

City of Lexington celebrates Mississippi's 5-A champs

The HCCHS Jaguars



Basketball trophies for state champions HCCHS Jaguars

By India Fuller
JSU intern

The Holmes County Central boys' basketball team recently won the state's 5-A Championship with a lead of 64-58 win over Lake Cormorant at the Mississippi Coliseum. The city of Lexington held a celebration in their honor for both the boys' and girls' basketball team, Saturday, April 3.

The Lady Jaguars were not far behind in their vie for the girl's state championship. They fell a little short of the gold to Laurel's Lady Tornadoes with a score of 39-36.

In a recent telephone interview with *The Mississippi Link*, Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory said the

celebration was to recognize and show appreciation to both basketball teams.

"With COVID and the restrictions on mostly everything, it was nice for everyone to come out and celebrate something positive," she said.

"Our students are the future of the City of Lexington," continued McCrory.

Along with the city celebration, the school also had a parade. McCrory also stated they received donations for trophies from an anonymous donor, BankPlus, Holmes County Bank, Alfonso Greer, David Simmons, and Porter and Sons Fu-

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College Hill celebrates Easter and 114th year church anniversary



Rev. Calvin Peoples delivers Anniversary and Easter message as Rev. William Wheeler listens

PHOTO BY JACKIE HAMPTON

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The celebration of a church anniversary, no matter how many years it has existed, is very significant. It first signifies appreciation to God for its' existence, and then it conveys gratitude to members for their involvement, hard work and commitment to the future growth of the church through their services and giving. This year, the significance is even greater for the College Hill Baptist Church family.

The 114th year church anniversary,

normally celebrated on the first Sunday in April, fell on Easter Sunday.

Frank Yates, who serves as president of the deacon's ministry and chairman of the anniversary committee said, "When the anniversary committee first started meeting to plan the anniversary service, no one focused on the first Sunday in April as Easter Sunday as well." Once they realized the two fell on the same Sunday, Yates remembered that there was no anniversary celebration held in 2020 due to COVID-19, and perhaps they could do both on the first

Sunday in April. The deacons and the planning committee agreed and plans were made for both.

The church has not yet opened its doors for in-person worship service due to the pandemic but the resurrection service and the 114th year anniversary service took place live, with only a few members present in the sanctuary. The service was viewed via Facebook and YouTube.

A limited number of children and

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Police chief: Kneeling on Floyd's neck violated policy

By Amy Forliti, Steve Karnowski and Tammy Webber
Associated Press

The Minneapolis police chief testified Monday that now-fired Officer Derek Chauvin violated departmental policy in pressing his knee on George Floyd's neck and keeping him down after Floyd had stopped resisting and was in distress.

Continuing to kneel on Floyd's neck once he was handcuffed behind his back and lying on his stomach was "in no way, shape or form" part of department policy or training, "and it is certainly not part of our ethics or our values," Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said on Day Six of Chauvin's murder trial.

Arradondo, the city's first black chief, fired Chauvin and three other officers the day after Floyd's death last May, and in June called it "murder."

While police have long been accused of closing ranks to protect fellow members of the force charged with wrongdoing – the "blue wall of silence," as it's known – some of the most experienced officers in the Minneapolis department have taken the stand to openly condemn Chauvin's



Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo testifies April 5 in the trial of former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin at the Hennepin County Courthouse in Minneapolis. COURT TV VIA AP, POOL

treatment of Floyd.

As jurors watched in rapt attention and scribbled notes, Arradondo testified not only that Chauvin, a 19-year veteran of the force, should have let Floyd up sooner, but that the pressure on Floyd's neck did not appear to be light to moderate, as called for under the department's neck-restraint policy; that Chauvin failed in his duty to render first aid before the ambulance arrived; and that he violated policy requiring officers to de-escalate tense situations with no or minimal force if they can.

"That action is not de-escalation," the police chief said. "And when we talk about the framework of our sanctity of life and when we talk about our principles and the values that we have, that action goes contrary to what we are talking about."

On cross-examination, Chauvin attorney Eric Nelson asked Arradondo the last time he actually arrested a suspect.

"It's been many years," the chief acknowledged.

Arradondo's testimony came after the emergency room doctor who pronounced Floyd dead

said he theorized at the time that Floyd's heart most likely stopped because of a lack of oxygen.

Dr. Bradford Langenfeld, who was a senior resident on duty that night at Hennepin County Medical Center and tried to resuscitate Floyd, took the stand as prosecutors sought to establish that it was Chauvin's knee on the black man's neck that killed him.

Langenfeld said Floyd's heart had stopped by the time he arrived at the hospital. The doctor said that he was not told of any efforts at the scene by bystanders or police to resuscitate Floyd but that paramedics told him they had tried for about 30 minutes.

Under questioning by prosecutors, Langenfeld said that based on the information he had, it was "more likely than the other possibilities" that Floyd's cardiac arrest – the stopping of his heart – was caused by asphyxia, or insufficient oxygen.

Chauvin, 45, is charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death May 25. The white officer is accused of pressing his knee into the 46-year-old man's neck for 9 minutes, 29 seconds, outside a corner market where Floyd had been arrested on sus-

picion of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill for a pack of cigarettes.

Floyd's treatment by police was captured on widely seen bystander video that sparked protests around the U.S. that descended into violence in some cases.

The defense has argued that Chauvin did what he was trained to do and that Floyd's use of illegal drugs and his underlying health conditions caused his death.

Nelson, Chauvin's attorney, asked Langenfeld whether some drugs can cause hypoxia, or insufficient oxygen. The doctor acknowledged that fentanyl and methamphetamine, both of which were found in Floyd's body, can do so.

The county medical examiner's office ultimately classified Floyd's death a homicide – that is, a death at the hands of someone else.

The report said Floyd died of "cardiopulmonary arrest, complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint and neck compression." A summary report listed fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use under "other sig-

nificant conditions" but not under "cause of death."

Prosecutor Steve Schleicher noted that while some people may become more dangerous under the influence of drugs or alcohol, some may actually be "more vulnerable." Arradondo agreed and acknowledged that this must also be taken into consideration when officers decide to use force.

Before he was pinned to the ground, a frantic Floyd struggled with police who were trying to put him in a squad car, saying he was claustrophobic.

Arradondo said officers are trained in basic first aid, including chest compressions, and department policy requires them to request medical assistance and provide necessary aid as soon as possible before paramedics arrive.

"We absolutely have a duty to render that," he said.

Officers kept restraining Floyd – with Chauvin kneeling on his neck, another kneeling on Floyd's back and a third holding his feet – until the ambulance got there, even after he became unresponsive, according to testimony

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Bankers Build & Women Build sponsors team up with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area

Mother of 5 is beneficiary of the partnership

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA) recently partnered with Women Build and Banker's Build in a joint effort to support Habitat's initiative to restore the historic Broadmoor neighborhood in Jackson.

On March 26 the partners offered a completely renovated house to a first-time home buyer. The home, located on Casablanca Drive, was dedicated at 12 noon with sponsor representatives in attendance. The north Jackson home is the largest HFHMCA has rehabbed to date. It is a part of the Broadmoor Initiative to impact 100 homes in five years by constructing new homes, renovating old homes and tearing down derelict homes.

Ambria Booth was the recipient of the 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home with a very large backyard. Booth, the mother of a 10 year old, 8 year old, 4 year-old twins and a 1 year-old, said, "I love my home so much and my kids love it even more." Booth said she had to complete an application just as you would with any lender when buying a home. She was denied at first because she had so much unnecessary debt but with determination she gave herself a year to pay some things off and a year later she was told she qualified for a home.

Booth said, "I was so excited and decided not to tell my children until almost time to move." She said she put in several dedicated hours of required sweat equity, working with Habitat on her home and other Habitat homes as well. Her work included painting, cleaning, taking installation out of

walls and whatever the professionals instructed. She also dedicated a lot of hours to community service projects such as feeding the homeless.

Victoria Stein is the development director at HFHMCA. She said, "Out of all the homes we have completed this one is my most favorite. Stein said it was the largest of all the homes they had done.

Merrill McKewen, executive director, was very pleased with the dedication. She said normally they are not able to build a house that big but, with the help of the sponsors, they were able to do so.

McKewen said, once the prospective home owner has been approved they take classes pertaining to home ownership, being a good neighbor, budgeting, etc. She said the classes are designed to insure their success.

"We don't give these houses away. It's a door into home ownership, McKewen said. "We are a construction company, mortgage lender and a Christian organization. We give people a hand-up not a hand-out."

Habitat homes are sold at no profit with an interest-free mortgage to families who cannot qualify for traditional bank loans. They have built or renovated simple and sustainable homes for 645 families in Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties.

Persons wanting to donate to Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area must earmark their funds for the Mississippi Capital Area in order that the funds remain in Mississippi.

For more information on Habitat Homeownership, call 601 353-6060.



Bankers Build sponsor representatives participating in the house dedication included (top row, from left) Candie Simmons (Regions), Billy Brunt (The First), Jason Duren (Bancorp South), Greg Thames (The First), Allison Lunsford (Origin Bank), Bernard Bridges (Trustmark) and John Wise (Trustmark). Joining them were new homeowner Ambria Booth (far right) and her children, Kiersten, Lauryne, Larden, Ambria and Destin.



Women Build sponsors who participated in the recent Habitat for Humanity house dedication in Broadmoor included (from left) John Wise (Trustmark), Dale Decker (Nix-Tann), Susan Mims (Nix-Tann), Sara Winsor Secrest (Nix-Tann), Carole Bailey (Nix-Tann), Pam Hayden (Nix-Tann), Becky Tann (Nix-Tann), Gloria Thompson (Nix-Tann), Shirley Tucker (Delta Sigma Theta), Candie Simmons (Alpha Kappa Alpha), Mary Scott Shepherd (Nix-Tann), Shari Culver (Nix-Tann), Aileen Thomas (Jones Walker/HFHMCA Board Member), Mary Michael Cannon (Nix-Tann) and new Habitat homeowner Ambria Booth and her children. PHOTOS BY VICTORIA STEIN, HFHMCA

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youth participated in the annual Easter program. Mattie Franklin gave a welcome and Ethan Franklin and Justin Collins kicked it off with a debate on “Who is the Real Hero of Easter.” The Easter Bunny was not able to compete. The traditional recitation of speeches regarding the Resurrection were given.

