

Remembering Charles Evers: Mississippi's first black mayor

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Writer

Charles Evers was an American civil rights activist, businessman, disc jockey, politician and father. Evers made history by becoming Mississippi's first black mayor since Reconstruction in a small rural town in 1969. Evers died Wednesday, July 22, at his daughter's home in Brandon. He was 97 years old. Evers left behind nine daughters and one son to continue his legacy.

Evers is the third civil rights leader to die within a week. Representative John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian, both died July 17. All three prominent leaders marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement.

James Charles Evers was born in Decatur, Mississippi September 11, 1922. He was the oldest of James and Jessie Wright Evers' four children, including civil rights martyr Medgar Evers, former field secretary for the Mississippi NAACP who was assassinated in his driveway by white supremacist and Ku Klux Klan member, Byron De La Beckwith, June 12, 1963.

A decade after Medgar's assassination, Evers and blues musician B.B. King created the Medgar Evers Homecoming Festival, an annual three-day



“Charles Evers (left, seated in his office at WMPR 90.1) is one of the world's greatest civil rights leaders in the United States, particularly in Mississippi. He promoted and campaigned to get black officials elected in the state of Mississippi. I was elected because Charles Evers came to Tchula, MS and campaigned on my behalf. I am grateful for Mr. James Charles Evers,” said Dr. Eddie James Carthan, (right) the first black mayor of Tchula elected in 1977. PHOTO BY EDELIA CARTHAN

event held the first week of June in honor of Medgar Evers.

Evers is a 1950 graduate of Alcorn A&M, now Alcorn State

University, and served in the U.S. Army in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Before Evers changed his life,

his was involved in bootlegging alcohol, prostitution and run-

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School District reports positive cases of COVID-19 during first week of school

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Corinth School District was one of the first school districts to reopen and resume classes face to face about a week ago, and the district reported its first positive COVID-19 case the same week.

The Corinth School District reopened for the fall semester July 27 and reported their first positive COVID-19 case four days later. Parents or guardians of Corinth students were given the option of returning to school in person or virtually. About 80-85% of the students and their families chose to go back to school in person. The rest have decided to attend school virtually according to the superintendent.

The Corinth School District posted on its Facebook page, July 31, that an individual tested positive for COVID-19. “We have had an individual test positive at Corinth High School. Contact tracing at the school has been completed and anyone close (within 6 feet of an infected person for 25 minutes or more) to this person has been notified.

If you were notified, your child will need to quarantine for 14 days from the last known contact. While quarantining, your child may not attend school or any school activities. However, they should continue working digitally in order to be counted present. Superintendent Lee Chil-

dress said a parent of the student who tested positive for the virus contacted the school district. It was reported that 14 students were in contact with the student who tested positive. “It's something our community wanted. It's something we thought we could do,” said Childress. “We took precautions by keeping windows and doors open to have ventilation in the classrooms. We did anything that we can do to provide a safe learning environment.”

The district had two more positive cases reported on Monday. The district made a statement in another letter posted on Facebook, “We have had two additional individuals test positive at Corinth High School,” the district announced.

“This makes three positive cases at Corinth High School. These three individuals attended school early last week but have not been present at Corinth High School since Tuesday of last week,” the post read.

“One of the things we asked our teachers to do is have seating charts that show where students are in each of the classrooms and we know the distances that exist between those desks,” Childress explained.

As one of the first school districts to reopen, the district says the Mississippi State De-

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Fear and anger inspired Slaughter-Harvey to fight for change

Gratitude inspired former troopers to honor her

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey was the first African-American woman to graduate from the Ole Miss School of Law and soon after graduation filed a suit that would enable blacks to serve as troopers in the State of Mississippi when at the time there were none.

In an interview with *The Mississippi Link*, Slaughter recalled the days when seeing a state trooper brought fear and anger to her and other African Americans. She said many troopers were members of the Ku Klux Klan(KKK) and when stopped, blacks had to endure insults and name calling. She remembers thinking, “they should not get paid for insulting people.” It was this behavior that inspired her soon after graduating from law school, to file a law suit so that brave blacks could also be state troopers. She said “I was committed



Charles Jackson presents Slaughter-Harvey with trophy as R.O. Williams looks on.

to making a change. “The change she fought for became a reality when R. O. Williams, Lewis Younger and Walter Crosby became the first African-Ameri-

can state troopers in 1972.

On July 30, former troopers, for whom she fought in that law suit, held a press conference in her honor at the Ma-



Lewis Younger, pictured as one of the first black state troopers in Mississippi.

sonic Temple in Jackson. Williams, who was the spokesman and an organizer for the press event, said, “We are here to say thank you to Connie for her

years of service and dedication. He went on to say, “We refer to her as Mother Pearl because It was her tenacity, skills, dedication and her dislike of the HWY Patrol that made us who we are today.”

Charles Jackson, a retired trooper from Missouri, on behalf of the troopers, presented Slaughter-Harvey with a trophy bearing the Eagle Mascot of her Alma Mata, Tougaloo College. He said, “It's because of what you did here that opened the doors for us in Missouri and across the nation; and if it had not happened here, I'm not sure whether any of us would be standing here today.”

Jackson later told *The Mississippi Link*, “It is no telling how long it would have been before black troopers were hired in Mississippi, had it not been for Attorney Slaughter-Harvey. He said, “We need to always honor those who paved the way for us.”

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State Health Officer orders statewide COVID-19 isolation

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On Tuesday State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs MD, MPH, issued a statewide order for the isolation of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 effective immediately.

The order – issued to everyone living in Mississippi – stipulates

that anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 must immediately isolate at home.

Dobbs explains, “We have a lot of COVID activity throughout the state right now, so it is absolutely critical that anyone infected with COVID-19, and not hospitalized,

must remain in the home or other appropriate residential location for 14 days from onset of illness (or from the date of a positive test for those who are asymptomatic).”

The failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is, at a minimum, a misdemeanor pun-

ishable by a fine of \$500 (41-3-59) or imprisonment for six months or both. If a life-threatening disease is involved, failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both (41-23-2).

Persons infected with COVID-19 should limit exposure to household contacts. No visitors should be allowed in the home. Please stay in a specific room away from others in your home. Use a separate bathroom if available.

If you need to be around others in your home, you should wear a facemask.

See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html> for guidance on preventing transmission in the home.

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(L-R) Tougaloo College President Carmen Walters, Slaughter-Harvey, Charles Jackson, Helen Sims, R.O. Williams



Lester Williams, retired trooper; Carmen Walters, Charles Jackson, Dillon Williams, R.O. Williams, Slaughter-Harvey, Warren Miller and Frank Figgers PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

Lewis Younger said the original plan was to honor her with a banquet July 28 but due to Covid-19 they decided against it. He said they still wanted to move forward in honoring her 50 years after the law suit was first filed and therefore planned the press conference. Younger recalled the original law suit was lost in state court in 1970 but Slaughter-Harvey won it in the Federal Court of Appeals June 28, 1972 and thus the three, Williams, Younger and Crosby, graduated and became state troopers September 1, 1972.

Slaughter in her comments said, “I found I was an instrument of

God to start the change but it was the troopers who executed the change.” She said they accepted the call during the days when the highway patrol represented the state arm of the KKK. She went on to say, “These guys didn’t stop with their graduation as patrolmen. They continued by mentoring young people.” Slaughter said she was humbled to be honored but also was left with feelings of déjà vu as she thought about what happened with the murder of George Floyd and other African Americans that have been wrongly killed at the hands of officers. She said she was getting flash backs of the fear

and anger she felt 50 years ago.

Slaughter-Harvey was also presented with a letter from Helen Sims, C.E.O. of The Rev. George Lee and Fannie Lou Hamer Civil Rights Museums expressing their beliefs that the retirement of the confederate uniforms worn by highway patrolmen would be one of the greatest moves towards racial reconciliation. In this letter, they asked for the help and support of the same attorney that paved the way for African Americans to become state troopers when there were none.



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ning numbers in Mississippi and Chicago. Evers revealed this part of his story before entering the political arena.

In 1949, Evers began his radio career at WHOC-AM in Philadelphia, Mississippi where he played blues and used his platform to encourage black listeners to register to vote. After Medgar’s assassination, Charles succeeded Medgar as field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP.

Like many civil rights leaders, Evers used economic boycotts to rally blacks to register to vote and to fight for equal treatment in the 1960s especially after the passage of the Voters Right Act of 1965.

In 1968, Evers ran for the U.S. House of Representatives, winning the Democratic first primary before losing the runoff to white contender Charles Griffin.

On June 3, 1969, Charles Evers made history when he was elected mayor of Fayette, becoming the first African American to head a multiracial town in Mississippi since Reconstruction. Evers served sixteen years as mayor of Fayette and was named Man of the Year by the NAACP. Evers was quoted as saying, “Hands that picked cotton can now pick the mayor.”

In 1971, Evers ran for governor unsuccessfully against William “Bill” Waller, the attorney who prosecuted Medgar’s murderer, Byron DeLa Bethwith and that same year, he published an autobiography entitled, Evers. He published another memoir in 1997 titled, Have No Fear.

In 1978, Evers ran as an independent for the U.S. Senate where he split the Democratic vote, and Thad Cochran won with just 45% of the vote making him the first Republican to win a statewide election in Mississippi since Reconstruction.

In 1983, Evers ran as an independent for governor but lost to Democrat Bill Allain.

Evers then joined the Republican party and endorsed Ronald Reagan for president in 1980. In 2016, Evers was one of the state’s six electoral votes casted for Donald Trump.

After retiring from politics, Evers became manager of WMPR 90.1 FM. where he hosted a weekly radio show, “Let’s Talk,” where he discussed politics, race and current events. Evers was inducted into the National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame in 2017 for his contributions to the music industry.

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and the Jackson City Council held a spe-

cial meeting honoring the civil rights activist. During the meeting, there was a moment of silence and a resolution was presented to the Evers family.

The City Council voted to rename the street, Pecan Park Circle to James Charles Evers Circle. The radio station Evers ran for years, WMPR 90.1FM, is located at 1018 Pecan Park Circle. “I love it,” Wanda Evers, Evers’ daughter, who manages WMPR 90.1 replied. “Well deserved.”

When asked about what she remembers most about her dad, Wanda recalled her dad saying, “If you are in charge, be in charge.” Dad was a caring loving man who took care of his community. He always talked about wanting to see his brother again. Now they both are looking down at us laughing.”

Wanda’s sibling, Charlene Evers-KreelI, recalls her dad’s interaction with a young person. “We were in a restaurant and a young person called out to dad,

“Mr. Evers, Mr Evers.” He replied, “That’s me.” Were you born on 9/11?” the young man asked. Dad’s quick comeback was, “I was here first,” and they all laughed.

“He was a people’s person. He didn’t believe in all white or all black,” Charlene said. “When I asked him years ago during the Nixon administration why he switched parties, he said, “Baby, we don’t all need to be in one party.”

Wanda said they are honor-

ing her dad with a block party, Friday at 12 noon where the city plans to officially rename the street in memory of James Charles Evers. Wanda said although he didn’t want one, there is a memorial planned for Saturday, at the Thalia Malia Hall at 11 a.m.. Only the first 500 people will be allowed to enter on a first come first served basis.

