined that the establishment of a Leisure and Recreation District at Belhaven Town Center would be in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has found and determined that the manner of current law enforcement is adequate and sufficient for the area to be designated as a Leisure and Recreation District, and the Mayor therefore has agreed to direct that the Jackson Police Department continue to provide adequate and sufficient law enforcement and other public safety measures and services as stated herein in the City's Leisure and Recreation District established pursuant to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein is intended to confer any rights or entitlement as the sale of alcohol within an area designated as a Leisure and Recreation District is a privilege and not a right and is subject at all times to reasonable regulation; and

WHEREAS, subject to Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 and this Ordinance, the City hereby establishes a Leisure and Recreation District at Belhaven Town Center as more fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS: The matters, facts and things recited in the above and foregoing Preamble to this Ordinance be, and they are hereby adopted as the official findings of the governing authority of the City.

SECTION 2. TITLE: This ordinance shall be known as ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BELHAVEN TOWN CENTER LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT: Under the authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101, the City does hereby establish a Leisure and Recreation District in Belhaven Town Center, within the geographic areas and within such boundaries as are set forth and designated herein and as represented on the geo-referenced map which is incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Leisure and Recreation District established herein shall be known as the "Belhaven Town Center Leisure and Recreation District" (the "District") and shall have the boundaries incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

SECTION 4. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED; CONDITIONS: Any on-premises retail alcoholic beverage permittee (a "permittee") located within the District shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations which govern its license type, except that a patron, guest or member of that permittee may remove an open container of alcoholic beverage, beer or wine from the licensed premises, and may possess and consume such beverage outside of the licensed premises anywhere within the boundaries of the District subject to the following regulations:

- Nothing in this Ordinance permits a patron to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage, beer or wine in an open container that was not purchased from an on-premises retail alcohol beverage permittee located within the District.

- A person may not enter licensed premises with an open container or closed container of alcoholic beverage, beer or wine acquired outside the District.

- A permittee located in the District shall allow alcoholic beverages to be removed from the licensed premises only in containers possessing the insignia or indicia of a permittee or the District.

- No permittee shall allow a patron, guest or member to exit its licensed premises with more than one open container of an alcoholic beverage, and it shall be unlawful for any person to exit such licensed premises with more than one such open container. Permittees located in the District may allow alcoholic beverages to be removed from the licensed premises during the District's hours of consumption, which are during the permittees' hours of operation.
  - Nothing in this Ordinance shall require a permittee located in the District to allow its patrons to remove alcoholic beverages in open containers from the licensed premises.

- Permittees located in the District shall post, at all points of egress from the licensed premises, a map of the boundaries of the District in which it is located along with an overview of the policies enacted to enforce this Ordinance. The map and policies shall be provided, either in electronic or paper form, to those permittees upon their request.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)#2020-03

Mobility Services Technology

The City of Jackson (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development, Office of Transportation, is soliciting bids for a modern software solution for the management of demand response transportation. It can be securely accessed via standard web browsers and should incorporate industry-leading tools to effectively monitor operational processes and resources. The selected Proposal will be for intuitive, easy to use GIS-based scheduling and dispatch software that accurately selects the most appropriate vehicle/run to place reservations using a batch scheduling process that improves overall on-time performance. The City of Jackson must also have the option of purchasing Mobile Data Computers or Tablets as a part of this project.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing [mguice@jacksonms.gov](mailto:mguice@jacksonms.gov). Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Please reference RFP#2020-03.

Six copies of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Tuesday, August 4, 2020 by 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time (CST). Electronic bids and/or reverse auction 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. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

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- The purpose of this Ordinance being primarily to allow pedestrians to carry open containers as described in this Ordinance within the District, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to allow patrons, guests, or members of a permittee to drive a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle while carrying an open container of alcoholic beverage onto or into such vehicle, and it shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to drive a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle while carrying an open container, as described in this Ordinance, containing an alcoholic beverage within the District in which it was purchased. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to allow patrons, guests or members of a permittee to leave the District as a pedestrian or passenger in a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle of any kind while carrying an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

- Each permittee shall be required to place trash receptacles, consistent with the specific design approved for the District, at an exit and/or entrance door of the licensed premises.