Worship service started right after Sunday school and College Hill member Leon Williams gave the opening prayer. Youth members Carter and Tobias Barnes presided over the anniversary and Easter service.

The occasion was given by the college ministry in a virtual presentation written by Deaconess Daphne Higgins, director of the ministry. The setting of the presentation was on the outside in the beauty of nature. It was entitled “A Glorious Morning.” The participants were Sean Taylor, Cory Shaw, John Higgins II and Andre Dyson II. The young men combined a biblical message of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ over 2000 years ago, and the organization of College Hill which was organized under an oak tree in the year 1907. Concluding the presentation was Leonzo Nelson singing “Oh How I Love Jesus.

Three members received surprise awards from the Public Relations Ministry. Terrence Hill president of the ministry presented Deacon John Morris the ‘XTRAM’ award which describes a member of the PR ministry who has gone the extra mile to insure that every aspect of a Christian project is completed to the best of one’s ability. Hill, in his presentation, said whether it is ideas for a proposed project, picking up trash on the streets, or preparing a meal for the hungry, Deacon Morris willingly demonstrates the humility required of “God’s servants in charge.

Morris, who was caught off guard, told *The Mississippi Link*, “I was truly shocked to get this award.” He said, “I was listening for them to call the name of another deacon and had no idea it was me.” Morris said even though he was taken by surprise, he was very thankful.

The “Most Valuable Player” award was given to Minister Andrew Lewis. This award is given to an individual who gives his gifts, talents and abilities in the furtherance of kingdom building. Hill stated in his presentation that Minister Lewis over the past year has been on call 24/7 and sometimes working 18 hour days in order to provide services needed since the global pandemic. He made certain the church was able to continue worshipping via Facebook and YouTube, serving as musician, mentor/teacher, director, producer and cameraman.



Deacon Gregory Anderson receives Member of the Year Award

PHOTOS BY KELVIN HAYES



Minister Andrew Lewis receives Most Valuable Player Award

Lewis said, “I was genuinely surprised and humbled to receive this honor. I was listening to Brother Hill’s description while making an adjustment on the camera – not realizing I was the subject. I said, “Wait a minute. I couldn’t believe that the team was able to pull a fast one on me. Nevertheless, to God be the Glory!”

Hill presented the “Member of the Year Award” to Deacon Gregory Anderson. He said this award embodies the phrase, “We are our brother’s keeper.”

Anderson, who was in the sound box assisting with the virtual service said he was taken off guard when his name was called. He said, “I am proud to be a part of the team that provides worship services for all our members through video, and am honored to be seen as College Hill’s member of the year.”

According to several members, one of the most touching parts of the service was a video presentation by Lewis titled, “Special Recognitions and Historical Reflections.” This presentation included photos of members that have succumbed in the last 12 months and photos of members that have transitioned over the many years.

Historical reflections were given by longtime members regarding their journey as members of College Hill. Robert Dow and Malena Dow as well as Jessie Mae Willis, wife of the late Pastor R. E. Willis each expressed some of their most precious memories and experiences at College Hill. Previous reflections leading up to the anniversary service were given by Lenora Reed, a long time member of College Hill.

The message was given by Rev. Calvin Peoples, a minister of the house, that has brought messages to the College Hill family every other Sunday since Dr. Michael T. Williams retired in October of 2020. Peoples acknowledged and thanked Rev. William Wheeler for bringing the message on alternate Sundays during the pandemic. Wheeler, who led the responsive reading, is also a minister of the house at College Hill.

Peoples preached a resurrection message from Mark 16: 1-8 titled “Who Will Roll Away the Stone.”

Peoples said God will continue to provide for College Hill as he has blessed us over these 114 years.

Members of the Anniversary Committee were Mary Abron, Bobbie Anderson, Larry Bridges, Gail Gettis, Kelvin Hayes, Sharon Robinson, Rufus Tate, Deacon Vernon Jasper and Deacon Frank Yates. Guest soloist was Calandra Daniels.



Deacon John Morris receives XTRAM Award



Terrence Hill making presentations

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and video footage.

The officers also rebuffed offers of help from an off-duty Minneapolis firefighter who wanted to administer aid or tell officers how to do it.

Langenfeld testified that for people who go into cardiac arrest, there is an approximately 10% to 15% decrease in survival for every minute that CPR is not administered.

Nelson noted on cross-examination that the department policies direct officers to do what is reasonable in a given situation. He asked whether officers need to take the actions of a crowd into account, and Arradondo agreed. Nelson has suggested that onlookers – many of whom were shouting at Chauvin – might have affected officers’ response.

Nelson also questioned whether Chauvin’s knee was on Floyd’s neck, playing a few seconds of bystander video side-by-side with footage from an officer’s body camera that Arradon-

do agreed appeared to show Chauvin’s knee on Floyd’s shoulder blade.

But prosecutors quickly got Arradondo to note that the clip played by Nelson depicted only the few seconds before Floyd was moved onto a stretcher.

Minneapolis police Inspector Katie Blackwell, who was the commander of the training division at the time of Floyd’s death, also took the stand Monday. She looked at a picture of Chauvin with his knee on Floyd’s neck and said it is not how officers are trained.

“I don’t know what kind of improvised position that is,” she said.

The city moved soon after Floyd’s death to ban police chokeholds and neck restraints. Arradondo and Mayor Jacob Frey also made several policy changes, including expanded reporting of use-of-force incidents and attempts to de-escalate situations.

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Holmes County Central Boy's Basketball team with coaches and staff

neral Home.

David Rule and Ella Edwards Benson were the alderpersons that spearheaded the celebration event.

Rule, in a telephone interview with *The Mississippi Link*, said the importance of organizing the event was to recognize the students of the basketball team.

“Number one, I am a 1974 graduate of the high school. My granddaughter is also on the basketball team; she just signed to play with Holmes Community College next season,” Rule said.

“Lately, we have been hearing negative news about Holmes County, the championship was something positive on the news.

“It was important to organize this event because we wanted to show appreciation to the kids for making the whole county proud. We were rivalries with Durant and Tchula and now we are all as one,” said Rule.

Roughly, 3-4 years ago, the county merged three high schools into one, which is now known as Holmes County Central High School, a 5-A school.

Alderdwoman Ella Benson stated, “Holmes County has never brought home the championship title but they have won district games. Even though the win was in the county; the city of Lexington has students attending Holmes Central and we wanted to recognize them.” The high school is geographically a part of the county’s jurisdiction.

“We told them if they can win the championship, they can move up anywhere in life,” Benson said.

Benson also recognized her grandson #23 Malik Crigler. She said he was the in the corner shooting the three pointers.

Former coach Antwain Patrick, principal of Holmes County Central, stated, “When you win a championship it brings new life and new



Girls' head coach Luana Greer (left) pauses for a photo opt with the Lady Jaguars and assistant coach Retha Greer (right).

kinship within the county and school.”

“We had both the boys and girls in the championship so the pride in the county was special,” Patrick expressed.

Patrick coached the Jaguars for five years before he became principal. Coach DeAngelo Prior is now the head coach.

With the girls’ basketball team only down by three points, they went out with a bang making it all the way to big house.

The girls’ basketball coach Luana Greer said, “According to every metric you can think of, Holmes County is always at the bottom. Think about it, we don’t belong to the Jackson metro area. We are not quite the delta, but if you look at a map, Holmes County is in the middle point of Mississippi, “the heart of Mississippi.”

She continued, “That’s what we bring to the table, a massive amount of heart and desire. We are never given anything and we don’t want it that way either. We earn or take whatever we are trying to obtain.”

Greer closed the interview by saying, “That’s why our athletics and academic success is so important. Our kids are counted out, our community is counted out, and we give our communities something to root for. Our girls made it to state with an overall 3.5/3.8 GPA. Earned, not given. Holmes vs everybody.



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HPV, another virus we should be concerned about

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

“HPV” stands for human papilloma-virus. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. Most of the time HPV is harm-less and will go away by itself. Some types of HPV can lead to cancer and genital warts. There are more than 200 types of HPV. 20% of them can infect your genital area. This includes your vulva, cervix, rectum, anus, penis and scrotum. It can also affect your mouth and throat. At least a dozen variant of HPV can lead to cancer. Variant 16 and 18 are linked to 70% of the cancer cases. Variant 6 and 11 lead to genital warts. More than 30 variants can lead to warts on other parts of your body. HPV causes 99% of the cervical cancers in the United States.

The majority of anal, cervical, most cancers affecting the penis and oral cavity (mouth, throat and sinus cavities) can be linked to the human papilloma-virus. The CDC recorded about 43 mil-lion HPV infections in 2018. Most of these infections were among people in their late teens and early 20s.

Even if you’ve been in a monoga-mous sexual relationship for years, you may unknowingly be carrying the po-tentially deadly virus. Half of all sexu-ally active men and women in the Unit-ed States will be infected with HPV at some point in their lives.

Most HPV infection goes undetected



because they don’t cause warts or any other signs or symptoms. Both women and men that are infected can unknow-ingly transmit the virus during sexual encounters in the vagina, anal and mouth. Kissing can also be another route of transmission.

HPV can lay dormant for many years after a person contracts the virus, even if symptoms never occur. About 10 to 15% of people become infected via nonsexual sources. People with a low-ered immune system are at greater risk for developing cancer from HPV. People undergoing chemotherapy, have

diabetes, have an autoimmune disease such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis or who have multiple sex partners are at greater risk for an HPV infection.

The good news is that your body’s immune system can effectively elimi-nate 90% of the cancer causing variants within two years. When the virus stays in the body more than two years it is considered chronic and increases your risk for cancer

Some ingredients in vaginal spermi-cides triple a woman’s risk for HPV in-fection. The World Health Organization stated, “HPV infection is so common

because it can spread without penetra-tive intercourse – it can be passed on simply through skin-to-skin contact.”