Evers requested to be cremated and his wish was that his ashes be spread across his brother’s grave at Arlington Na-

tional Cemetery.

He was Mississippi’s mayor and will be truly missed.

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Congressman John Lewis



“Choose confrontation wisely, but when it is your time, don't be afraid to stand up, speak up, and speak out against injustice. And if you follow your truth down the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself.”

— John Lewis, Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America

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partment of Health and the Center for Disease Control is in close contact to ensure the proper safety protocols are in place.

Reactions and responses from parents and community members varied on the district’s Facebook page. “We applaud you guys! I could not be more proud to be a part of this school district! Thank you for the transparency. Praying for the families affected by this and our school district,” Nicole Roach wrote on Facebook under the initial post.

“That didn’t take long,” Brian Latch added. “OMG, just close the schools till this mess is over,” Debbie Kennedy chimed in. There were hundreds of posts from the community giving their feedback.

The superintendent said he would continue to be transparent and emphasized that everyone inside the school was required to wear masks.

James Charles Evers

1922 - 2020

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

The Honorable James Charles Evers, beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, friend, politician, entrepreneur and civil rights activist passed away July 22, 2020, due to natural causes at the age of 97. He was born September 11, 1922, to James and Jessie Wright Evers in Decatur, Mississippi. Charles was the middle child of eight siblings.

As a child growing up in Mississippi, he experienced racism and segregation at an early age that compelled him to challenge the Jim Crow laws that governed the south.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during WWII until he returned home to Mississippi in 1946. In 1950, he graduated from Alcorn A&M College (now Alcorn State University) in Lorman, Mississippi.

At the time of his brother's, Medgar Wiley Evers, assassination June 12, 1963, he was living in Chicago. Upon learning of the assassination, a heartbroken and determined Charles returned to Mississippi and succeeded his brother as field secretary of the NAACP in 1964. That same year he accompanied Fannie Lou Hamer to the Democratic National Convention to challenge the all-white Democratic delegation from Mississippi. It was at this convention where Ms. Hamer coined her famous phrase, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired."

During his tenure as field secretary, Charles organized boycotts and voter registration efforts throughout the state. Becoming a civil rights activist in his own right, he unabashedly spoke up and out about the inequalities and injustices facing African Americans.

In addition to his efforts to register African Americans to vote, he advocated for African Americans to have an opportunity to participate in the political process by running for elected office. He unsuccessfully ran as a Democrat for an open seat in Congress in 1968. As a friend and supporter of the Kennedy family, he became co-chairman of the Mississippi campaign for Senator Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 Presidential Democratic nomination.

In 1969, Charles became the first African American elected mayor of a biracial city in Mississippi since Reconstruction. Understanding the importance of economic growth in his city, he opened multiple businesses for people to work, shop, and play during the sixteen years he served as mayor of Fayette, Mississippi. Notably, in 1971, he opened the Medgar Evers Comprehensive Health Center to provide healthcare for the community.

After serving as mayor, he made unsuccessful but memorable bids for governor in 1971 and United States senator in 1978, as an Independent.

After concluding his political career, Charles became manager of WMPR 90.1 F.M, the "Voice of the Community." He hosted a weekly radio program, "Let's Talk," where he was known to speak frankly on a myriad of topics including race, politics and current events. Fearless when tackling unpopular topics, he never shied away from being provocative or controversial. He would routinely boast, "Before I take it back, I'll say it ten thousand more times."

While Charles' accomplishments and accolades are many, he remained humble and approachable. He always made it clear that his life's mission was to carry on the legacy of his brother, Medgar. Toward that end, he established the B.B. King/Medgar Wiley Evers Homecoming to celebrate Medgar's life and legacy. The annual event has featured a memorial service, parade, gospel concert and a blues concert. By bringing world-renowned activists, artists and entertainers to Mississippi for over 55 years, Charles helped ensure that people in Mississippi and beyond always remembered and honored Medgar.

Never straying too far from his love of politics, Charles was also a friend and informal advisor to six American Presidents (Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Reagan, Bush and Trump).

He leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy ten children: Patricia Evers Murchison, Carolyn Evers Cockrell (Charles), Velma Charlene Evers Kreel (Major (R) Nicholas), Rachel Evers Allen (Willie), Sheila Evers Blackmon (Gus), Yvonne Evers, Wanda Evers, Carlos Evers (Carla), Cheryl Brown (Juan), Tekita Thomas (Will); twenty four grandchildren, twenty six great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Jessie, and six siblings: Janie Evers Buckley, Eddie Graham, Eva Graham Williams, Eugene Graham, Medgar Wiley Evers, Elizabeth Evers Jordan and Mary Ruth Evers Hawkins.

Charles will be remembered for the unwavering love and support he showed his family, friends and community. He did things "The Charles Evers Way." Mississippi and this nation are better because of it.

"Don't remember me as a politician or a civil rights leader, but as a man who told the truth, and paid the price." – Charles Evers 1996



Family Reflections

Charles Evers, our dad, told us during his last season on earth, that he had lived an "amazingly long full life." He stated that "The Lord has been so good to him" because he was blessed to have enjoyed a loving relationship with his parents and siblings. After serving our country in WWII, upon his return to Mississippi, our dad took the opportunity to attend college, become an athlete and the class president while developing his entrepreneurial skills. Enlisting into the Army gave him a chance to see different countries and cultures and be treated with respect, which he hadn't experienced here in America due to the color of his skin. Dad was a teacher in the public school system, businessman, civil rights activist, mayor, author and radio host. All the while, he was a husband, father, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather.

As the years have gone by, we look back on our father's actions and appreciate all of the sacrifices and life-threatening decisions made just so we as African Americans could live better lives. During our last long conversation earlier this year, dad talked about a variety of subjects but emphasized and wanted to make clear to his children that whenever the LORD called him home, he was ready to go. He had fought a good fight and was elected the first black mayor of a bi-racial town in Mississippi. He had been around the world with Uncle BB (BB KING), traveled to Africa and the Holy Land, saw America elect the first black president, a political achievement he never thought he would see in his lifetime.

Dad, thank you for the many life lessons and words of wisdom you've imparted, like "Stand For What You Believe In" "... Count Your Own Money" and "Don't Let Someone's Negative Opinion of You Change Your Thoughts of Who You Are!"

We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that we alter our usual celebration of life for our dad to comply with local, state and national guidelines to slow the spread of this deadly disease. Therefore, a homegoing memorial service for The Honorable James Charles Evers will occur Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Thaila Mara Hall with limited seating. The service will begin promptly at 11a.m.

Our family appreciates your prayers, patience and respect during our time of loss. We, also thank you for your love, respect and appreciation of "The Mayor" Charles Evers.

Blessings,
The Evers Family

HCSD delayed start until August 17, 2020

Hinds County School District

After reviewing the Governor’s August 4, 2020, Executive Order 1517 the Hinds County School District has decided to delay its re-opening for all students in grades PreK-12th until August 17, 2020. This will include students who selected traditional, hybrid and virtual learning options.

All schools are scheduled to re-open on Monday, August 17 with students following their schedule of choice which includes:

On August 17 every student in pre-K through eighth grade who chose a TRADITIONAL schedule will report to their assigned campus.

On August 17 every student in pre-K through eighth grade who chose a VIRTUAL schedule will log into their classes and begin their synchronous virtual learning.

On August 17 all high school students who selected a HYBRID schedule will report to their assigned campus if it is their

in-person day. Any hybrid student who is virtual on August 17 will complete their asynchronous assignments online.

On August 17 all high school students who selected a VIRTUAL schedule will log into their classes if it is their synchronous learning day. Any virtual student who is asynchronous on August 17 will complete their asynchronous assignments.

As outlined in the Governor’s Executive Order, “This brief delay to the start of the 2020-2021 academic year will allow parents and guardians in our county to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19, as well as to provide time for such children to remain at home or in another family environment with limited interactions with persons outside of their family, to practice social distancing and to wear face coverings while in public, all of which will decrease the risk of community spread of COVID-19 when school begins.”

All district schools will tentatively re-open on Monday, August 17, with sev-

eral safety measures in place to protect the health of students, faculty and staff members. In addition to daily temperature checks of everyone entering school buildings, masks or face coverings will be required on buses and inside buildings, with limited medical exceptions. Classrooms, common areas, and buses will be sanitized daily, and the district has built upon its existing partnership with Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Center to launch clinics that can perform COVID-19 tests in every school.

The full reopening plan, which includes a complete list of measures the district is taking to protect the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, is available at www.hinds.k12.ms.

We are asking that our parents and staff stay updated through our area news channels, our website, local social media tools and our School Connect app.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Rust welcomes back Newton as men’s head basketball coach

Mississippi Link Newswire

Rust College has announced the hiring of Edward Newton as the head Bbasketball coach. Newton will start immediately.

“We are excited to have him return to Rust,” said Athletic Director Ishmell H. Edwards. “Coach Newton has an extensive coaching background. He is a gifted teacher with a passion for the sport of basketball and developing young men into leaders. He is the perfect person to reenergize our men’s basketball program.”

Newton comes to Rust College after having served as the assistant men’s basketball coach at Harris Stowe State University during the 2019-2020 season. While there, the team became the American Midwest Conference Champions and NAIA National Tournament Qualifier.

He has also previously served as the assistant men’s basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama. While at Miles, Newton recruited, obtained and recorded recruiting logs for the entire staff, and broke down practices with post players. He helped lead the team to a 21-9 overall record while capturing the school’s first ever SIAC West Division Regular Season Championship and the school’s first ever SIAC Tournament Championship.

“I am extremely excited to be back home. I have been blessed these past five years by being a part of five conference tournament championships in a row, at three different colleges. Now, I have the opportunity to bring some home and that means the



Newton

world to me and my family,” said Newton. He also added, “I’m grateful for Dr. Beckley for bringing me back before he retired. I also want to thank Dr. Edwards for being a mentor and father figure in my life for so many years. Last, but not least, I want to say thank you to Rust College’s president, Dr. Ivy R. Taylor for allowing me to come back. Dr. Taylor has the vision and energy to move Rust to where it needs to be and I look forward to working for her.”

Newton also thanks Rust College alumni and friends for the love and support they have shown since his return.

Prior to his time at Miles, Newton was the assistant men’s basketball coach at Dillard University and the head men’s basketball coach at Rust College. He has also spent time at LeMoyn-Owen College and McPherson College.

Newton received his Bachelor of Arts in mass communication from Rust College.

Rust College competes in Black College Quiz Bowl

Mississippi Link Newswire

A Rust College scholar, Najee El-Amin, recently represented the college at the Black College Quiz Bowl (BCQ) in Atlanta, Georgia. As a standard tradition, students from 28 HBCUs across the nation, compete for top scholarships and prizes during the taping of this fast-pace show. Hosted by Nephew Tommy of The Steve Harvey Morning Show, the competitors are quizzed on an array of topics including history, entertainment, education, HBCUs and more.

El-Amin, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin native, is a junior honor student majoring in mass communications. He currently serves as captain of the award-winning Rust College Speech & Debate Team. He was accompanied to BCQ by his coach for this event, Sharron Goodman-Hill, mass com-

munications instructor. According to the Central City Production schedule, the Rust College semifinal show will air August 8 and September 19 on BOUNCETV.