SECTION 5. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE PERMITTED; CONDITIONS: Within the boundaries of the District, a permittee may also allow beer and light wine to be removed from the licensed premises subject to the same regulations and Alcoholic Beverages and Wine.

SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "alcoholic beverages" shall mean any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, including native wines. Within the boundaries of the District, a permittee may allow beer and light wine to be removed from the licensed premises as permitted in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The City reserves the right to modify or repeal this Ordinance, and any district designation created hereunder, upon at least thirty days written notice to all permittees located within the District.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES: The City, by and through its Police and Fire Departments, shall provide for adequate law enforcement and other public safety measures and services with the District as required by State Law. In addition, the Police and Fire Department shall provide public safety services within the District in the same manner it provides those services in the remainder of the City. Nothing in this Ordinance shall amend or change any other ordinance pertaining to amplified music, noise, litter or loitering.

SECTION 9. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance, to include without limitation, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, are hereby declared to be inapplicable within the geographic boundaries of the District.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective upon approval as required by law, execution and publication.

Exhibit 1



Exhibit 2

POINT OF BEGINNING: Point of intersection of the south right-of-way line of Manship Street and the east right-of-way line of North Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Thence: Run in a easterly direction along the south right-of-way line of Manship Street to the point of intersection of the west right-of-way line of North Jefferson Street;  
Thence: Run in a southerly direction along the west right-of-way line of North Jefferson Street to the point of intersection of the north right-of-way line of Carlisle Street;  
Thence: Run in a westerly direction along the north right-of-way line Carlisle Street to the point of intersection of the east right-of-way line of North Street;  
Thence: Run in a northerly direction along the east right-of-way line of North Street to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

President Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Priestler and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on June 9, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pgs. 178-182".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 23rd day of July, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City As a pre-condition to selection, each proposer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan with the proposal submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a proposer from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the City of Jackson's Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at the following location: 200 South President Street, Room 223, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City of Jackson encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City of Jackson, as well as those who seek to contract with the City of Jackson on various projects and/or conduct business in Jackson to assist the City of Jackson in achieving its goal by strongly considering City of Jackson residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY PEARL SMITH                      CAUSE NO. 25CHI:20-pr-00090

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration have been granted on the 3rd day of March, 2020, by the Chancery Court of the first Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Marcellus Jerrell Smith, Jr., upon the Estate of Mary Pearl Smith, deceased, late of Hinds County, Mississippi. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present to Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice and by failure to do so they will be forever barred.

This the 30 day of July, 2020.

Marcellus Jerrell Smith, Jr.  
Executor of the  
Estate of Mary Pearl Smith, Deceased

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**IN CONNECTION WITH**  
**THE REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY DELTA PROJECT AT THE HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT (JMAA PROJECT NO. 009-16)**

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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) 664-3516  
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713  
Attention: Chad G Parker, Director of Procurement

A copy of the plans and specifications for the Work are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders may register and order plans and specifications from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website (<http://planroom.jaxblue.com>). There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. 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 \$75.00 plus \$20.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$25.00 plus applicable sales tax. Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601) 353-5803.

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JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB. JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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# Congressman John Lewis: A Memorable Event

U. S. Congressmen John Lewis and Bennie Thompson attended the first Grand Celebration and Gala for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum February 23-24, 2018, at the Jackson Convention Center. Both congressmen, along with other distinguished guests, were honored by Friends of Mississippi Civil Rights, Inc. who sponsored the event.

Lewis received the Lifetime Achievement Award and Thompson received the Chairman's Award.

Also honored were Rita Schwerner Bender who received the Equal Justice Award; Ruby Bridges Hall who received the Fannie Lou Hammer Legacy Award; and Representative Robert Clark who received the Medgar Evers Legacy Award.

Lewis, whose birthday was February 21, was surprised by the presentation of a birthday cake.

The event was co-chaired by Representative Sonya Williams-Barnes, Dist. 119 and Judge Carlos Moore.



Honorees l-r: Thompson, Hall, Lewis, Bender, Clark



Lewis speaking

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Lewis and Hall



Lewis prepares to cut his surprise birthday cake.