The CDC recommends the following:

- Get vaccinated. Adolescents should receive the vaccine around age 11 or 12, or before you become sexually active. You can still get the vaccine until age 45.
- Use barrier methods whenever you have sex. This includes consistent and correct use of barrier methods such as condoms, dental dams, or anything that protects from direct genital contact.
- Avoid sex if warts are present. If there’s an active infection, it’s still pos-sible for the virus to spread even if a condom is worn.
- Don’t share personal items that make contact with genitals. This in-cludes towels.
- Reduce or avoid smoking. Smoking can actually increase the risk of a wart outbreak. Quitting can be difficult, but a doctor can help create a cessation plan that works for you.
- Tell sexual partners about HPV status before sexual activity. Ask your partners to let you know if they have any STIs. Ideally, get tested before hav-ing sex.
- All females between the ages of 21 and 65 should get regular pap smears tests.

The CDC list three types of screen-ing tests for women:

- HPV test: A healthcare professional

will test cervical cells for DNA or RNA from high risk HPV types that can cause cervical and other cancers.

- Pap test: A healthcare professional will examine cervical cells to check for cancer or precancerous changes.

- HPV/Pap co-test: This is a combi-nation of the HPV and Pap tests.

One of the questions that came up in putting this article together was the question of cheating. “I tested positive for HPV did my partner cheat on me.” HPV is very common, and if you’re sexually active, it’s one of the risks you face. It doesn’t mean that you or your partner or previous partners did any-thing wrong. Partners tend to share strains of the virus between them, which means it’s almost impossible to know where the infection started.

A second was “Can you use a dis-infectant to kill HPV?” A study done at Penn State University states that “Chemical disinfectants used in the hospitals and other healthcare settings have absolutely no effect on killing human papillomavirus.” “So unless bleach or autoclaving is used in the hospital setting, human papillomavirus is not being killed and there is a poten-tial spread of HPV through hospital ac-quired or instrument or tool infection.”

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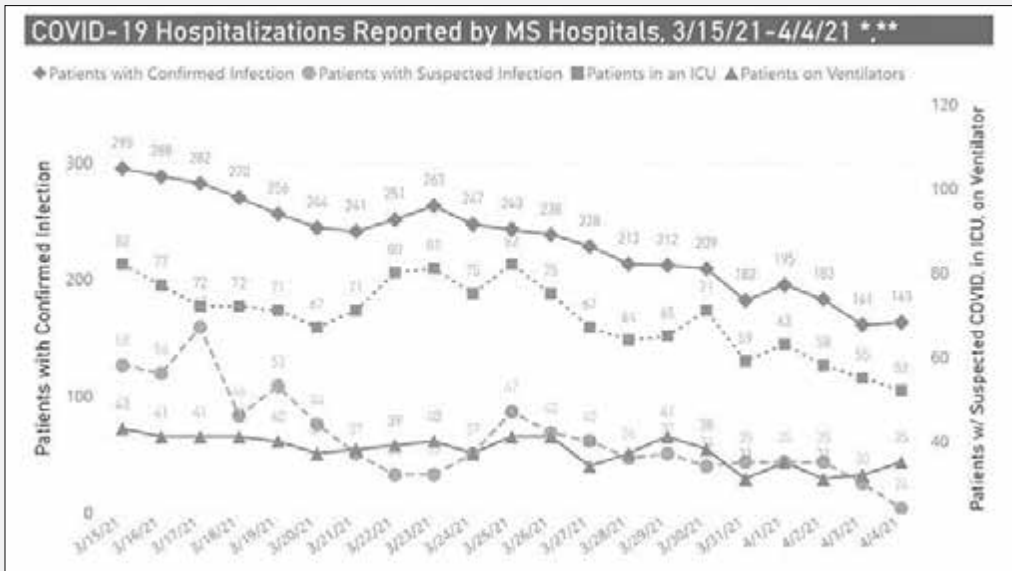
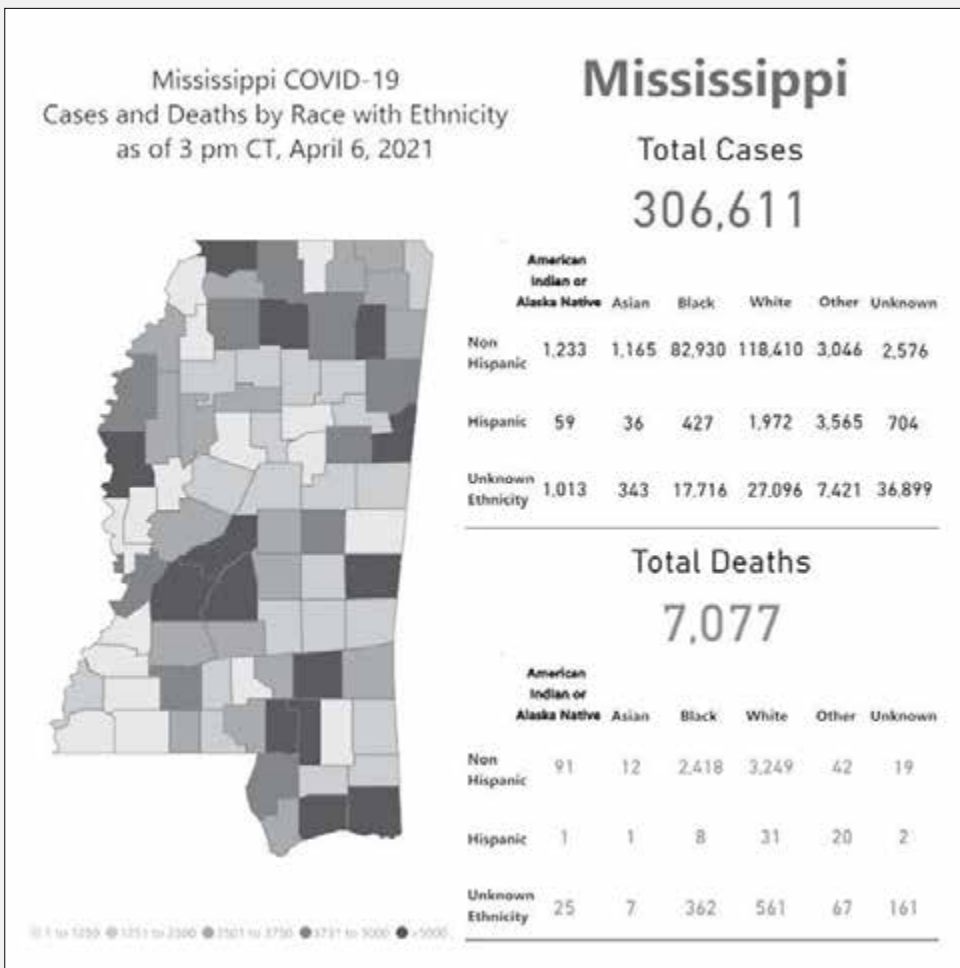
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Early voting – Mississippi advocates: Put early voting proposal on Mississippi ballot

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

A Democratic state lawmaker is leading a group of activists who want to amend the Mississippi Constitution to create a broad system of early, in-person voting. The coalition filed paperwork Thursday at the Mississippi Secretary of State's office to begin an initiative process.

"We the people see that Mississippi legislators are not going to give us early voting, and we must therefore help ourselves," said Rep. Hester Jackson McCray of Horn Lake, who last year became the first African American to represent DeSoto County in the state legislature.

The proposed initiative would allow people to vote at least 10 days before an election at the offices of circuit clerks or municipal clerks and other qualifying polling locations. Mississippi has some of the most restrictive laws in the U.S. about voting before Election Day.

Absentee voting is avail-

able in Mississippi to residents 65 or older, or to any voters who are permanently disabled or will be out of their home county on Election Day. People who have to work on Election Day when polls are open may also vote absentee.

Voters waited for hours in long lines to cast their ballots during the presidential election in November. Getting an initiative on the ballot is a complicated process. Advocates will need to pay a \$500 fee and wait for state officials to give them a ballot summary. Once they have that, organizers have a year to get more than 100,000 Mississippi voters to sign petitions.

Even if organizers get enough signatures, Mississippi legislators can put an alternative proposal dealing with the same issue on the same ballot, a situation that can lead to confusion among voters.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, legislators last year tweaked Mississippi law

with temporary provisions that have allowed absentee voting by someone with a temporary or permanent disability. That may include "a physician-imposed quarantine due to COVID-19" or by a person who is "caring for a dependent that is under a physician-imposed quarantine due to COVID-19."

Bills to allow early voting passed the Mississippi House with bipartisan support in 2016 and 2017 but were killed by a state senate committee led by Republicans, who have controlled both legislative chambers for nearly a decade. Some Democratic lawmakers sought to expand early voting through several bills filed this year, but those efforts did not gain traction.

Republican Gov. Tate Reeves has made it clear he would veto any legislative efforts to broaden state laws to allow widespread no-excuse early voting.

Associated Press reporter Emily Wagster Pettus contributed to this report.

Where every kid needs lunch, school fights to feed them all

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

Most mornings, children are waiting beside the road with arms outstretched by the time driver Brian Hall pulls up in the decades-old yellow school bus.

As he pulls away, the bus creaking along toward his next stop on winding dirt roads, they already are breaking the plastic open to begin eating the day's offerings: barbecue chicken, fish sticks or turkey tacos with cartons of milk and cans of juice.

"You can tell they need the food by the way they react to the deliveries," Hall said. "We don't know what they're getting at home."

More than half of all children in Jefferson County, Mississippi live in food insecurity, making it the hungriest county in the U.S. according to an October 2020 report by Feeding America, a non-profit and national network of food banks. All 1,100 students enrolled in Jefferson County School District qualified for free breakfast and lunch at school before the pandemic because of the high poverty rate.