Rust College is a historically Black, co-educational, senior liberal arts college founded in 1866 by the Freedman’s Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to offer quality programs in business, education, humanities, science and math and social science to prepare students for leadership and service in a global society.

Located in Holly Springs, MS, Rust College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate and baccalaureate degrees.

For more information about Rust College, call 662 252-8000, or visit www.rustcollege.edu.



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How many new homeschoolers will we have this year?

By Brett Kittredge
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Over the past two decades, the number of homeschoolers in Mississippi – and in America – has more than doubled as this education choice has moved from the fringes of society to a practice that is legal in every state.

But even with that growth, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, homeschoolers represent just three percent of the student population. However, that was before the coronavirus pandemic shut down more than 100,000 schools for over 55 million children last spring.

Even if it was government led with government curriculum, every family in Mississippi had a taste of homeschooling. Some sarcastically quipped that would end homeschooling. But then polling

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started to tell us otherwise. Almost overnight, homeschooling favorability rose. Twenty, thirty, even forty percent said they wouldn't be sending their kids back to school in the fall.

Even the strongest advocates of homeschooling know that we won't see numbers like that, but we are all expecting a large departure from both public schools, and potentially from private schools as well. Why? There's an interesting mix of parents who feel that sending their children into a large school setting isn't safe, while another large group doesn't like the restrictions that will be coming, limiting interaction with friends, while requiring face masks in many (or perhaps all) school settings.

Fortunately, it is easy to get

started homeschooling in Mississippi. For a state that has generally shown little interest in education freedom, the freedom to homeschool is broadly supported and protected by law. The one thing a parent must do is file an annual certificate of enrollment with your local school district's school attendance officer. All you need on the form is your child's name, address, phone number, and a simple description of the program such as, "age appropriate curriculum."

When you do that, your child and you are now exempt from the state's punitive compulsory education laws. There are no requirements on curriculum or testing or who can teach. Parents, instead, have the freedom to choose the educational system, style and setting that works best for them and their children.

The Department of Education "recommends" parents review state curriculum guidelines and maintain a portfolio of their child's work, though that is not required. As opposed to following a government curriculum that tells your child what he or she must learn at what age, homeschooling allows you to let your child learn at their own pace.

That means a child who is excelling can move forward at a quicker pace, cover additional topics, or take in material at a deeper level. If a child is struggling, you can slow down, switch your teaching style, or bring in new materials. If your child has a unique interest, the world is literally at their fingertips with scores of free, online training materials. Yes, YouTube is filled with funny cat videos. But it also provides a library of instruction on virtually

any topic you can think of.

Thanks to today's technology, a quick Google search can help you get more comfortable with homeschooling. There is an abundance of homeschool Facebook groups with veterans who are willing to share their ideas on getting started, curriculum, extracurricular activities, maintaining your sanity and much more. Connection to these groups is also a venue to plan an endless variety of outings and field trips. It won't take long to realize your child will receive as much "socialization" as you would like.

There are also options such as co-ops, where families gather and share teaching responsibilities among parents. Similarly, we have seen the emergence of microschools this year in which a small group of parents pool their resources together to hire a

teacher.

If you're on the fence about homeschooling, worried about what homeschool might look like in your family, or just not sure you can do it, at least take a closer look. Fill out the necessary forms, do your research, and talk with other homeschool families.

You might find what many homeschool families did long ago: Giving children time and freedom to pursue their individual interests while utilizing a curriculum consistent with the values of your family, rather than following forced government mandates created by faceless bureaucrats, tends to produce very positive results.

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Barbers get mental health training to aid black communities

By Andrew J. Yawn
USA Today

The barber's chair may be the new therapy couch for parts of the south where mental health care is in short supply.

In Mississippi, one of six southern states ranked in the bottom 10 for mental health care access, approximately 60 black barbers have been trained over the past year to engage their clients in mental health discussions that may not otherwise happen.

"As a barber, people listen to our advice a lot, and the training just brought that out more," said Antonio Wiggins, who cuts hair and teaches at the Trendsetters Barber College in Jackson, Miss. "I didn't even realize I was helping people mentally and how important that was."

Conversation is part of the allure in barbershops like Trendsetters.

Men will wait 6 to 7 hours on a Saturday for a cut and spend the day swapping sports opinions, vetting conspiracy theories or debating grandiose hypotheticals – "What's the worst thing you think has ever happened?"

"We like to say we're like the black country club," Wiggins said. "You come to the barbershop and people automatically feel comfortable. It's the barbershop talk."

In June, Wiggins was one of 20 who participated in the latest round of training by The Confess Project, an Arkansas-based group that has taught black barbers across the south how to fold emotional support into that "shop talk" and de-stigmatize those conversations in predominantly male waiting areas.

Wiggins said the training showed him that what goes unsaid can be just as important to listen for.

"I've had clients (before) who committed suicide, clients who had depression," Wiggins said. "This has made me pay attention more to different words a client might use. Or if a client wants to let others get before them, basically they don't really want a haircut and maybe want to talk more. It makes me pay more attention, because it may be something that could save that person's life."

Barriers to mental health care

Studies have shown black people nationwide have a higher risk of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) than other ethnic groups. That risk is heightened in southern states like Mississippi where high rates of poverty, violence and abuse can deepen trauma.

Still, in Mississippi and other parts of the south, barriers to mental health access remain high.

The state ranks No. 48 nationally for mental health care access, according to a report released this year by Mental Health America (MHA), which analyzed how many people



Barber Darius Campbell cuts Terry resident Ben Smith's hair at his shop in Terry, Miss., Thursday, July 23, 2020. CAM BONELLI/HATTIESBURG AMERICAN

received treatment and how many adults couldn't get treatment due to cost, among other factors.

The lack of access received national attention in 2017 when the federal government seized oversight of the state's mental health care system. U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves ruled, in part, that the state unnecessarily institutionalized people in state hospitals and "has major gaps in its community care."

Mississippi also had the second fewest psychiatrists per capita in 2018, according to 2018 report by University of Michigan Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center.

"Mississippi has pretty much turned its back on mental health issues," said barber Darius Campbell, who also participated in the Confess Project. "There's no funding for mental health issues. The only place we really have to deal with mental health is the state hospital and for the most part, everybody don't belong there. Some people just need that little sit-down to release what's on their mind and what's on their heart."

Overall, the south accounts for six of the bottom 10 states for mental health care access nationwide, according to the MHA report: Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Confess Project has worked with barbers in each of those states except Alabama. And Confess Project founder Lorenzo Lewis said he has seen encouraging results.

"On the micro level we're working to build stronger, healthier relationships," Lewis said. "On the macro level, we see that poverty may be de-

creased. Men come in the shops that have better employment outcomes and better mental health."

Tiffany Haynes, an associate professor at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, studied the barriers to mental health care for black people who live in rural areas. In that 2017 study, she found that high costs and lack of insurance were primary factors as well as a shortage of health-care providers in the region.

Haynes also found that within the black community, a clear need for mental health care often clashed with a lack of access to mental health literacy and deeply-rooted stigmas against seeking therapy.

"Participants in our study talked a lot about stigma. In smaller communities, it's really hard to access these services without someone else knowing what you're doing," Haynes said.

That stigma is something Lewis knows all too well.

Lewis lost his father in the third grade. He still remembers someone telling him to "man up."

"I think that experience manifests with a lot of men," Lewis said.

Lewis likes to use personal experience to connect with the barbers he's training, and as someone who is both a 10-year behavioral health worker and a formerly incarcerated juvenile diagnosed with depression, Lewis likes to say he understands mental health needs both "personally and professionally."

But it was in his aunt's beauty store in Little Rock, Ark., where he found a nurturing environment and his first mentor.

"That's where I saw that I could be

the best I could be. And I saw lives being changed there all those years," Lewis said.

Barbershop therapy

In retrospect, barbershops seem ideal for filling in mental health gaps for black Mississippians.

The barber chair is a great equalizer, where every member of the community sits with self-improvement already in mind. And barbers are familiar, relatable faces in a space known for non-judgement and discretion.

Black mental health workers comprise only 2% of American Psychological Association members, according to a 2017 staffing analysis.

"I learned during the COVID shut-down that barbershops are most people's counseling sessions," Campbell said. "If you could be a fly on the wall and listen to some of the things that's shared, you'd be like, wow, they don't ever need to shut barbershops down again."

The inclusion of barbers such as Campbell, who owns a shop in the 1,100-person town of Terry, Miss., could mean a boost in mental health literacy in rural areas.

In the past year, Campbell said he saw "a lot of broken young men" coming into his shop, which led to his involvement with The Confess Project. While many are not yet comfortable with opening up, he said he continues to apply lessons he's learned. He watches for those avoiding eye contact or drooping their head.

"Now when I see bigger issues, I know the questions to ask," Campbell said. "Or I don't open up with questions and I start by saying, 'Man,

you are so worth it. You don't know how much you helped me today,' and they say, 'Wow, for real?'"

Wiggins, a longtime barber who has seen kids grow from kindergarten to college from behind the barber chair, said he knows of clients with diagnosed mental illnesses. But more often, he sees someone who needs a kind ear.

There was the mother who would always come to get her eyebrows shaped. After one session, she didn't get up from the chair and instead burst into tears and began talking about her son's drug habit.

"She was asking what advice I can give and if I can talk to him. And I did, because I cut his hair also," Wiggins said. "Stuff like that happens all the time."

When a regular of his, James Bennett, came into the shop three years ago, Wiggins knew how he wanted his hair cut: a taper on the side and taken low all over.

And after seven years of cutting Bennett's hair every weekend, Wiggins also knew something was off.

"I knew something was wrong because he had his head down the whole time. We'd normally be laughing and joking and talking about regular barbershop stuff," Wiggins said. "I didn't know he had a gun in his pocket that night."

As Bennett put it in a recent phone call, an ongoing divorce had him angry enough to "do crazy stuff" and "want to hurt somebody, anybody."

Wiggins, sensing the recklessness in his friend, told Bennett not to do anything that would steal time from his mother or his three children.

A week later, Bennett returned to the shop. He explained that he had a gun the week before and thanked Wiggins for being the voice he needed to hear.

"I went back and told him, 'You helped me out. You probably wouldn't be cutting my hair no more because I'd be locked up in jail,'" Bennett said.

Three years later, Bennett still frequents the shop. Sometimes he looks for answers, but since that night in 2017, he also looks for others who need the help he was once given. Reflecting on that night, Bennett said therapy had been an option for him, but he didn't feel comfortable speaking with someone who hadn't had a similar upbringing.

"I'm not saying a therapist can't help me but at that point I was looking for someone who's been through it," Bennett said. "For black people, the barbershop is where men go to speak with other men to get a point of view from everybody. I sit and listen and take all of it in, and it works for me. It keeps me positive."

Sometimes, getting a little off the top can take a weight off your shoulders.

Reconsider This

by H Ralph Samuels Jr.

Here’s a thought to be considered about some things that we’re doing; I’m afraid decisions have been made that’s detrimental and will ultimately lead to ruin

As we all face this deadly pandemic we’ve had to be wise to survive But some care more about the economy while our children’s lives are compromised

They want to open up the schools So the children won’t get behind; But is that really the whole truth, or just another political line?

If they’re concerned about them succeeding and trying to do their very best where do you think their focus will be on the virus or on their test?