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# Congressman John Lewis: Two Museums

Congressman John Lewis visited Two Museums in Jackson February 24, 2018. On this occasion Lewis was presented a personal guitar with his name on it by Mayor Choke Lumumba and Clarksdale Police Chief Sandra Williams. Also visiting the Two Museums with Lewis were U.S. Congressman Cedric Richmond, 2nd Congressional District, Louisiana; U. S. Senator Cory Booker from New Jersey and U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson, Mississippi 2nd Congressional District.



(: l-r) Congressman Bennie Thompson, Congressman Cedric Richmond, Judge Carlos Moore (standing) and Congressman John Lewis



(l-r) Congressman Bennie Thompson, Congressman Cory Booker and Congressman John Lewis



(l-r) Mayor Choke Lumumba, NAACP President, Derrick Johnson, Congressman John Lewis and Clarksdale Police Chief Sandra Williams.



Congressman Thompson, Congressman Booker, Congressman Lewis, and Director of Two Museums, Pamela Junior. PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

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BOOK REVIEW:

WHITE TOO LONG:  
THE LEGACY OF WHITE SUPREMACY IN AMERICAN  
CHRISTIANITY

BY ROBERT P. JONES

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

Sundays just don’t seem to last. You get up, attend church, attend fellowship, rush home for dinner, maybe more church in the evening. And before you know it, Sunday’s over and you’re left trying to remember what you learned to get you through the week. But maybe, says Robert P. Jones in “White Too Long,” it’s time to examine what you learned that you don’t remember.

Nearly 180 years ago, at a convention of members of the

Baptist church, the issue was raised about whether there was room in Christianity for slave-holding. In the days following the gathering, Reverend Basil Manly, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, sent out a letter demanding confirmation that indeed, a Godly man could have slaves. When his group received a swift denial, Manley and other church leaders split and formed their own organization, a move that ultimately led to the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), the country’s largest Christian denomi-

nation. And until about forty years ago, says Jones, this pro-slavery stance and the white supremacist roots went largely unexamined by white Baptists. Politics were not always mentioned with these issues then – at least, not like they are now. Lest we point fingers unfairly, however, Jones says that racism is not just a Southern Baptist Convention notion: the same issues crop up in Catholicism and other denominations, as well as other areas of the U.S. Overall, he states that white Christianity has been the biggest, ‘til-now-

unchallenged reason for the propagation of white power and dominance. So what can be done? Rather than merely removing or destroying statues honoring white supremacists, many cities are also placing markers honoring integration and black leaders. We can pay attention to our histories, and recognize our own most complex truths. And, he says, time will also help – it has to, because our nation’s souls are at risk. The first – perhaps only – thing you’ll need to know about “White Too Long” is that it’s

deep. Bottom-of-the-ocean deep. Like, all-thirteen-verses-of-”Amazing-Grace” deep. It’s not even close to what you might consider to be a casual read. As the founder of Public Religion Research Institute and a man who grew up in the Southern Baptist church, author Robert P. Jones bases his material here on his own solid studies, as well as theology and personal background. That’s all good, but the depth of the content and meaning of this information also results in ideas that circle back and back again, and

that can make the mind reel in befuddlement. You may have to read a sentence (or a paragraph) two or three times to get the full impact of it, or to understand what’s before or after it. This can feel like a very long sermon on a very sleepy Sunday morning. Beware that there’s controversy all over this book but in today’s world, it’s an absolute must-read – as long as you give yourself time for thought. If you are a theologian especially, or are fighting racism, “White Too Long” might not be long enough.



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# Congressman John Robert Lewis

*Crosses Over Edmund Pettus Bridge One More Time*

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# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

### HCSD returning student enrollment process

Parent of returning students, please visit the HCSD website and click on Online Enrollment Help which will take you to the Active Parent Portal. Active student codes were mailed with student final report cards. If you do not have a code, please contact your school. For issues, with login, please call the technology hotline at 601-857-7022.

Visit [enrollhindscountyschools.com](http://enrollhindscountyschools.com) for more information. Explore our district website for more information and updates at [www.hinds.k12.ms.us](http://www.hinds.k12.ms.us)

### HCSD Kindergarten registration open

Parents, Bolton/Edwards Elementary, Gary Road Elementary, Raymond Elementary, and Utica Elementary School kindergarten registration for the 2020 – 2021 school year is now opened. Contact your school to today or visit [enrollhindscountyschools.com](http://enrollhindscountyschools.com) for more information.