By the state of Mississippi's accounts, Jefferson County is a "failing" school district, based on pre-pandemic test scores. Like other under-resourced districts, it doesn't have the money to build new schools or hire more teachers.

Educators have been working to improve the district's rating: Implementing a new curriculum, creating a program for parent engagement, working one-on-one with students.

And for more than a year now, they have been succeeding in the most crucial and fundamental way: Driving long miles on dusty roads to ensure every child gets something to eat each day.

"There's not a chance if you're a child, you're going to be able to really engage in school if you're not eating," Superintendent Adrian Hammitte said. "We know families desperately need the help. We're trying to substitute for what a lot of kids are not getting at home."

Jefferson County, a community of around 7,000, has one of the highest unemployment rates of any in America: 17% in January 2021 compared to the national rate of around 6.3%.

Named for U.S. President Thomas Jefferson, it was originally developed as cotton plantations before the Civil War. Agriculture was always the largest industry in the rural region but with the rise of industrialization, jobs were lost and the county's tax base has crumbled. The county has the highest African-American population of any in the U.S., and many families have lived in poverty for generations.

Because of a lack of jobs in the area, people travel distances for work – oftentimes out of state. Many of the district's children care for younger siblings, while others are watched by grandparents.

More than 50% of people in Jefferson County have received at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine, with 30% of people fully vaccinated, according to the state Department of Health. That makes Jefferson by far the most vaccinated per capita out of all of the state's 82 counties, largely because of the work of the Jefferson Comprehensive Health Center, a clinic that provides care based on pa-



Kejuan Turner, 8, eats a burger from a free bagged lunch provided by the Jefferson County School District on the back of his mother's truck with his brother, Kendrell, 9, outside their home in Fayette, Miss., Monday, March 22, 2021. The children receive the meals while at day-care and eat them when they get home in the afternoons. AP PHOTO/LEAH WILLINGHAM

tients' ability to pay.

Yet like many predominantly black school districts, Jefferson County School District, which is 98% black, has been cautious about returning to in-person instruction. Families are worried after seeing how the virus has impacted black communities across the nation.

Around 10% of people in Jefferson County have at one point tested positive for coronavirus, according to the state Department of Health. There was an outbreak in the school district when schools tried going back in-person in the fall.

The district was mostly virtual until February, when it slowly began offering opportunities for limited in-person instruction. Now, all students spend three days a week learning from home and two days on campus.

Each morning, the cafeteria staff arrives in the dark to begin prepping the day's meals. Cafeteria Manager Sondra Smith said her employees – some of whom go to food banks to get their own meals because family members have lost jobs – volunteer to come in early and prep, before their work shift starts. Other days, they forgo their breaks to get meals done.

"It's a very serious job," Smith said. "We're feeding the babies that need it."

Inmates from the Jefferson-Franklin County Correctional facility down the road come to the district to package food and load the aging buses and vans. Schools were able to purchase some new equipment with federal coronavirus funds, like coolers to keep milk cold in transit.

On a recent morning, high school senior Shaneque Merritt walked to the end of her driveway to collect a handful of bags for her family.

Her grandmother, Victoria Green, 61, is raising five other kids between the ages of 7 and 12.

Green said before the pandemic, she worked as a private nurse caring for some of the county's older citizens. Now, she said she's had to stay home to help the kids with their schoolwork. The staggered hybrid schedule means at least one child is home every day.

She said the family relies on food stamps and her husband's monthly Social Security check. It isn't enough to get by.

"It's hard, I ain't gonna lie about it," she said. "There's a lot of things we need, but we can't get it right now."

Annie Turner, 31, is the mother of six young children. Four are school-age. She said receiving food from the school helps supplement what she is able to provide. It's tough being the family's breadwinner dur-

ing a pandemic, she said.

"It's really put a strain on me – big time," she said.

Like many parents, she has to travel outside the county to work. She drives more than two hours every weekend to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to a 36-hour-a-week job working nights making \$15 an hour at a hospital as a post-anesthesia care unit aide.

"You got a lot of parents who are actually out there working to try to take care of home, and when it comes to food, you want to make sure that your family is eating well," she said. "Nobody wants to just be eating ramen noodles and hot dogs all day."

The pandemic has required school districts across the country to find creative ways to get food to students.

In Mississippi's capital of Jackson, a majority-black city where all students qualify for free meals, the public school district made pick-up points for kids to get food while learning from home.

But when Jefferson County started doing the same at the beginning of the pandemic, only around 75% of kids were being fed, because some families don't have vehicles or aren't able to drive. Delivering door to door, around 98% of kids are getting food.

DeAmber Reynolds takes care of her 6-year-old daughter and her nephew at home during remote learning days. She has seizures and can't drive.

"If I had to go to pick it up, we wouldn't be getting the meals," said Reynolds, 26, who is in graduate school studying technology management while caring for kids at home. "Having them delivered, it helps a lot. People who need them, get them."

Most days, the district's buses leave the schools filled with bags and come back empty.

Still, there are homes where the bus stops, and no one comes to collect the food. There are others where kids have only taken food a few times. On a recent day, the bus stopped outside a home. The driver honked. Two children peered out at the bus from a window, but didn't leave the house.

"We figure they're getting food somewhere else, we hope so," cook Raquel Mims-Cole said, as she looked out at the house. "But you can't know. All we can do is keep being here every day. We'll keep on coming, as long as they need us."

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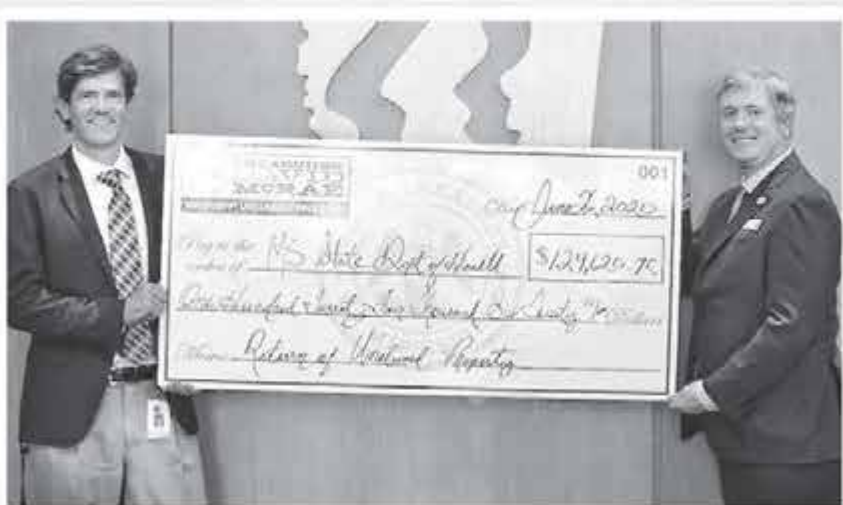
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The seven last words of George Floyd

By John Thomas III
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The commemoration of Good Friday is a solemn and holy event for Christians. We cannot get to the resurrection of Jesus Christ without traversing through the crucifixion, death and burial of God’s only begotten son. One of the dividing lines among Christian traditions is the context of Jesus’s passion and death. When we separate Jesus from His worldly environment and circumstances – being persecuted as a Jewish teacher by a foreign empire and betrayed by compatriots who were threatened by His message and witness – we lose sight that Jesus, both fully God and man, was gruesomely murdered.

This year’s Good Friday is especially poignant for African Americans as it comes in the middle of the trial of Derek Chauvin for the gruesome murder of George Floyd. The 9 minutes and 29 seconds that turned the collective stomach of the world have been seared into our shared consciousness and the legacy of this watershed moment is still playing out.

In the same way that we cannot allow our faith to be sanitized, we cannot allow the death of Floyd to be stripped of the circumstances of institutional racism, poverty and White Supremacy that led to his brutal death at the hands of one who was charged to serve and protect.

It is customary on Good Friday to commemorate the seven last words/sayings of Jesus Christ in solemn worship. In that spirit today, I encourage us to reflect upon the seven last words of George Floyd based upon the police bodycam transcript.

1) Mama, mama, mama!



Floyd Mural

“When George Floyd called for his mother, he was calling for all of us,” said a friend of mine who is the mother of a young black son. When Jesus was dying on the cross, He looked to His mother, Mary, commending her to John’s care. We can only imagine how Mary felt to see the life slowly leaving her son’s body. In his last moments, Floyd cried out for the woman who brought him into this world as he realized he was being ripped out of it.

2) Please, man.

When Jesus was on the cross, He appealed to His tormentors to quench His thirst. Floyd appealed to the humanity of his tormentor to save his life. He was already on the ground and restrained. He was not a threat. This plea echoes the signs of the 1960s strikes when working-class black people asserted their dignity by simply saying, “I am a Man!” It also echoes the appeal of Sojourner Truth for persons to see and value her humanity by saying, “Ain’t I a Woman?” In the eyes of his murderer, however, Floyd was not a citizen – much less, a human being.

3) You’re going to kill me, man!

Floyd told his murderer that he was dying and pleaded with him to stop. As the trial goes on, we are hearing the damning testimony of persons who all say they know they witnessed

a murder. An assassination perpetrated by White Supremacy at the hands of the police. How many times have we heard deadly force being justified because of a perceived threat or a need to stand one’s ground?

4) I can’t believe this.

We all cannot believe the cruel brutality of White Supremacy – yet it plays before our collective eyes daily with its deadly consequences: Floyd’s disbelief that a transaction with an alleged counterfeit bill could cost him his life at the hands of someone who he had worked with. The shock from emergency personnel who clearly saw the signs of distress yet were not allowed to render assistance. The horror of rookie police officers out on their training patrol witnessing a superior crushing the life out of a restrained suspect.

5) Tell my kids, I love them.

Floyd had a life before he became a martyr, a slogan and a t-shirt image. He was a friend, a son, and a father. Behind every victim of racism is collateral damage – grieving children, a heartbroken community, the lost potential of what could and should have been. Even though his death has become a symbol of the cost of institutional racism for black people, Floyd was a real man with real people who mourn him and were robbed of his presence in their lives.

6) I’m dead.