Is it really necessary now to put our precious children at risk? Whoever is making that decision please reconsider this...

I remember back in the day before enrolling in any school we all had to be immunized and everybody followed the rule

Mumps, measles and rubella yes we all had to have those shots and if you did not get them done the school house doors you entered not

Now you want me to believe you’re concerned about their education but you want them back in school during a pandemic with no vaccination

Something just does not add up and like Marvin it makes me wanna holla’ we’re jeopardizing our children lives ‘cause we’re worried about the dollar

I know that it is in the law about “one hundred and eighty days of mandatory classroom instruction” and attendance requirements that really pays

But would you put “your” only child intentionally in harms way? I doubt you would at anytime No matter what you do or say

Now I know that there are plans to have them doing everything online Yes it’s safer than reopening But we need to take more time

It is going to be a challenge as parents try to make a selection ‘cause there are those that are without a “working” internet connection

Maybe transfer some of the funding that’s used for the space program; and run some wifi in those areas buy some computers instead of space cams

We need to focus on the things that are happening now and here Space has its place, but we need to stay safe Our “we” will be the “Final Frontier”

So again, look hard at the numbers, maybe there’s something that you’ve missed Then look in your children’s eyes and ask Should we Reconsider This?

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The reopening of schools: A student’s perspective

By Morgan Bridgeman
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It is no secret that the world we’re living in now is different than what we expected when the year first began. In March, many schools let out for spring break and anticipated students returning a week later. Instead, they found themselves having to move all learning to a virtual setting that is unfortunately still the case for the upcoming school year.

As a college student myself, I have seen firsthand what COVID-19 has done to the educational system. Colleges as well as K-12 were inevitably and eventually shut down for the rest of the school year leaving many students facing the difficult transition from in-class learning to virtual learning. Educators and students had to adapt to this new normal that they thought would only last until May.

Here we are in August and schools face the same struggle that they faced in March. As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, schools around the country are making the

tough decisions on what options students will have when returning for the fall semester. In some cases, districts, colleges and universities have given students the option to attend classes entirely virtually or a hybrid option of both virtual and in-class learning. Nevertheless, not all educational institutions have the option of allowing students to virtually attend school.

For those who have to go back to the school buildings, either by requirement or choice, I have many concerns on how equipped these institutions are at keeping students safe.

Many of my concerns pertain to those students who are in K-12. These students, especially those in elementary school, will have a hard time keeping their masks on as well as properly social distancing. They will spread their germs like wildfire without even realizing it. Schools can do their best to clean regularly and monitor kids as best as possible but there is no true guarantee.

Schools can only control students and faculty when they’re in the building; outside of the building students and faculty can go any and everywhere. Thus, they could contract the virus and bring it back to school and infect others causing a ripple effect.

For those of us returning to college campuses, these concerns are even more heightened. Colleges and universities are made up of hundreds or thousands of students from all over the country/world. These students coming from all over causes an increased possibility of it being a COVID-19 outbreak. It is going to be extremely hard to social distance in classes such as labs. It is mostly going to be up to students to fend for themselves and some students will do a better job with that than others.

Ultimately, the reopening of schools is going to be a day by day trail and error run that could lead to strictly virtual learning at any second.

The reopening of schools for

the fall semester really brings in question what we as a society value more. The health and safety of students should be a top priority. If there is a way to keep students and educators safe, then schools should do that. I believe that that way is in a virtual learning space. The virtual and hybrid option is good for students’ safety, but it can cause a hinderance in a student’s learning. However, the virtual space could have been modified over the summer to help make sure that all students could learn.

Educators saw the way COVID-19 was going over the summer and could have really put some thought into what would be best for students. However, I understand this is not the direction that schools are taking due to many reasons such as money and resources. They are doing their best to ensure that students and faculty are safe during this school year.

Through this unknown period, all we can hope for is that the worst case scenario does not happen.

Do you want to honor Congressman John R. Lewis? Vote.

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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I watched the homegoing services for John Lewis with both sadness and determination. Our nation has lost a Civil Rights icon.

Congressman John Lewis marched, was almost killed and jailed for wanting a better America. He wanted an America where all of us would be treated fairly. His America meant opportunities for all of us, not just some of us.

The boy from Troy lived for other people so that we could benefit from living in the greatest country in the world. At 23 years of age, he was the youngest speaker at The March on Washington in 1963. And at 25 years of age, he led the march from Selma to Montgomery.

Lewis said at The March on Washington, “We do not want our freedom gradually, we want it

now.”

One of the freedoms that became a hallmark and signature of Lewis was the right to vote. Years later, our right to vote is still being called into question and marginalized. The House of Representatives has introduced The John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

As men and women of goodwill and right thinking, we cannot let the memory and contributions of Congressman Lewis fade away. This struggle for fairness continues and this may still be the case after many of us are gone.

President Barack Obama used some of 2nd Corinthians, chapter 4, in his eulogy of Lewis last week. This scripture says, “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

“Progress is fragile, and democracy is not automatic,” said Obama. A consistent urging in

each of his services was the importance of voting.

We must vote in record numbers November 3. Our friends, relatives and neighbors must join in this effort. Our constant cry must be that we must vote.

We are marching and protesting now. However, these marches and protests must turn into votes. Yes, we must be relentless and tireless in our cause because the enemy wants to disrupt voting. We know who the enemy is.

Recently, the current administration floated the idea of postponing the elections. This has never happened before in the history of our country. He believes he is the king and we are his subjects.

If we want a better America, then we must vote for a better America. Let us make America great again, just without him.

There are 90 days left before we cast our ballots for the next president of the United States of America and other offices. Four

years ago, I realized that this election would be the most important election in my lifetime. This will be a defining moment for us.

Electing Obama was a proud and historic moment for America. We needed him. He was a visionary for our nation, and he had some sense.

You and I know what we have now. We must show him the exit. My brothers and sisters of all stripes, we must get him out of the White House.

Lewis has been laid to rest in Atlanta, yet his hopes and dreams are still with us. They will never leave us.

We must pay him the highest honor by voting for a new America November 3. This America will enact laws that are fair and impartial. This America will no longer give approval to police brutality and will no longer remain silent.

Congressman John R. Lewis blazed the trail. Now, we must follow it.

Biden surrogates tout ‘Plan for America’

By Stacy M. Brown
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President Donald Trump’s failure to control the coronavirus pandemic has worsened a long list of challenges facing American families, according to presumptive Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden.

Among those challenges are caregivers, parents struggling to find childcare, and those in nursing homes, Biden and his campaign team said as they rolled out the former vice president’s “Plan for Mobilizing American Talent and Heart to Create a 21st Century Caregiving and Education Workforce.”

Staging frequent media briefings where surrogates tout Biden’s message remains a regular occurrence of the campaign.

On Tuesday, July 21, former Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.), Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles, and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, championed Biden’s plan.

In a media briefing, the four African American women leaders said Biden’s plan prioritizes



The plan includes: Treating caregivers and early childhood educators with respect and dignity, and giving them the pay and benefits they deserve, training and career ladders to higher-paying jobs, joining a union and bargain collectively, and other fundamental work-related rights and protections. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

caregivers, and it would lend needed assistance to families of color, particularly black women.

“I’m a grandmother of three beautiful young girls, and what I do every day is hope they have caregivers who know that I respect the work they are doing very much,” Lyles said.

“That means we need to pay people. We need to provide them with benefits. We need to make sure the people who are taking

care of our children don’t have to worry about how they are going to get home on a bus, and that they are certain that they have an adequate wage to live in our cities.”

Each agreed that even before the pandemic, the U.S. experienced a caregiving crisis.

They echoed Biden’s campaign message that some care needs were going untended.

Other care needs were filled

by Americans serving as unpaid caregivers lacking the financial support or respite care they needed, and sometimes putting their careers on hold.

Often, families made caregiving decisions that came with significant financial, professional, physical and emotional costs, the surrogates each agreed.

Caregivers and early childhood educators – disproportionately women of color – have been

underpaid, unseen and undervalued for far too long, they stated.

“I don’t know if President Trump has even met a caregiver, or that he would even understand the role of caregivers, and their importance in our society and our economy,” said Rawlings-Blake.

“When I take a look at [Biden’s] plan, it is very comprehensive, and it is focused on standing in the gap for a health-care system that the president is trying to dismantle.”

Biden’s plan includes:

- Expanding access to a broad array of long-term services and supports in local settings, including closing the gaps in Medicaid for home- and community-based services and establishing a state innovation fund for creative, cost-effective direct care services.

- It ensures access to high-quality, affordable childcare, and offers universal preschool to three- and four-year olds through more significant investment, expanded tax credits, and sliding-scale subsidies.

- Building safe, energy-efficient, developmentally appropriate

childcare facilities, including in workplaces, so that parents and guardians never again have to search in vain for a suitable childcare option.

- Treating caregivers and early childhood educators with respect and dignity, and giving them the pay and benefits they deserve, training and career ladders to higher-paying jobs, joining a union and bargain collectively, and other fundamental work-related rights and protections.

The campaign estimates that the plan would cost \$775 billion over ten years and would be paid for by rolling back unproductive and unequal tax breaks for real estate investors with incomes over \$400,000 and taking steps to increase tax compliance for high-income earners.

“The plan in every way is set out to really support those who are making it possible for our society to work,” Rawlings-Blake stated. “I’m particularly interested in the support that is given to in-home caregivers, because I know how precarious their jobs are, particularly in this COVID-19 crisis.”

Strive to press on

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



Moral failure due to weakness of self-command opens the door for undisciplined ranks, and it makes for a very weak and unstable army. We need to stop trying to make excuses for ourselves and attempting to reason some form of justification for our lapses in self-indulgence. Every time we fail, the devil will give us a whole list of reasons for justifying our failures. We need to throw the reasons aside. We should not try to justify our failures and do not try to make them seem better. We cannot play games with God. If we have been wrong, if we have failed, we need to

own it and confess it. Do not try to play games by trying to make it better. You should not try to justify it or act as though it is not nearly as serious as we know it really is down in our hearts. We need to own up to it and say, “I’ve messed up; I’ve failed; I’ve sinned.” There is too much lightness, too much carelessness and too much being at ease in Zion. Too many people do not feel much of an obligation to God, yet they want to be great with God. We cannot be great with God unless we prepare our way before the Lord. We need to strive to be a pillar in the church. We need to strive to be someone the church can depend upon and someone the pastor can rely on wholeheartedly without having to worry.

When a godly pastor notices that we are showing a lack of real spiritual growth, it works on him because he loves our souls. He is concerned about us and wants to see us get settled deeply in the Lord. He wants us to be truly married to Christ and not attached to His coattail. We need to become a true pillar, proven by fiery trials over the years, through trials and afflictions, proven by victory that we have had over the various temptations of life, by faithful consistency, by excellency of character, by blameless behavior and by the beauty of our lives and spirits. We can be a blessing to the work of God. None of the above attributes come about in a couple of months, but they are the accumulation of things over the

years. All successful persons in the work of God have experienced failures and have made mistakes. At times, we have felt rejected, wounded, hurt and alone. We read in 2nd Chronicles 27:6, “So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his way before the Lord, his God.” The successful person must learn how to use the dark places in life as a means to build upon. We cannot allow the past to drag us down, but we must always strive to press upward and forward. Let us go on for God and be true to Him. I ask you to let God have His way. 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.