### Hinds County Distance Learning Support – Contact HCSD Technology Department!

Who do we contact in the HCSD Technology Department for distance learning support?		
Tool	Use	Point of Contact for Technology Support
Remind	Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Principal to staff</li><li>➤ Teachers to parents and students</li></ul>	Lisa Jones <a href="https://calendly.com/ljones-19">https://calendly.com/ljones-19</a> 601-954-5353
Google Education Suite	Support Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Google Classroom</li><li>➤ Google Meets which teachers use to provide direct virtual instruction to students</li><li>➤ Google Slides</li><li>➤ Google Forms</li><li>➤ Google Docs</li></ul>	Kimberly Kuykendall <a href="https://calendly.com/kkuykendall-1">https://calendly.com/kkuykendall-1</a> 601-876-1266
Zoom	Interactive Online Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Video and audio-conferencing tool</li><li>➤ District use for staff conferences</li></ul>	Dr. Cynthia Wallace <a href="https://calendly.com/drcwallace">https://calendly.com/drcwallace</a> 601-460-4506
Google Accounts	Username & Passwords <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Teachers</li><li>➤ Students</li></ul>	Margaret Brown <a href="https://calendly.com/mabrown">https://calendly.com/mabrown</a> 601-857-7010
SAMS	Passwords <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Teachers</li><li>➤ Parents</li></ul>	Cheryl Johnson <a href="https://calendly.com/chejohnson-2">https://calendly.com/chejohnson-2</a> 601-857-7022
Calendly	Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ As needed for tech assistance</li></ul>	Margaret Brown <a href="https://calendly.com/mabrown">https://calendly.com/mabrown</a> 601-857-7010
i-Ready & Waterford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Staff - Troubleshooting</li><li>➤ Students – help logging on and questions</li></ul>	Renee Myers <a href="https://calendly.com/rmyers-5">https://calendly.com/rmyers-5</a> 601-857-7010
Clever	Username & Passwords <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Teachers</li><li>➤ Students</li></ul>	Lisa Jones <a href="https://calendly.com/ljones-19">https://calendly.com/ljones-19</a> 601-954-5353

### HCSD SCHOOLS AND CONTACTS

#### Bolton Edwards Elementary/Middle School

9700 I 20 Frontage Road  
Bolton, MS 39041  
Phone Number: (601) 866-2522  
**Assistant Principal:** George Jones  
**Principal:** Mrs. Lashurn Williams

#### Byram Middle School

2009 Byram Bulldog Blvd  
Terry, MS 39170  
Phone Number: (601) 372-4597  
**Principal:** Mrs. Michelle Ray

#### Carver Middle School/Life Skills Academy and Restart Center

560 Port Gibson Street  
Raymond, MS 39154  
Phone Number: (601) 857-5006  
**Principal:** Mrs. Kimberly Davenport

#### Gary Road Elementary School

7241 Gary Road  
Byram, MS 39272  
Phone Number: (601) 373-1319  
**Principal:** Jenetha Lampkin

#### Gary Road Intermediate School

7255 Gary Road  
Byram, MS 39272  
Phone Number: (601) 372-8150  
**Principal:** Ashley Green

#### Raymond Elementary School

417 Palestine Street  
Raymond, MS 39154  
Phone Number: (601) 857-0213  
**Assistant Principal:** Roshonda Clark

#### Raymond High School

14050 Highway 18  
Raymond, MS 39154  
Phone Number: (601) 857-8016  
Fax Number: (601) 857-2007  
**Principal:** Mr. Lorenzo Grimes

#### Terry High School

235 West Beasley Road  
Terry, MS 39170  
Phone Number: (601) 878-5905  
Fax Number: (601) 878-2782  
**Principal:** Daniel Klien

#### Utica Elementary Middle School

260 Highway 18 & 27  
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Congressman John Lewis' rich legacy of activism and public service is a deep inspiration. Despite the tremendous physical loss of such a titan for freedom, I pray the spirit of his constant fight and unconditional sacrifice will remain with us. Congressman Lewis' life and achievements gave us hope and vision. He gave this country so much, but I believe his greatest contribution to us was the selfless love and humanity he exhibited to every person he met. He is unequivocally one of our heroes and will be sorely missed.

May he rest in power.

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