Between 1920 and 1938,

the New York branch of the NAACP hung a flag outside of its office emblazoned with the words, “Another man was lynched today.” In 2015, the flag was revived and updated to say, “Another man was lynched by police today.” Jesus’ death was a public lynching complete with a gambling show. The world has borne witness to Floyd’s lynching – many anguished, others cheering, and some nonchalant – in the same way that the spectators watched Jesus hang His head on Golgotha as the sun set.

7) I can’t breathe!

The most well-known phrase that embodies how White Supremacy has strangled the life out of black people globally through the trans-Atlantic slave trade (Maafa), colonialism, apartheid, segregation and a litany of other terms associated with White Supremacy and anti-blackness. It was first seared into our memories when we watched Eric Garner have the life choked out of him. On May 25, 2020, over 600 years of global anti-blackness were distilled into a single moment when a white cop literally ripped the spirit out of a black man. We remember that Jesus committed His spirit to God as his lungs collapsed from the crucifixion.

Breonna Taylor, Atatiana Jefferson, Tamir Rice, Freddy Gray, Philando Castille, Bothan Jean Janisha Fonville, George Perry Floyd Jr. and Jesus.

Today as we commemorate one who paid the ultimate price for our eternal salvation, we must also remember those who daily pay the price of the legacy of the brutal and inveterate violence of White Supremacy. Our prayer to make it “on Earth as it is in Heaven” is only as good as the witness and daily steps we take to make sure that Jesus, George Floyd, and so many others have not died in vain. Amen.

Will justice and truth prevail in the George Floyd trial?

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America is watching the George Floyd trial. The world is too. It began last week, and the media is covering it on every side.

It is difficult for me to watch as the testimony has been riveting and full of passion. Witnesses have cried and those of us at home have shed tears.

The memories of this horrific murder are still fresh and are still lodged in our minds. They have not gone away.

We have used eight minutes and forty-six seconds as the amount of time Derek Chauvin then Minneapolis police officer had his knee on the neck of George Floyd. New testimony has shown that it was nine minutes and twenty-nine seconds. Prosecutor Jerry Blackwell said, “9-2-9 were the three most important numbers in this case. That was the time it took to squeeze the very life out of George Floyd.”

Chris Stewart, an attorney for Floyd’s family said, “It’s heartbreaking to know the torture lasted even longer.”

This unspeakable act has taken on a new level of both staid and sadness.

The stain of it is that a human being would commit this heinous act without any remorse or contrition. The sadness of it is that a life was taken, and George Floyd’s last breath was in anguish and pain.

We saw this crime against life unfold on television raw and uncut. This was not a hold up and no lockdowns were in place. Special police forces were not needed. You and I saw one man callously and recklessly commit murder.

This one man was not just any man. He was a police officer who took an oath to protect and to serve.

Van Jones, CNN political commentator said, “You want the police to obey the law.” In my opinion, he did not fulfill

his oath.

I have an expression that have been using a lot lately. It is “you can’t defend the indefensible.”

You cannot in good conscience defend what happened to George Floyd on May 25, 2020. Yet some will disagree with my assertion.

Eric Nelson, the attorney for Chauvin, is wanting the jury to consider and review all the facts in the case. Nelson is saying Chauvin was doing what he was trained to do.

There have been experts, like former Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, who have disagreed.

Lt. Richard Zimmerman has also taken issue with Nelson’s statements. In his testimony, he said he was never instructed to kneel on someone’s neck who had on handcuffs. Zimmerman is not just any police officer. He is the most senior police officer in the Minneapolis police force. His opinions and statements matter.

There have been several witnesses who have testified, and they say they saw the same thing. They saw Floyd slowly losing his life because Chauvin had his knee on his neck.

As the trial progresses, there will be some who will try to convince the jury otherwise. They will bring up points that are immaterial and irrelevant. The facts simply do not lie. The truth will come out because it always does.

Onlookers looked and were rendered helpless by the police. They watched just feet away as a murder was being committed. What was going through their minds as his life was coming to an end?

Maybe Darnella Frazier, a teenager, said it best. She said, “It’s been nights I’ve stayed up apologizing to George Floyd for not doing more and not physically interacting and not saving his life. But it’s not what I should have done, it’s what he should have done.” She was talking about Derek Chauvin.

Justice is on trial in the George Floyd murder case

Justice is on trial in the United States

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



The murder trial of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin has begun, ten months after George Floyd died in the street with Chauvin’s knee on his neck. Americans, especially black Americans, are watching closely to see if justice will be done.

The beginning of the trial made me profoundly sad, but also profoundly hopeful. It made me sad because Floyd is gone and nothing will bring him back to his family. It made me hopeful because Floyd’s killing sparked a renewed movement that is challenging police killings of unarmed civilians – a multiracial and multigenerational movement.

The fact that Chauvin has been indicted and is facing trial is itself reason for hope. But my hope is tempered by history. As black Americans know all too well, our system often fails to

hold law enforcement accountable for killing black people – even when the killing is on video. Think about Eric Garner. Garner died in 2014 after a New York City police officer put him in a choke hold and wrestled him to the ground. Before he died, Garner told police officers, “I can’t breathe” 11 times. It was all on video. But a local grand jury decided not to indict the officer who killed Garner. And five years later, in 2019, U.S. Attorney General William Barr decided not to bring federal civil rights charges against him. Last year, Floyd said “I can’t breathe” 27 times as he laid on the ground with Chauvin’s knee on his neck. Other officers looked on even as people begged and pleaded with them to spare Floyd’s life.

The trial testimony has been brutal. We learned on the first day that Chauvin knelt on Floyd’s neck for nine and a half minutes – even longer than we thought. On the second day, a teenage witness tried to hold back tears on the stand while

she described watching a man die and not being able to help him. I am convinced that the truth about what happened to George Floyd came out only because someone filmed his death. It was only after video was shared widely that the officers were fired, and charges eventually filed. And even now, rumors and disinformation being spread online blame Floyd for his own death.

A *New York Times* investigation published last year found that over the past decade, at least 70 people – more than half of them black – died in law enforcement custody after saying “I can’t breathe.” Most of them were stopped or held over non-violent infractions, 911 calls about “suspicious” behavior, or mental health issues. More than 40 of the “I can’t breathe” deaths happened after Garner was killed.

We hope and expect that the trial now under way will bring justice for George Floyd and his family. But obviously the problem in law enforcement is

much bigger than individual “bad apples.” We can save lives and prevent future deaths by reimagining public safety and demanding real, institutional change. That is the motivation for measures like the federal George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and a wave of initiatives being proposed and considered at state and local levels.

We must finally have equal justice under the law, and it starts with a criminal justice system that holds law enforcement accountable.

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32.	28528 18-167975	2011 FORD F250	1FT7X2AT48EA50341	91.	29817 20-003574	2012 HOND AXL	1HGCP2F82CA159295	157.	40337 20-100810	2016 CHEV CRUZE	1G1PCS5SH3G7221690
33.	28540 18-169671	2002 MERC SABLE	1MEFM55S02A636807	92.	29849 20-008804	2002 FORD RNG	1FTYR10DX2PA40100	158.	40338 20-101001	2004 CHEV MAL	1G1ZU54804F205080
34.	28550 18-171174	2008 CHEV IPL	2G1WB58K089186527	93.	29858 20-010478	2006 DODG SQ2	1D7KS28C66J127292	159.	40340 20-101073	1998 HOND ACCORD	1HGGC5647WA062709
35.	28553 18-171061	1999 KIA SEPHIA	KNAFB1215X5877616	94.	29899 20-016141	2007 FORD ESCAPE	1FMCU03107KA25545	160.	40346 20-101769	2007 PONT GRAND PRIX	2G2WP552571110204
36.	28563 18-172983	2004 CHEV SILVERADO	1GCEC14X14Z273699	95.	29924 20-019891	2013 DODG CHARGER	2C3CDXBG5DH688412	161.	40349 20-101996	1999 HOND ACCORD	1HGGC5642XA011491
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38.	28579 18-175555	2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FFP74V48X120178	97.	29518 19-149661	2015 HOND ACCORD	1HGGT2B80FA006369	163.	40360 20-103485	1996 NISS GSN	1N4BU31D6TC176088
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41.	28637 18-179774	2005 BUIC CENTURY	2G4WS52J251104701	100.	30015 20-031132	2016 DODG DART	1C3CDFAA7GD752331	166.	40372 20-104797	2015 HOND ACCORD	1HGC2F53FA270930
42.	28647 18-183576	2001 HOND ULX	1HGGC56481A044230	101.	30045 20-029621	2001 GMC SIERRA	1GTEC14W81Z195845	167.	40374 20-105418	2000 DODG GRAND CARAVAN	2B4GP44G2YR630478
43.	28659 18-185727	2001 LEXS GS	JT8BD69S910147065	102.	30071 20-045612	2006 CHRY 300	2C3KA43R16H307306	168.	40381 20-106587	2013 HOND ACCORD	1HGC2F59DA129521
44.	28662 18-185019	2007 CHEV HLT	3GNDA33P97S539185	103.	40016 20-053388	2005 ACUR TL	19UUA66255A051314	169.	40390 20-107825	2002 ACUR 32T	19UUA56622A037251
45.	28688 18-190373	2001 JEEP WRANGLER/TJ	1J4FA29P919306104	104.	40017 20-053407	2012 MERZ ESD	WDDHFF5KB8CA548166	170.	40400 20-109649	2002 CHEV CTA	1GNEC13Z12R166191
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47.	28698 18-191874	2006 LEXS GS GENERATION	JTHBH96S565021208	106.	40030 20-054971	1997 TOYT CAMR	4T1BF22K4VU031944	172.	40420 20-093684	2003 FORD WSD	1FBSS31SX3HA47115
48.	28702 18-192716	1992 OLD CUTLASS CIERA	1G3AL54N5N6351554	107.	40032 20-055192	2003 CHEV IMP	2G1WFS2E439377982	173.	40435 20-114398	2005 CHRY SEBRING	1C3EL45R05N521147
49.	28720 18-194834	2011 CHEV IMT	2G1WG5EK6B1168724	108.	40033 20-050540	2006 CHRY PT	3A4FY48B36T319978	174.	40436 20-115578	2005 CHEV IMP	2G1WFS2E259391849
50.	28728 18-195736	1995 NISS MAXIMA	JN1CA21D6ST662094	109.	40034 20-052338	2012 HOND CIVIC	2HGFB2F5XCH532909	175.	40443 20-115630	1996 TOYT COA	1NXBB02ETZ496195
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52.	28736	2000 DODG DAK	1B7GL22N0YS786649	111.	40040 20-056129	1989 FORD F150	1FTDF15Y5KKA22961	177.	40465 20-118321	2000 FORD MUSTANG	1FAFP4443YF182057
53.	28751 19-002190	2003 CHEV BZR	1GNCS18X33K127503	112.	40042 20-056694	1999 CHEV CTA	1GNEC13R0XJ567057	178.	40474 20-120253	2006 GMC NEW SIERRA	1GTEC14X76Z104614
54.	28753 19-002603	2008 PONT G6	1G2ZHI7NX84114555	113.	40043 20-056681	2004 PONT GRAN	2G2WPS42541269799	179.	40478 20-120550	2007 DODG CLB	1B3HB28B07D182950
55.	28760	2002 ACUR 3.5RL	JH4KA96S82C007291	114.	40047 20-056919	2006 HOND CR-V	SHSRD78546U438978	180.	40483 20-121790	2007 FORD F15	1FTPW12V57KB02257
56.	28771 19-005978	2004 MERC GMG	2MEFM74W54X687567	115.	40061 20-057713	1994 MAZD MPV	JM3LS5229R0629738	181.	40498 20-122957	2009 MERZ C	WDDGF54X99R040822
57.	28794 19-009592	2011 DODG CHALLENGER	2B3CJ5DT7BH535032	116.	40074 20-058159	2005 MERZ E	WDBUF70J45A768064	182.	28311 18-132374	GO CART(BLUE/WHITE)	
58.	28869 19-026112	2006 KIA NEW SPECTRA	KNAFE121965358374	117.	40083 20-060383	2006 FORD CVC	2FAFP71W56X138277	183.	27987 18-080057	GO CART CT200U	
59.	28896 19-030703	2006 HOND UCL	1HGFA16506L101029	118.	40088 20-062115	2001 DODG Q15	1B7HC13Y21J1518592	184.		MINI BIKE (RED)	
				119.	40102 20-063976	2012 FORD F15	1FTFW1CF6CFA65905	185.		MINI BIKE(RED)	
				120.	40109 20-065129	2000 HOND ACCO	1HGGC5640YA035600	186.	27897	MINI BIKE VIPPER BAJA(RED)	
				121.	40124 20-067586	2017 NISS SENTRA	3N1AB7APXHY400848				
				122.	40144 20-070098	2007 CHEV DLS	1GNDV23107D137940				
				123.	40145 20-070205	2005 STRN ION	1G8AJ52F05Z156116				
				124.	40147 20-070751	2006 MERC MONTEGO	1MEFM431X6G615227				
				125.	40156 20-071257	2011 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FABP7BV6BX143647				