P R E S E R V E D Seeing clearly during and after the storm

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Columnist



So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. — 2 Corinthians 4:18 One of my favorite lines from a song I remember as a child was “I can see clearly now the rain is gone.” The music of the song by Johnny Nash was always so upbeat, reinforcing the positive message of the song. However, as Christians God not only wants us to see clearly after the storm...he wants us to see clearly while the storm is going on. Now in the 6th month of a deadly pandemic with over 150,000 Americans dead, I think often about the burden that the ongoing challenge that we face because of the storm of Covid-19. Between ridiculous fights over wearing face masks and reopening schools, stores and businesses, it’s clear that things remain very unclear, chaotic and complicated to say the least. However, we can learn a little about having faith and seeing clearly during storms from the Old Testament story of Jonah. Like so many of us, Jonah found himself in an uncomfortable position praying to God for deliverance from the consequences of his storm of disobedience. His problem wasn’t seeing clearly. Both Jonah’s vision and hearing were clear: he heard God tell him to go to Nineveh but decided to do something different. Jonah 1:1-3 says “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it;

for their wickedness has come up before Me.” But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.” God then allowed a storm to trouble the waters. But in doing so, God put Jonah in circumstances that made it more difficult for him to deny the power and presence of God. Jonah survived the storm but was then swallowed by a large fish and forced to spend three days and nights thinking about his situation. It wasn’t until Jonah 2:9 when Jonah prayed, “But I will sacrifice to You, With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD” that God had the fish release him. During this time, rather than focus on what he saw, God allowed Jonah to focus on what he didn’t see. And what he didn’t want to see was how his obedience would have a positive impact on the lives of others. Similarly, God sometimes has to use storms in our lives to get us to a place of obedience so that we can ultimately be in a position to be a blessing to others. Even though we may pretend that we didn’t hear God, we have to be honest like Jonah and admit that we heard him; we just chose not to obey. Repenting of disobedience is the key to seeing clearly during and after the storm. Seeing clearly after the storm means that we can be in a position where God can trust us to ultimately play a part in the transformation of others. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedby-purpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



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1.	25634	16-110232	2006 MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM75V46X650924	Fund Balance II
2.	25617	16-04407	2015 CHEVROLET MALIBU	1G11D5S15FF125569	Fund Balance II
3.	25410	17-04075	2003 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WF55K139393722	Fund Balance II
4.	25284	16-095018	2001 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4FF48S21L614810	Fund Balance II
5.	26617	17-077478	2000 VOLKSWAGEN BETTLE	3VWC21C3YM414622	Fund Balance II
6.	25155	16-077796	1992 FORD F150	1FTEF14NXXNB22344	Fund Balance II
7.	25698	15-156904	1999 MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM75W3XX714414	Fund Balance II
8.	25629	16-147908	2004 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2G3CD2AG4GH107466	Fund Balance II
9.	26783	17-105781	2005 KAWASAKI ZZR	JKAZF41J65A055212	Fund Balance II
10.	25402	16-115457	2003 SUZUKI MC	J51GN78A732101733	Fund Balance II
11.	26190	17-007559	2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	1G2WP52K3FY201793	Fund Balance II
12.	25253	16-089802	2004 HONDA ACCORD	1HGCG225T2A036165	Fund Balance II
13.	26137	17-001657	2002 CADILLAC DEVILLE	1G6KD57YX2U194900	Fund Balance II
14.	29001	19-041082	1995 CHRYSLER CONCORD	2C3HD56F4SH703507	Fund Balance II
15.	28950	19-042783	2000 CHEVROLET LUMINA	2G1WL52J6Y1285624	Fund Balance II
16.	28945	19-038613	2016 DODGE CHALLENGER	23CDZAG4GH107466	Fund Balance II
17.	28908	19-034386	2000 GMC SIERRA	2GTCEC9D5T5Y1212442	Fund Balance II
18.	28912	19-037124	2002 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO	2G1WW12F629124430	Fund Balance II
19.	28927	19-036621	2008 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	2G2WP552381172587	Fund Balance II
20.	28928	19-037039	2002 TOYOTA COROLLA	2T1BR12E1ZC577691	Fund Balance II
21.	28801	19-010824	2007 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCEC1924T72176818	Fund Balance II
22.	28792	19-090012	2003 MITSUBISHI LANCER	JA3AJ26F43U102350	Fund Balance II
23.	28837	19-014114	2006 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL11D66N373208	Fund Balance II
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25.	28856	19-023327	2003 CHEVROLET TAHOE	1GNEC13203R110860	Fund Balance II
26.	28845	19-021208	2006 HONDA ACCORD	JHMCMS68X6C006034	Fund Balance II
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37.	28393	18-143955	1999 CHEVROLET LUMINA	2G1WL52M7X9250570	Fund Balance II
38.	28330	18-136722	1997 FORD EXPEDITION	1FMEU1764VL427115	Fund Balance II
39.	28798	19-008081	2001 DODGE NEON	1B3ES46C21D151832	Fund Balance II
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45.	28791	19-08334	1998 MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM75W4WXG76688	Fund Balance II
46.	28811	19-012774	2003 CHEVROLET CAVALIER	1G1JCS2F937359166	Fund Balance II
47.	28829	19-011008	1999 GMC SUBURBAN	3GKEC16R1XG543389	Fund Balance II
48.	24053	15-167216	2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU	1G1ZT5284F336360	Fund Balance II
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54.	23907	15-142412	1995 SATURN SL	1G8ZHS283S2364891	Fund Balance II
55.	23703	15-049893	1988 VOLVO 240	VY1AXW850J1784281	Fund Balance II
56.	23477	15-082759	1994 FORD RANGER	1FTCR10A6UR988202	Fund Balance II
57.	28996	19-047935	2005 BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP52K4SU152966	Fund Balance II
58.	28958	19-041707	2006 GMC YUKON	1GKFC13J7R188523	Fund Balance II
59.	29567	19-163988	2007 NISSAN ARMADA	5N1B08A07Y113301	Fund Balance II
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62.	23890	15-139874	2003 LINCOLN TOWNCAR	1LNHM81W53Y687857	Fund Balance II
63.	23300	15-055755	2002 HONDA CIVIC	1HGES2672L027350	Fund Balance II
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65.	23677	15-108202	1992 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	2GCEC19K9N1144113	Fund Balance II
66.	23980	15-154367	1993 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE	1G2HX53L2P1219844	Fund Balance II
67.	26561	17-066041	1993 CHRYSLER SEBRING	4C3AU442Y8SE120138	Fund Balance II
68.	25152	16-077726	1986 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS	1G3GM46R77HP370563	Fund Balance II
69.	25410	16-116664	1995 FORD MUSTANG	1FALP445T3F235590	Fund Balance II
70.	25213	16-084896	2005 HONDA ACCORD	1HGCMM6525A012872	Fund Balance II
71.	25187	16-081870	2003 MERCURY SABLE	1MEFM50203A617716	Fund Balance II
72.	24503	15-231773	1999 MERCURY MYSTIQUE	1MEFM653XK603897	Fund Balance II
73.	24315	15-205093	2003 MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM74W0X63K72572	Fund Balance II
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76.	23745	15-117433	2005 MERCEDES E350	WDBU61658JA688746	Fund Balance II
77.	24110	15-174254	1996 CHEVROLET S10	1GCSY149X78220920	Fund Balance II
78.	25111	16-069122	1996 HONDA ACCORD	1HGCE667XTA019872	Fund Balance II
79.	25154	16-077796	2005 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCEC19T552322040	Fund Balance II
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81.	25587	16-140553	2008 FORD TAURUS	1FAHP24M1W5G6130583	Fund Balance II
82.	25637	16-149016	1997 CHEVROLET 3500	1G6RG338RF051336	Fund Balance II
83.	25654	16-151058	2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA	1G1KZ57738F198740	Fund Balance II
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92.	25820	16-176623	2002 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	KMHND45D32U398334	Fund Balance II
93.	25088	16-071073	1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W5X1188145	Fund Balance II
94.	26448	17-048336	2001 DODGE INTREPID	2B3HD46R71H685620	Fund Balance II
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96.	27721	18-039339	2005 HYUNDAI SONATA	1NXBR3273Z007528	Fund Balance II
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98.	27435	17-210154	2006 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W96X143756	Fund Balance II
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113.	26358	17-035130	2004 FORD F150	1FTYX12W34NA93471	Fund Balance II
114.	26970	17-137760	2007 FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU73E5ZU194543	Fund Balance II
115.	26986	17-140816	1998 BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP52K9W4H469684	Fund Balance II
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119.	27087	17-157527	2002 HYUNDAI SANTA FE	KM8SC13D728241789	Fund Balance II
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122.	27147	17-166751	1995 FORD F150	1FTFX15H6SKA87125	Fund Balance II
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124.	27162	17-168375	1999 MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM75W6XX731918	Fund Balance II
125.	27187	17-171511	1998 BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP52KWH410549	Fund Balance II
126.	24449	15-223869	2003 HYUNDAI ACCENT	KMHCG45C83U487489	Fund Balance II
127.	24604	16-008946	1983 GMC VANDURA 2500	1GTEG25HOD7520708	Fund Balance II
128.	23652	15-106497	2000 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE	1G2HX45K5Y4239401	Fund Balance II
129.	20743	13-150545	1991 NISSAN KSX	1N6SD1654VC342582	Fund Balance II
130.	29377	19-125954	1999 HONDA ACCORD	1HGCB7663MA143571	Fund Balance II
131.	29411	19-133427	1999 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO	2G1WW12M6X9114348	Fund Balance II
132.	29542	19-159884	1990 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER	1C3XV66R4L7D84152	Fund Balance II
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135.	27931	18-070890	2008 FORD CVP	2FAFP71VX8X138673	Fund Balance II