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAXIWAY ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE LED LIGHTING PROJECT AT THE HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 005-11

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) is seeking electronic bids for construction and related services in connection with the Taxiway Alpha, Bravo, Charlie LED Lighting Project at the Hawkins Field Airport (the “Work”).

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, April 30, 2021 (the “Bid Deadline”). Bids shall be accepted by email, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Email:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4124

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 Andy Hilton has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMu-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for a zoning classification that is consistent with the zoning in the proximity and to allow for more development opportunities for the subject property located at 140 McTyere St. (Parcel: 58-112-2), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Beginning at a point on the North line of McTyere Street where the same is intersected by the East line of Wilson street; thence East along the North line of McTyere Street a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence North and parallel to the North line of McTyere Street a distance of 50 feet to the East line of Wilson Street; thence southwardly along the East line of Wilson Street a distance of 150 feet to the Point of Beginning and being in the Southwest corner of Block "N" comprising a part of Lots 24, 25, 26,27 and 28 in said Block "N", Howie-Roell Re-survey of Millsaps Addition.

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, April 28, 2021, 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 APRIL 21, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of April 2021.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING AND VARIANCES

ZONING CASE NO. 4125

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 Jackson Manor Apartments, Inc. & Jackson Manor Preservation, L.P. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to allow for conformance in the zoning and the current use of the property and Variances from the required number of parking spaces and the required rear yard setback located on 332 Josanna Street (Parcel: 61-29-17) described as:

A parcel of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 North – Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Northeast corner of Lot 15, Josie Johnson Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 7 at Page 34 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi and run South 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West along the Northern boundary of said Lot 15 for a distance of 32.80 feet; leaving said Northern boundary, run thence

North 02 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds West for a distance of 170.78 feet to the Southern boundary of Block 2, Purnell Addition to Millsaps College, as recorded in Plat Cabinet A at Slot 49; thence

South 89 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East along said Southern boundary for a distance of 146.18 feet; leaving said Southern boundary, run thence

North 02 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds West for a distance of 59.92 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 48.78 feet to the Western boundary of Lot 2 of aforesaid Block 2, Purnell Addition to Millsaps College thence

South 02 degrees 10 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 364.32 feet to the northern Right-Of-Way line of Josanna Street, as it is now (Oct. 1989) in use; thence

South 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West along said Northern Right-Of-Way line for a distance of 166.19 feet to the Southeast corner of aforesaid Lot 15 Josie Johnson Subdivision; thence

North 00 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds West along the Eastern boundary of said Lot 15, for a distance of 134.97 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said parcel contains 1.337 acres more or less.

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, April 28, 2021, 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 2nd day of April 2021.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4126

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 Brad Reeves on behalf of Cage Properties has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for more redevelopment opportunities for the subject properties for property located at 4855 I-55 North (Parcels: 511-636, 511-650 & 511-652), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel A:

A part of the East one-half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, lying in and being a part of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Northeast corner of the intersection of the North line of the dedicated road or street along the South side of that certain property conveyed by W. P. Bridges to the Trustees of the Jackson Municipal Separate School District, with the East line of the road or street along the East side of said School property, as recorded in Deed Book 818, at Page 562; from said intersection run easterly along the North line of said road or street a distance of 150 feet to the Southwest corner of the Pan-Am Southern property as recorded in Deed Book 868, at Page 158; turn thence to the left through an angle of 89°58' and run Northerly along the West line of said Pan-Am Southern property and parallel with the road or street along the East side of the School property, for a distance of 295.9 feet to the Northwest corner of the Pan-Am Southern property and the point of beginning of the property herein described; continue thence Northerly on an extension of the last mentioned course, and parallel with the road or street along the East side of said School property for a distance of 348.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the D. F. Lyle property as recorded in Deed Book 930, at Page 253; turn thence to the right through an angle of 89°58' and run Easterly along the South line of said D. F. Lyle property for a distance of 360.9 feet to the new Right-of-Way line of U. S. Highway #51; turn thence to the right through an angle of 99°30' and run Southwesterly along the present Right-of-Way line of said U. S. Highway #51 for a distance of 353 feet to the North line of the Pan-Am Southern property; turn thence to the right through an angle of 80°30' and run Westerly along the North line of the Pan-Am Southern property for a distance of 302.9 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a non-exclusive easement or right-of-way for the purposes of ingress and egress over the following described property:

A strip of land 20 feet wide, East and West, and 940 feet long, North and South, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Pan-Am Southern property described above, thence North 940 feet to a point, which is the Northwest corner of the D. F. Lyle property described above, thence West for a distance of 20 feet to a point on a projection in a Westerly direction of the North line of the said Lyle property, thence South for a distance of 940 feet to a point which is 20 feet West of the Southwest corner of the said Pan-Am Southern property, thence East 20 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 1 East.

This being the same easement conveyed by W. P. Bridges to Sidney D. Jones and Elizabeth M. Jones by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Deed Book 1132, Page 513. And being the same property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 1736 at Page 457.

Parcel B:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the South line of the dedicated road or street along the North side of that certain property conveyed by W. P. Bridges to the Trustees of Jackson Municipal Separate School District with the Western right of way line of U.S. Highway #51, said School property being described by a deed in Book 818 at Page 562 and the said road or street being described in Deed Book 818 at Page 564, both being recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk, at Jackson, Mississippi. From said point of beginning run thence Southwesterly along the Western right of way line of said U.S. Highway #51 for a distance of 300 feet; turning to the right through an angle of 80 degrees 30 minutes run Westerly and parallel with the South line of the street along the North side of said School property for a distance of 396 feet to a point which is 150 feet East of the East line of the Street or road which runs along the East side of said School property; thence Northerly and parallel with the said street or road along the East side of said School property for a distance of 295.9 feet to the South line of the Street or road along the North side of said School property; turning

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson. Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on April 27, 2021. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

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thence to the right through an angle of 89 degrees 58 minutes and run Easterly along the south line of said street or road 445.2 feet to the point of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT, a parcel of land off of the entire East end of said property conveyed by D. F. Lyle, et al, to State Highway Commission of Mississippi recorded in the aforesaid office in Book 1044, Page 159.

And being the same property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 1736 at Page 460.

Parcel C: #511-650

At the intersection of the East line of that certain street lying on the East side of McWillie Elementary School known as McWillie Circle said street running Northerly and Southerly, and the South line of McWillie Street; and run thence Southerly along the East line of said McWillie Circle a distance of 300 feet to a point; using this point as a point of beginning, continue thence Southerly along the East line of McWillie Circle a distance of 100 feet to a point; turn thence to the left through an angle of 90° and run thence Easterly for a distance of 130 feet to a point; run thence Northerly and parallel to the East line of said McWillie Circle a distance of 100 feet to a point; run thence Westerly a distance of 130 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel of land is part of that tract conveyed by Millsaps College to R.D. Hudgins by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Deed Book 1654, Page 299, and said property being located in the West ½ of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 1 East.

Together with the right of ingress and egress to 20 foot alleyway which lies immediately East of and adjacent to that tract of land conveyed by Millsaps College to R.D. Hudgins by the above mentioned warranty deed recorded in Book 1654, Page 299; it is understood by the parties hereto that each party and his successors in title shall have the right of ingress and egress across said alleyway.

And being the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 2160 at Page 560.

Parcel D: 511-652

For a point of beginning, begin at the intersection of the East line of that certain street lying on the East side of McWillie Elementary School known as McWillie Circle, said street running northerly and southerly, and the south line of McWillie Street and run thence southerly along the East line of said McWillie Circle a distance of 400 feet to a point, using this point as a point of beginning, continue thence southerly along the east line of McWillie Circle a distance of 100 feet to a point; turn thence to the left through an angle of 90 degrees and run thence easterly a distance of 130 feet to a point; run thence northerly and parallel to the East line of said McWillie Circle a distance of 100 feet to a point; run thence westerly a distance of 130 feet to the point of beginning; together with any and all rights of the sellers in and to the 20-foot alleyway adjoining said property on the East.

This parcel of land is part of that tract conveyed by Millsaps College to R.D. Hudgins by instrument in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Deed Book 1654 at Page 299 and said property being located in the West half of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 1 East.

And being the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 2080 at Page 381.

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, April 28, 2021, 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 2nd day of April 2021.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 30, 2021. The Public Hearing will provide information on its Facilities Plan for the proposed Water Distribution System Improvement Projects at O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant and J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plant. The City will be seeking low interest Drinking Water System Improvement Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) assistance for Fiscal Year 2021. The impact of the project will be improving customer satisfaction and safe, reliable service delivery of drinking water. Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, or cultural areas are not expected, which is certified in the response letter from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The letter from Fish and Wildlife Service specified that the proposed project does not contain suitable habitat for species protected under the ESA. The project is necessary to ensure the City of Jackson consistently and reliably provide drinking water to its customers. The total cost of the loan is currently estimated at approximately \$ 27,953,300, which is being sought through the DWSIRLF low-interest loan program. The water distribution system improvement project is eligible for participating under the State of Mississippi low-interest DWSIRLF loan program.

The Public Hearing will present a description of the recommended project, estimated costs, as well as the estimated cost per household impact for customers for the eligible loan. The typical residential customer bill for drinking water is expected to increase by no more than 1%, assuming that low-interest loans can be obtained through the DWSIRLF loan program. The purpose of the hearing is not only to inform but also to seek and gather input from people that will be affected. Comments and viewpoints from the public are encouraged.

The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on April 8, 2021. The comment period will allow citizens to review the proposed Water Distribution Improvement Projects Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.

A copy of the Water Distribution System Improvements Facilities Plan is available by email request to Mauricka McKenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Mauricka McKenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com until May 8, 2021.

Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4123

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 Cobalt Realty, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to C80-11 (Light) Industrial Sub-district to allow for uses that are compatible to the existing building for property located at 4704 & 4708 Robinson Rd. (Parcels: 832-250-1 & 832-250-5), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

PARCEL #832-250-1
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF LOTS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7, MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDNISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 14 AND ALSO A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 520.48 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD; RUN THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 356.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 189.80 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 80.46 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 150.24 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 598.04 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 951.24 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 421.42 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID MANY OAKS SUBDNISION; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 2 OF SAID MANY OAKS SUBDNISION; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET AND NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND ITS EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, MANY OAKS SUBDNISION FOR A DISTANCE OF 186.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 2 AND ITS EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION AND SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED); RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET WITH THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET AND THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 OF SAID MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 51.735277 DEGREE CURVE HEARING TO THE LEFT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 69 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 05 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 110.75 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID 51.735277 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE LEFT A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 51 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 126.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; RUN THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 19.60 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 27.20 FEET TO A POINT ON THE ARC OF A 13.402500 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 08 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 427.50 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID 13.402500 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 80 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 141.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 112.63 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 138.02 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 29.47 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 56.18 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.02 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD; RUN THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 45.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 12.831 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL 1

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, T5N-R1W, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12 AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 805.22 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 876.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LANGLEY STREET, AS BOTH ARC SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF MANY

OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 14; SAID POINT FURTHER BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET AND ITS EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF FOR A DISTANCE OF 186.95 FEET; LEAVING SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF SAID LANGLEY STREET; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF LANGLEY STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 187.03 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID PINE GROVE STREET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.086 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL 2

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, T5N-R1W, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12 AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 805.22 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 876.81 FEET, TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET, AS BOTH ARE SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 14; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SAID LANGLEY STREET; SAID POINT FURTHER BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF LANGLEY STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.04 FEET; LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE OF LANGLEY STREET, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANGLEY STREET; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED); RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.018 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF LOTS 5, 6, 7 AND 8, MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 14, AND BEING SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1,230.30 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 122.12 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 951.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 109.76 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE 225.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ROBINSON ROAD EXTENSION (AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED, JULY, 1996, 60-FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ROBINSON ROAD EXTENSION FOR A DISTANCE OF 280.00 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 225.00 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.446 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, T5N-R1W, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT AN EXISTING IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12 AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 605.22 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 876.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LANGLEY STREET, AS BOTH ARE SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK

OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 14; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE PINE GROVE STREET (ABANDONED) WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SAID LANGLEY STREET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF LANGLEY STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF LANGLEY STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 371.81 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ROBINSON ROAD EXTENSION (AS NOW LAID OUT AND IN USE, AUGUST, 1996); RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ROBINSON ROAD EXTENSION FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID LANGLEY STREET AND ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 OF SAID MANY OAKS SUBDNISION; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LANGLEY STREET AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, MANY OAKS SUBDIVISION FOR A DISTANCE OF FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, MANY OAKS SUBDNISION; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.171 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL #832-250-5

A parcel of land situated in part of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Many Oaks Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plan thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds, at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 7 at Page 14, and also being situated in the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 12, T5N, R1W, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing iron pin marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of said Section 12 and run thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 53 seconds East along the East line of said Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 12 for a distance of 1,230.30 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; from said point of beginning, continue thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 53 seconds East along the East line of said Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 12, run thence North 80 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 487.16 feet; run thence South 09 degrees 30 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 12.61 feet; run thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 810.95 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Robinson Road Extension (as not laid out and improved); run thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 11 seconds East along said East right of way line of Robinson Road Extension for a distance of 51.50 feet; leaving said East right of way line of Robinson Road Extension, run thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 225.00 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 109.00 feet; run thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 601.96 feet; run thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 465.47 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.513 acres, more or less.

Tract B

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ OF Section 12, T5N, R1W, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing iron pin marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of said Section 12, T5N, R1W and run thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 53 seconds East along the East line of said Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 12 for a distance of 520.48 feet to a point on the South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad; said point being the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; from said point of beginning, continue thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 53 seconds East along said East line of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 12 for a distance of 116.18 feet; run thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 116.18 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 150.24 feet; run thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 80.46 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance 189.90 feet to a point on the aforesaid South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad; run thence South 61 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds East along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 356.19 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.700 acres, more or less.

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, April 28, 2021, 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 APRIL 21, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of April 2021.

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

4-8-2021, 4-22-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4122

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 Curt Smith & Robert Schmidt has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the extended stay hotel to multifamily apartments for property located at 881 E. River Place (Parcel: 1008-31), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel “A”
Being situated in East River Place, a subdivision, the map of plat of which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by meets and bounds as follows:

Commence at the northwest corner of Lot 6 of the said East River Place, said northwest corner being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence run South 66°05'44” East, for a distance of 294.97 feet to an iron pin; thence run south 23°46'47” West, for a distance of 91.13 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 66°13'13” East, for a distance of 32.64 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 17°35'29” West, for a distance of 75.32 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 71°20'59” West, for a distance of 49.11 feet to an iron pin; thence with a curve to the left (said curve having a radius of 76.30 feet, a chord length of 131.15 feet, and chord bearing of South 49°23'21” West) run for a distance of 157.83 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 09°52'18” East, for a distance of 17.58 feet to an iron pin; thence with a curve to the right (said chord having a radius of 154.13 feet, a chord length of 76.19 feet, and a chord bearing of South 4°26'18” West) run for a distance of 76.99 feet to an iron pin; thence

run South 18°44'50” West, for a distance of 76.69 feet to an iron pin; thence with a curve to the right (said curve having a radius 160.43 feet, a chord length of 58.97 feet, and a chord bearing of South 29°20'20” West) run for a distance of 59.31 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 39°55'50” West, for a distance of 80.30 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 78°38'00” West, for a distance of 108.21 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 71°55'48” West, for a distance of 90.45 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 19°14'00” East, for a distance 477.18 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 19°43'00” East, for a distance of 145.00 feet to an iron pin, said point being the True Point of Beginning

Parcel “B”

Being situated in East River Place, a subdivision, the map of plat of which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by meets and bounds as follows:

Commence at the northwest corner of Lot 6 of the said East River Place and run thence South 66°05'44” East, for a distance of 294.97 feet to an iron pipe, said pin being the True Point of Beginning; thence continue South 66°05'44” East, for a distance of 240.03 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 04°37'44” East, for a distance of 74.71 feet to an iron pipe; thence with a curve to the left (said curve having a radius of 89.28 feet, a chord length of 33.69 feet, and a chord bearing of South 62°46'44” West) run for a distance of 33.90 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 51°54'07” West, for a distance of 13.55 feet to an iron pipe; thence run south 56°19'13” West, for a distance of 15.32 feet to an iron pin; thence with a curve to the right (said curve having a radius of 123.82 feet, a chord length of 87.22 feet, and a chord bearing of south 88°01'41” West) run for a distance of 89.13 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 71°20'59” West, for a distance of 120.92 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 17°35'29” East, for a distance of 75.32 feet to a point; thence run North 66°13'13” West, for a distance of 32.64 feet to a point thence run North 23°46'47” East, for a distance of 91.13 feet to an iron pin, said pin being the True Point of Beginning

Parcels “A” & “B” combined 185307.00 sq. ft. and 4.26 acres.