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140.	28946	19-038758	2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WH52K5S59325733	Fund Balance II
141.	29404	19-132199	2007 CHEVROLET HHR	3GNDA3P975S98480	Fund Balance II
142.	29496	19-151973	2003 CHEVROLET TAHOE	1GNEC13Z5R166003	Fund Balance II
143.	28939	19-039756	2011 CHEVROLET CRUZE	1G1PH55XRB7277953	Fund Balance II
144.	29479	19-149802	2013 CADILLAC XTS	3GYFND637D5S93208	Fund Balance II
145.	29408	19-132941	1998 FORD MUSTANG	1FAFP4043WF162605	Fund Balance II
146.	29343	19-119253	1995 BUICK CENTURY	1G4AG55M5S6411446	Fund Balance II
147.	29402	19-131372	2007 FORD FUSION	3FAHP08157R192639	Fund Balance II
148.	29351	19-121566	2004 PONTIAC SE1	1G2NF52E94M541996	Fund Balance II
149.	29336	19-118246	2006 SATURN ION	1G8A55F562112545	Fund Balance II
150.	29470	19-147772	2007 SUZUKI RENO	KLJSD66237K676206	Fund Balance II
151.	27858	18-060688	2008 CHEVROLET I IMPALA	2G1WL138N689143169	Fund Balance II
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153.	29368	19-123604	1998 FORD F150	1F7ZX1768WN9A5082	Fund Balance II
154.	29393	19-127490	2009 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL21E3A423466	Fund Balance II
155.	28699	18-192256	2004 KIA OPTIMA	KNAGD126745253106	Fund Balance II
156.	28712	18-188777	2005 CHEVROLET UPLANDER	1GNDV23L22SD262789	Fund Balance II
157.	28796	19-010139	2004 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W54K166352	Fund Balance II
158.	28752	19-002371	2008 ACURA MDX	2HNYD18261H512775	Fund Balance II
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166.	29416	19-134131	2007 TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1BFA6XK7U552680	Fund Balance II
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174.	29325	19-116730	2005 MERCURY MONTGO	1MEFM40135G601799	Fund Balance II
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177.	27906	18-066995	2006 INFINITI G35	JNKCV54E36M715078	Fund Balance II
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182.	29299	19-122447	1992 FORD F150	1F7FD15FN4NNA80374	Fund Balance II
183.	27755	18-040245	2007 CHRYSLER 300	2CKA36A76H75653579	Fund Balance II
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188.	28796	19-010139	2004 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W54K166352	Fund Balance II
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190.	28699	18-192256	2004 KIA OPTIMA	KNAGD126745253106	Fund Balance II
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194.	26588	17-070640	2007 TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1BFA6K07U176569	Fund Balance II
195.	29421	19-135422	2009 FORD F150	1F7PW12V99K8B1953	Fund Balance II
196.	27844	18-048062	2012 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL2PW93N402253	Fund Balance II
197.	26604	17-073490	2006 FORD TAURUS	1FAFP56U16A156859	Fund Balance II
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204.	25985	16-203999	2009 CADILLAC DEVILLE	1G6KDS7Y8YU279744	Fund Balance II
205.	28351	14-204097	1999 HONDA VTR	1HGS3603XM100578	Fund Balance II
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211.	28957	19-041082	2009 GENUINE BUDDY	RFPVPC20191007940	Fund Balance II
212.	28969	19-040793	2007 DODGE MAGNUM	2D4F4V757H1771261	Fund Balance II
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219.	27355	17-196337	1996 CHEVROLET IMPALA	1G1BL52P7R1803089	Fund Balance II
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222.	24906	16-049103	2000 HONDA ACCORD	1HGGC551AY0A2332	Fund Balance II
223.	25066	16-141872	1995 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4F778S85L16133	Fund Balance II
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226.	26904	17-128608	1999 FORD EXPEDITION	1FMPU18L1XU38502	Fund Balance II
227.	28283	18-127297	2006 AUDI A4	WAUAF786A26828353	Fund Balance II
228.	28261	18-123793	2000 HONDA ACCORD	1HGGC5551YA145646	Fund Balance II
229.	28251	18-122381	1995 FORD EXPLORER	1FMDU32X35U892393	Fund Balance II
230.	29054	19-060574	2000 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	2MEFM75W9YK656925	Fund Balance II
231.	28902	19-032714	2002 GMC YUKON	3GKEC1621G2182738	Fund Balance II
232.	28014	19-015498	2001 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	2MEFM74W71K640522	Fund Balance II
233.	29008	19-049365	2005 DODGE CARAVAN	1D4GP45R158214308	Fund Balance II
234.	28483	18-160531	1996 NISSAN SANTA FE	1N4AB41D3T717041	Fund Balance II
235.	28985	19-054629	2006 FORD TAURUS	1FAF053U6A2032752	Fund Balance II
236.	28304	18-130962	1999 HONDA CIVIC	1HGEJ8644A035470	Fund Balance II
237.	28359	18-133383	2002 ACURA TL	19UUA56852A049492	Fund Balance II
238.	28399	18-145258	2001 FORD TAURUS	1FAFP55U1XJ117245	Fund Balance II
239.	28403	18-146466	1996 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	2MELM74W47G468521	Fund Balance II
240.	28886	19-030024	2007 TOYOTA RAV4	JTMZK33475014541	Fund Balance II
241.	28279	18-126504	2007 CHRYSLER SEBRING	1C3LC56R27N505224	Fund Balance II
242.	28439	18-152439	2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1W575W19N1284578	Fund Balance II
243.	28970	19-041350	2005 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER	1GND5135942279464	Fund Balance II
244.	28464	18-157050	2003 MAZDA 6	1YVFP80C35M10278	Fund Balance II
245.	27929	18-070604	2002 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL11D52C289564	Fund Balance II
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247.	27929	18-070604	2002 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL11D52C289564	Fund Balance II
248.	28766	19-005206	2004 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP74W04X117979	Fund Balance II
249.	26935	17-133161	2001 DODGE NEON	1B3S46C01195599	Fund Balance II
250.	28434	18-151051	2003 SATURN ION	1G8AW12F23J2185026	Fund Balance II
251.	28780	19-004342	2006 BUICK LUCERNE	1G4HD57266U233292	Fund Balance II
252.	27418	17-206699	2005 HONDA ACCORD	1HGMCS68450636241	Fund Balance II
253.	28179	18-121222	2012 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WC530C180048	Fund Balance II
254.	28485	18-	2001 HONDA ACCORD	1HGC56671A129660	Fund Balance II
255.	27545	18-013622	2007 PONTIAC G6	1GZ25G8N47417772	Fund Balance II
256.	23509	15-088044	2004 DODGE RAM S01	1D7H18N345667506	Fund Balance II
257.	29381	19-127101	2008 FORD FUSION	3FAHP06Z78R150824	Fund Balance II
258.	27439	18-000477	1993 BUICK PARK AVENUE	1G4CW551P61161320	Fund Balance II
259.	26973	17-138218	2006 SUBARU 3HG	454W8X5C064405750	Fund Balance II
260.	27851	18-059284	2001 FORD CROWN VIC	2FAFP74W12X202022	Fund Balance II
261.	29500	19-152321	2013 MAZDA 3	JM1BL1U178D1719249	Fund Balance II
262.	28293	18-128595	2006 TOYOTA COROLLA	1NXBR32E96247700	Fund Balance II
263.	28988	19-046873	2001 FORD MUSTANG	1FAFP4441F135402	Fund Balance II
264.	28486	16-11084	2001 KIA RIO	KNADC123416024691	Fund Balance II
265.	28476	18-157999	1998 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4DL01D2WC213197	Fund Balance II
266.	29451	19-142815	2003 CHEVROLET IMPALA	1G1ND52373M743884	Fund Balance II
267.	28473	18-158808	2003 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER	1GND513592291546	Fund Balance II
268.	27602	18-003415	2014 LOAD LTS	4ZESA1016E1053142	Fund Balance II
269.	27350	17-196486	1995 CHEVROLET 1500	2GCEK1935K3295726	Fund Balance II
270.	28023	18-086487	1999 DODGE 15B	2B6BH117YKX508871	Fund Balance II
271.	25325	16-099682	1999 CHEVROLET TAHOE	1GNEC13R3XU555131	Fund Balance II



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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. 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.

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE

CITY OF JACKSON ZONING ORDINANCE

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

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

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO AUGUST 19, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this the 24th day of July 2020

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

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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

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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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, 09/08/2020 , for:

RE: GS# 422-162 Storm Damage Repairs (EMER)
Ellisville State School
RFx #: 3160003832

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

Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, PA (Biloxi, Mississippi)
Address: 1091 Tommy Munro Drive
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532
Phone: 228-594-2323
Email: tguild@egh.ms

A deposit of \$300.00 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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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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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 #:3160003788

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

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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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

JAN FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY PROJECT NO.

12100-004-20

AUGUST 6, 2020

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic proposals ("Proposal") for services related to the JAN Fire Alarm System Improvements Project for the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

JMAA will receive electronic sealed Proposals only. All Proposals will be accepted until Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the "Proposal Deadline"). Electronic submissions are to be submitted via email to Chad Parker, Director of Procurement, via email at cparker@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive hand delivered electronic Proposals up to the Proposal Deadline at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208.

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Bidder's company name, and (ii) the wording: "JAN Fire Alarm System Improvements Project, Project No. 12100-004-20." 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 Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Chad Parker, JMAA's Director of Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Chad Parker, Director of Procurement
Telephone No.: (601) 664-3516
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: cparker@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

Based on the Proposals received and the scoring of each proposal, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first- ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

There is no DBE participation goal for this RFP.
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

8-6-2020, 8-13-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4090

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Chris Clark has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District to I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to allow for a towing and recovery business at 430 Stokes Robertson Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being a part of Lot 8, The Meadows, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record is the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 92, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Point of Intersection of the original West right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 55 with the North right-of-way line of Stokes Robertson Road (as both are now laid out and improved); run thence West along said North right-of-way line of Stokes Robertson Road for a distance of 155.00 feet to an existing iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence West along said North right-of-way line Stokes Robertson Road for a distance of 235.00 feet to a set iron pin; leaving said North right-of-way line of Stokes Robertson Road, turn thence right through a deflection angle of 88 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds and run northerly or a distance of 575.00 feet to a set iron pin; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 91 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 250.18 feet to a set iron pin; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 574.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3.2 acres, more or less.

And being (he same property described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 5495 at Page 117.

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Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of July 2020.

Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

8-6-2020, 8-20-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4097

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Lakeita F. Rox-Love dba Rox Love Realty, PLLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a professional (real estate) office within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5375 Red Fox Rd. (Parcel: 551-168) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT EIGHTY-FOUR (84), HEATHERWOOD SUBDIVISION, PART TWO (2), a Sub-division according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 21 at Page 37, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO AUGUST 19, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this 30th day of July 2020.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4096

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Christopher Kalu has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of Parcel 712-3-30 from C2 (Limited) Commercial District to C3 (General) Commercial District with a Use Permit and a Use Permit for Parcel 712-3-1 to operate a liquor store for property located at 6262 Hanging Moss Rd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

TRACT ONE:

Beginning at a found iron marking the northeast corner of that certain Gulf Oil Corporation tract as recorded in Deed Book 2564 at Page 646-647, as recorded in the office of Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi; from said point of beginning, run thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds East, 80.00' to a set iron; thence run along a line of 80.0 ft. east of and parallel with the east line of said Gulf Oil tract, South 01 degree 17 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 165.00' to a set iron pin; thence run North 88 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 80.00 ft. to a found iron pin at the southeast corner of said Gulf Oil tract; thence along the east line of said tract, North 01 degree 17 minutes 21 seconds East, a distance of 165.00'; which is the point of beginning, having an area of 13,200.7 square feet, 0.30 acres.

Together with a 60 ft. non-exclusive, perpetual ingress/egress easement over and across a portion of the grantors' property lying immediately south of and adjacent to the above described property and running westerly, along the Fleet Morris Petroleum Inc. Property, 255 ft., more or less, to the east right of way of Hanging Moss Road, as presently laid out and constructed. (The "Easement")

TRACT TWO:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a point in the East right of way line of Hanging Moss Road, which point is 673.3 feet measured Northerly along the East line of Hanging Moss Road from the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block "R", Woodhaven Subdivision, Part 5, according to a map or plat on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 21 at Page 47, and from said Point of Beginning continue Northerly along the East right of way line of Hanging Moss Road for a distance of 165 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Easterly 175 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Southerly and parallel with the East line of Hanging Moss Road for a distance of 165 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Westerly 175 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.663 acres more or less.

Together with a right of way and easement to construct, lay maintain, operate, alter, repair, remove and replace pipelines and appurtenances thereto for the transportation of sewerage or any liquids or substances which can be transported through pipes, in, on, under and across the following described property:

Being situated in the NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot 8, Block R, Woodhaven Subdivision, Part 8 as recorded in Plat Book 23 at Page 11 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County, Mississippi and run Easterly along the North boundary of said Lot 8, 130.0 feet to the Point of Beginning for the herein described easement; turn thence to the left through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 36 minutes and run Northerly, 61.0 feet, more or less, to the South boundary of that certain property now or formerly owned by Reproco, Inc., as recorded in Deed Book 1864 at Page 389 of the aforesaid Chancery Records; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Easterly, along the South boundary of said Reproco property, 10.0 feet; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southerly, 61 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 8, Block R, Woodhaven Subdivision, Part 8; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 36 minutes and run Westerly, along the North boundary of said Lot 8, 10.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 24th day of July 2020.

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

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY PEARL SMITH

CAUSE NO. 25CH1:20-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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4098

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Alltel Communications, d/b/a Verizon Wireless has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C3 (General) Commercial District with a Use Permit to construct a wireless commercial communications tower facility for property located at Parcel 830-80-2 on TV Road in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Hinds County, Mississippi, and being 4.97 acres within the lands of Fountain Real Estate, L.P., as recorded in Deed Book 4392 page 142, and being further located in Lot 18 of Saunders Farm Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 107, Hinds County records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a ½-inch rebar found on the northerly right-of-way line of TV Road (having a 60-foot right-of-way), said rebar marking the southeast corner of said Fountain Real Estate lands; Thence running along said northerly right-of-way line, North 89°59'54" West, 399.93 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 18; Thence leaving said right-of-way line and running along the west line of Lot 18 (said line also being the west line of a 15-foot wide sewer easement), North 00°00'06" East, 541.23 feet to a point; Thence leaving said west line of Lot 18 and running, South 89°59'54" East, 399.93 feet to a bent 1-inch open top pipe found; Thence, South 00°00'06" West, 541.23 feet to a ½-inch rebar found on the northerly right-of-way line of TV Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Bearings based on Mississippi Grid North, NAD83, West Zone.

Said tract contains 4.97 acres (216,455 square feet), more or less and was compiled using tax maps and deed descriptions. This description does not constitute a subdivision and is intended for zoning purposes only.

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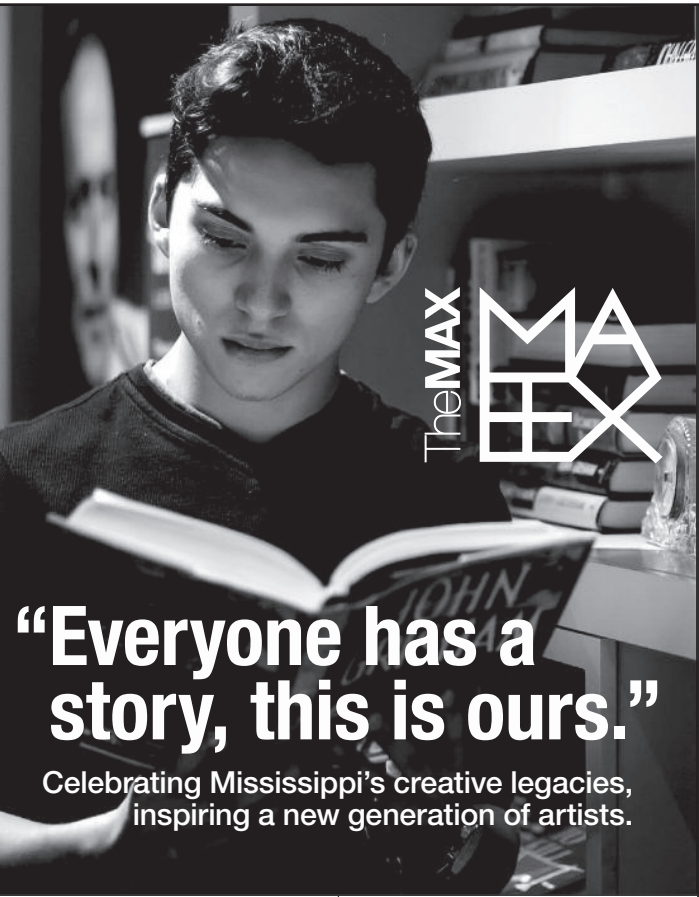
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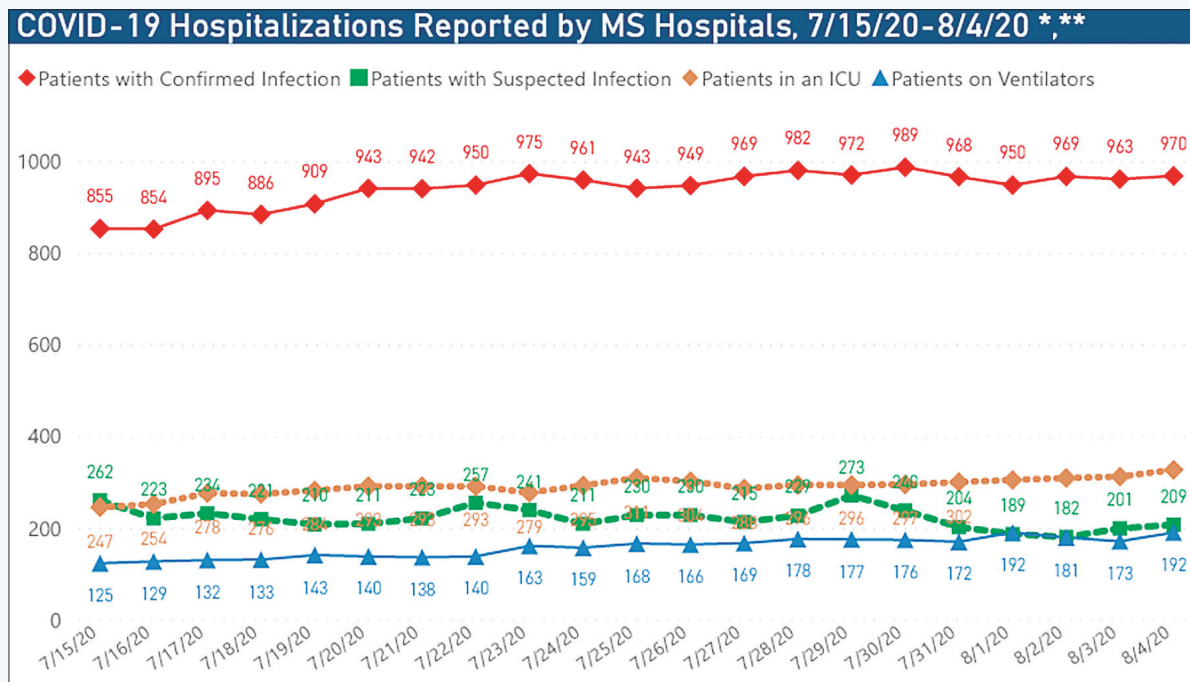
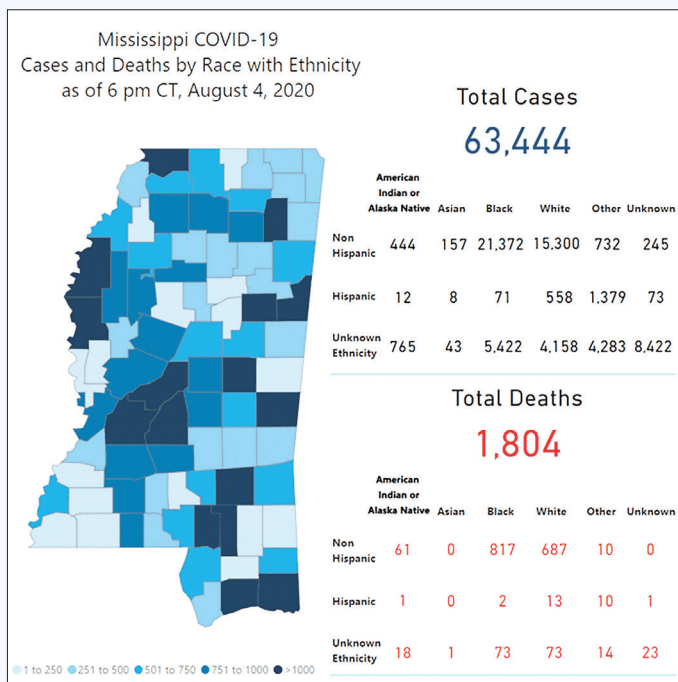
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MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 UPDATE



Dr. Anthony Fauci discusses the impact and severity of COVID-19 disparities in African Americans



During a live interview with BlackPressUSA, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and considered by many to be the nation's foremost infectious disease expert, demonstrates the proper way to wear a face mask.

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

During a 30-minute interview with BlackPressUSA that was streamed live over Facebook, YouTube and www.BlackPressUSA.com, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, spoke of the importance of convincing African Americans to participate in clinical trials. He also said that school re-openings should depend mainly upon the location and the infection rate in a given area.

Fauci said a viable coronavirus vaccine is likely only a few months away.

"The fundamental principle is that we should try as best as we possibly can to get children back to school because we know the psychological aspect of that and the unintended consequences for mothers and fathers who may need to stop working, so we should try to get back to school," Dr. Fauci said when asked about the impact of the pandemic on the upcoming school year.

"However, paramount needs to be the safety, health and welfare of children, teachers and families," Dr. Fauci added.

"We live in a big country. Some places have low incidents and can open schools while some are high. Some areas' rate of infection is so high where it's not prudent to open schools. You don't want to endanger their health."

A member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Fauci has at times found himself at odds with President Donald Trump. For example, earlier this year, the president

announced that he would withdraw U.S. funding and support for the World Health Organization (WHO). However, Dr. Fauci told BlackPressUSA that he still maintains a close relationship with the organization.

"I still work closely with the World Health Organization," said Dr. Fauci. "I'm on a weekly phone call with them, and I signed a memorandum of understanding. We're all in with the WHO."

During the interview, which included National Newspaper Publishers Association President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Dr. Fauci also demonstrated the proper way to wear a facemask.

"Early on, there was a shortage of masks because we didn't want to take masks away from health providers who needed them," Dr. Fauci remarked. "It's easy to get a cloth mask now."

Dr. Fauci explained further that, "when there are droplets when someone sneezes or coughs, you [are protected]. You can take it and wash it with soap and water or stick it in the washing machine."

Addressing the disparities surrounding COVID-19 and other illnesses, Dr. Fauci pointed to many African Americans, Latinx and Native Americans occupying essential jobs that provide employees with little – or no – protection.

"On the one hand, there's a greater opportunity and risk of getting infected, but even as important is that once you get infected, you have prevalence and incidence of co-morbidities that make it more likely you'll get a severe outcome from the

infection," Dr. Fauci noted.

"Those co-morbidities are like diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, chronic kidney disease and lung disease. It's very clear that African Americans have a higher incidence, and the reality is that you suffer more."

The hospitalization rates per 100,000 people are stunning when comparing African Americans and Caucasians, Dr. Fauci proclaimed.

"In many respects, it's unacceptable that it should be that way," he said, noting that the hospitalization rate per 100,000 African Americans stands at 247, compared to 53 per 100,000 whites.

"In other words, that's almost five times the chance of getting hospitalized even though African Americans comprise just 13 percent of the [U.S.] population," Dr. Fauci observed.

"That's more than something we need to deal with."

Dr. Fauci added that there are five fundamental things everyone could do to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

"Wear a mask, avoid crowds of more than 10, keep a distance of at least six feet, locations should seriously consider closing bars and getting people who go to bars to stop or do it outside, and wash hands frequently either with soap and water or alcohol Purell."

Clinical trials are vital, Dr. Fauci said.

"We hope that we will have an effective vaccine by the end of the year, which means that as we get into 2021, we want to distribute it for those who could benefit," he added.

"We need to spend extra effort

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to protect African Americans, and the way you find out if the vaccine is effective is the enrollment in a vaccine trial. It would be a terrible shame if African Americans stayed away from clinical trials, and they didn't provide for themselves the vaccine that could protect them."

Dr. Fauci suggested that he wears a mask everywhere he goes and demanded that doing so shouldn't be about politics.

"This is about protecting each other. We're all in this together," Dr. Fauci said.

"I'm pleased to see that we now have the president talking about wearing a mask where he didn't before, and the vice president wears a mask everywhere he goes. We've got to pull together."

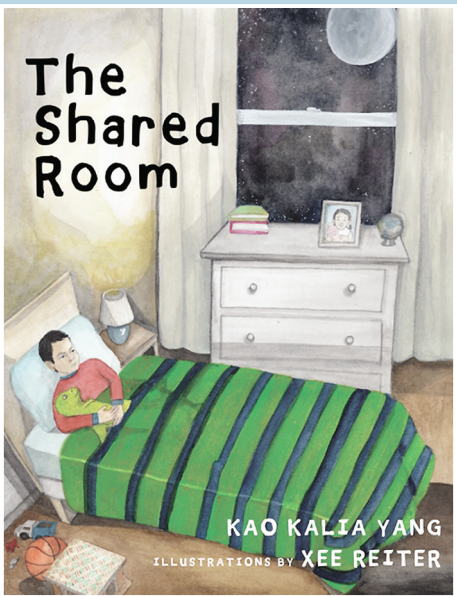
Whether reinfection of the coronavirus can occur remains somewhat of a mystery, Dr. Fauci explained.

"When you get infected with any virus, generally, when you recover, your body has made a good immune response to recover," Dr. Fauci noted.

"We know that happens in

people who had COVID-19. We don't know what the duration of that is. There are varying levels of antibodies in people who recover, and what we're following is how long they last. Some people find that it doesn't last very long."

"There are no well-documented cases of people actually being re-infected. There have been some anecdotally stories of people recovering who seemed to have gotten infected, but we don't know. There's no real hard evidence that's happening."



BOOK REVIEW:

THE SHARED ROOM

BY KAO KALIA YANG,
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Sometimes, things change in a minute. You look, and it’s one way. You look again, it’s different, and you didn’t even see the change happening. You might not like it but that never matters. As in the new picture book “The Shared Room” by Kao Kalia Yang, illustrations by Xee Reiter, that’s when it’s best just to take a deep breath, roll your shoulders, and move on.

If it were any other winter day

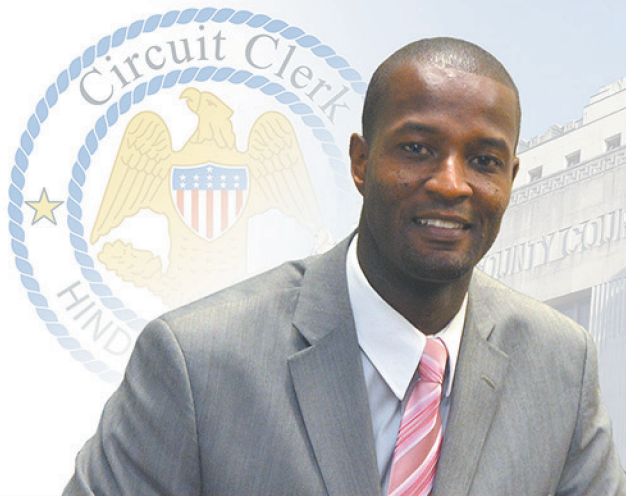
in Minnesota, it might’ve been nice. It was warm enough for the snow to melt and you could almost see that spring was coming. But inside the house in east St. Paul, there were shadows across a dark fireplace and quiet floors. There was light in the house, but no sunshine. Pictures hung on the wall but it was hard to look at them because they reminded the family inside the house that one of them was missing. It had been seven months since the girl with the shiny brown hair and big toothy

smile, the happy little girl in a framed picture, had walked into a lake, misstepped, and accidentally drowned. Nobody had seen it happen and nobody in the family could forget. The mother and the father couldn’t even bear to take the sheets off the girl’s bed and for seven months, they visited her room and cried once, twice, three times a day. The house was quiet, except when someone would play a video of the girl on their phone, and everyone watched. But then, something shifted.


Ever since the youngest brother was born, the oldest brother shared a bedroom with him in the house in east St. Paul. There were four bedrooms, four children and two parents, so there had to be sharing – until the parents asked the oldest brother if he’d like to have his sister’s room. He’d have her bed. He would have her dresser and her closet. But he would never have her back. Would he miss his sister forever? Is “The Shared Room” a book

for children? You may wonder that after you’ve read it through once – and you should, to gauge its appropriateness for your child before you present it. It’s a lovely story, but it’s also deeply, unbearably sad. While the artwork by Xee Reiter may soften things a bit, author Kao Kalia Yang’s tale starts with silence and ends like a grey tattered shawl draped over every page. This profound mourning leaves a heaviness over the story that stays well beyond the final

page, and you’ll feel it in your chest. And yet, if you can withstand the pall, there’s a sliver of hope inside this book and a reminder that life goes on. It also serves to tell a child that it’s best to come to terms with death but that never forgetting is okay, too. Again, read this book through once before you give it to your 8-to-12-year-old. “The Shared Room” may prove to be too much, too early, too overwhelming – or it may change your child’s grieving.



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NAACP sues U.S. Education Secretary over COVID-19 school money

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The coronavirus pandemic has focused the nation’s attention on the essential role public schools play in families and communities’ lives.

The NAACP said it’s also exposed severe racial inequalities that continue to plague the country’s education system and disadvantaged students of color.

Rather than addressing those problems, NAACP President Derrick Johnson declared that U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos “exploited the pandemic to promote her personal agenda of funneling taxpayer dollars to private schools and taking resources away from the schools and the students who need it most.”

“We simply can’t let this happen. So, we’re taking her to court,” Johnson announced.

The NAACP formally filed a lawsuit in federal court in Washington, D.C., accusing DeVos of illegally changing the rules for

allocating \$13.2 billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) money to benefit wealthy private k-12 schools.

“Recently, DeVos issued regulations that would force public school districts to divert federal emergency relief funds from public schools and send them to private schools. By one estimate, over \$1 billion would be lost to private schools under the rule,” Johnson declared.

“So, the NAACP filed a lawsuit along with public school families and school districts across the country, challenging this unfair, unequal, and unjust rule. We’ll fight this as hard as it takes – for as long as it takes – to protect our students, schools and communities.”

The NAACP’s lawsuit suggests that the CARES Act, which was signed by President Donald Trump earlier this year, says explicitly that local school departments are to distribute the fund based on the number of Ti-



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tle I, or low-wealth students, in a particular school.

Congress allowed CARES funds to go to institutions that depend on tuition and donations because lawmakers said they recognized that some students from low-income families attend private schools.

The lawsuit claims the share going to private schools should have its basis on the number of Title I students attending those schools.

DeVos did not follow that rule, the NAACP contends, spelling out that hundreds of millions of dollars in CARES Act funds

would immediately divert from public schools to affluent private schools.

The controversial education secretary reportedly holds a different interpretation of how local school districts should distribute the money.

Her interim final rule allows sharing the money equally with private schools based on the number of students in those schools, regardless of how many are Title I students.

“The rule is as immoral as it is illegal,” NAACP lawyers argue.


The NAACP filed the lawsuit on behalf of a group of parents and their children, who are enrolled in economically disadvantaged public schools. The Pasadena, California Unified School District and Stamford, Connecticut School District, joined the NAACP in the lawsuit asking for an injunction to prevent DeVos from immediately instituting her change to the rule.

“In this moment of crushing need for America’s public

schools, the rule directs public school districts to divert desperately needed CARES Act funds to affluent students in private schools or face unlawful limitations on the way that those funds can be spent – both in direct contravention of the act,” the lawsuit reads. “The rule harms American children and subverts the will of Congress; it cannot stand.”

If allowed to proceed, the DeVos’ rule would change public schools, including some in which “80, 90 and 99 percent” of the students are from low-income families.

“She’s trying to increase allocation disproportionately for private schools over public schools in the midst of the debate over whether or not schools should reopen. It’s horrific what she’s doing,” Johnson told ABC News. “What will happen is you further take money away from children who are financially in need to benefit high-wealth children.”



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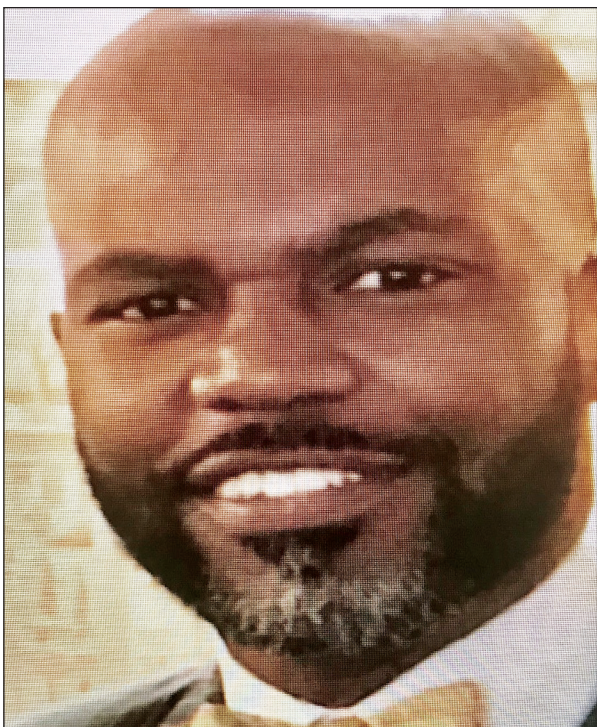
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Hinds County School District Welcomes Its Newly Appointed Administrators



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Terry High School Announces New Head Football Coach



Kristopher Thigpen, Head Football Coach

Coach Thigpen is a native of Taylorsville, MS. Football and athletics have always been a very important part of his life growing up. After having a stellar career in high school, he signed with Jackson State University and was a member of the football team. He then transferred and played at Jones College. In 2010 he graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's degree.

He has served as a middle and high school coach with stops in North Forest High School, Collins High School and Carver Middle; Coffeeville High School and Ridgeland High School before coming to Terry High School last year as offensive coordinator. Over the course of ten years as an educator and a coach he has helped 33 football players receive college scholarships, was Head Coach of the year at Ridgeland High School in 2019 and won a total of 4 state championships as a player and a coach. He's married to Michele Thigpen and has three beautiful children Jekhyla, Krishon and Kasen. The three principles of his team are pride, class and discipline. Go Bulldogs!