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, April 28, 2021, 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 2nd day of April 2021.

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

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- The WCF shall be in the rear of the lot and encompass a minimum area of two-hundred fifty (250) square feet. The setback from the rear lot line shall be a minimum of five (5) feet.

• A Site Plan for the WCF must be submitted with the Use Permit application and mailed with the Zoning Action Notification Form and shall include:

- the legal description for the WCF site;
- the building footprint of the structures located on the lot and the structures located to the north, south, east and west of the proposed WCF site;
- the Fall zone (The area in which a wireless support structure may be expected to fall in the event of a structural failure, as measured by engineering standards.); and

- A Site Plan for the WCF must be submitted with the Use Permit application and mailed with the Zoning Action Notification Form and shall include:
 - the legal description for the WCF site;
 - the building footprint of the structures located on the lot and the structures located to the north, south, east and west of the proposed WCF site;
 - the Fall zone (The area in which a wireless support structure may be expected to fall in the event of a structural failure, as measured by engineering standards.); and
 - a rendering of the enclosure to include the landscaping
- The WCF enclosures shall be a minimum height of six (6) ft. and constructed of walls or fences of wood or plastic lumber, (finished) masonry units, (finished) concrete, or any combination of these elements. The materials used shall be compatible with those of adjacent or surrounding buildings or structures and may be used in any combination of the enclosure materials listed above. The enclosure shall be constructed in such a manner that all structural members, including braces, posts, poles and other projections, shall be on the interior side. The enclosures shall be of a material and color the same or similar to the existing principal structure

- Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent practicable and shall be supplemented as required.
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- The WCF Permit shall be renewed annually by the recipient company.
- Upon the ceasing of operations, the WCF facility shall be removed within one-hundred eighty (180) days and the property restored to its prior condition or better.

That this Ordinance shall be in force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and after publication of the same by the petitioner.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

Yeas – Foote, Lindsay and Tillman.
Nays – Banks.
Absent – Stamps and Stokes.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Meeting on November 16, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pgs. 180-9 – 180-11".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 1st day of April, 2020.

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	20	21						
22				23			24	25
27			28		29	30		
31					32			
33						34		

ACROSS

1. Mormon State
5. Jewish calendar month
9. Arab chief
11. Restaurant
12. Italian physicist
13. Leave now!
14. MGM’s Lion
15. Terabyte
17. Snacked
18. Painter Georgia ____
20. Forward
22. Hotel
23. Teacher’s assistant, for short
24. Kitten’s cry
27. Net strung across a stream
29. Not here
31. Hee-haw
32. Spooky
33. Walk through water
34. What a tie hangs on

DOWN

1. Defunct football league
2. Formal “you”
3. Air (prefix)
4. That man
5. Spots
6. Coffee shop order
7. Having wings
8. Religious ceremony
10. Brand of crunchy stick candy
16. Revile
18. Ouch!
19. Education (abbr.)
20. Musical production
21. Mythological nymph
22. Compass point
24. Meager
25. Little Mermaid’s love
26. Seven days
28. Seed bread
30. Egg layer

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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to ‘decode’ the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Richard Simmons

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

KYZ XRF YSF YO X BESC XSC ZSETZF
SFMFR QYRVFH HJXH

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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

9	7			4		2		
	6							1
		4	3					
1					2	6	3	
			1				7	
	5	8			6			
							2	
			6		8			3
		1				4	5	

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Crossword Solution

U	T	A	H		A	D	A	R
S	H	E	I	K		D	E	L
F	E	R	M	I		S	C	A
L	E	O		T	B		A	T
			O	K	E	E	F	F
	O	N	W	A	R	D		
S	P	A	T	A		M	E	W
W	E	I	R		T	H	E	R
B	R	A	Y		E	E	R	I
W	A	D	E			N	E	C

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Cryptogram Solution

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XPICFQVJELBONSXYWTRAHZMDGKU

YOU ARE ONE OF A KIND AND UNIQUE
KYZ XRF YSF YO X BESC XSC ZSETZF
NEVER FORGET THAT
SFMFR QYRVFH HJXH

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Sudoku Solution

9	7	3	8	4	1	2	6	5
8	6	5	9	2	7	3	1	4
2	1	4	3	6	5	9	8	7
1	9	7	4	5	2	6	3	8
4	2	6	1	8	3	5	7	9
3	5	8	7	9	6	1	4	2
6	3	9	5	7	4	8	2	1
5	4	2	6	1	8	7	9	3
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By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



God has promised that He would be all we need. Prayer is one of our greatest needs. It is the only thing that will change the situations that we want to see changed and the only thing that will further the work of God.

Some of what people call praying is not real prayer according to the Word of God; so, may God help us and give us understanding. I am sure everyone will agree that Paul was a man of prayer. We read

in 1st Timothy 2:1-4, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

In fact, Paul came into an experience with God in the midst of spending three days in fasting and praying. He certainly believed in practicing a life of prayer, and he exhorted others to try to get them to feel

its needfulness. Paul said that prayer should be for all men, and he told us why in verse 4 when he said that God wills all men to be saved. He also said in verse 2 that we need to pray for all those in authority and certainly much praying needs to be done along this very line in the troublesome time in which we live.

There needs to be much praying for people in other nations as well. Paul said to "pray for kings and leaders in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Paul said prayer must be without wrath and without doubting. Also, before we

pray and before our prayers can be answered, we must believe that God will answer. We have to come in complete confidence and believe that God is and that He is a rewarder of everyone who diligently seeks Him.

Nothing will inspire our faith any more than knowing that our hands are clean, that our hearts are pure and that we have the right attitude toward God and the saints of God.

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P R E S E R V E D Processing trauma

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"Oh no! This is it!" These words were the first that popped into my mind Monday, March 29, once I turned on my television and realized that it was live coverage of the Derek Chauvin murder trial. For about 15 minutes, I casually listened to the television while I cleaned storage containers to give to a local women's shelter. Then, I heard the prosecutor say he was going to play "the" video. Because I was halfway paying attention to the television, I did not realize that it was the video of the murder of George Floyd that I had avoided watching in its entirety.

However, after a few minutes, I was transfixed and stared intently taking in every word spoken and breath taken by George Floyd. Because others had expressed how devastating and horrifying the video was, I was unsure of what my response would be to watching the entire video.

After watching it, I shared some of their emotions: helplessness, anger and sadness. And because of this response, I decided not to watch so much of the trial coverage. However, it was difficult since the explosive eyewitness testimony was so compelling.

There was another feeling that set in after I turned off the trial coverage that day: exhaustion. There is a weariness, a spiritual and mental exhaustion that comes from processing the same kind of trauma over and over.

Deaths of African Americans at the hands of police have happened and been reported in the news for decades but social media has allowed the traumas to stay on a 24-hour continuous

loop. Trauma makes you tired and frustrated.

Last year after Floyd's murder, I wrote how I was frustrated with pastors who failed to address the Floyd murder or provide tips to their congregation on how to deal with the lingering effects of the trauma. Thinking back on what I wrote back then and seeing the situation one year later, I realize that it was unfair to expect pastors to have a magical cure when they themselves may have been trying to process the same trauma.

The bible has a variety of verses that explore how to deal with trauma. One that I find especially comforting is Psalm 91: 14-15. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him." Part of the reason why I like these verses is because they point to how we should view our relationship with God while processing trauma.

Verse 15 says that he will be with us in the trouble then deliver us from the trouble/trauma.

So even if you choose to watch the trial and find yourself overwhelmed emotionally, trust that God wants to help you deal with it and not ignore it. For so many reasons, the trial is so important for so many reasons and should not be overlooked. Rather expecting the trauma to miraculously disappear, we must trust that God will be with us as we process the trauma.

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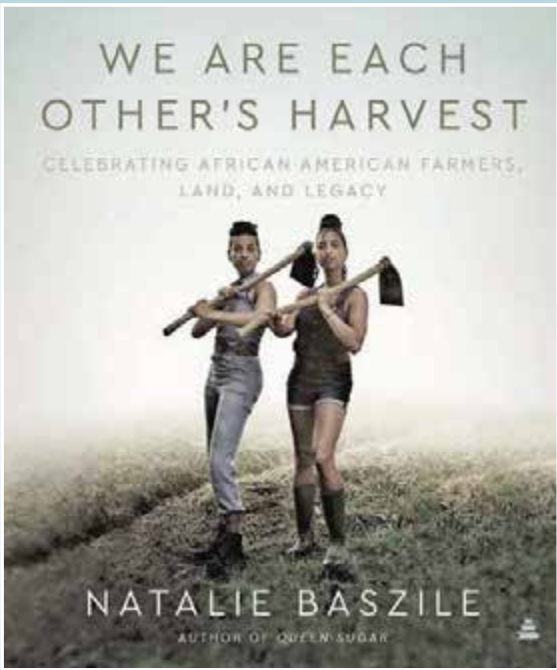
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BOOK REVIEW:

WE ARE EACH OTHER'S HARVEST:
CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN FARMERS, LAND, AND LEGACY

BY NATALIE BASZILE

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

One little hole in the ground. That’s all it takes, as big around as your little finger, a pencil eraser, a coffee stirrer. A tiny fissure in the Earth, that’s what you need to grow dinner next week or next winter, flowers for your table, sustenance for your animals or, as in the new book “We Are Each Other’s Harvest” by Natalie Baszile, a tie to your past.

Years ago, while taking weekly provisions to an elderly relative, Natalie Baszile learned that

the presence of food in a neighborhood (or its lack) could be a racial issue. Shortly afterward, she discovered that her ancestors had been involved in farming, long before she was born. That’s not unusual: as we learn in the introduction here, nearly all African Americans today can claim that farming is in their genes.

It’s never been a smooth thing, though.

Over and over in previous decades, black farmers paid faithfully each month to buy farms from white landowners, only

to ultimately, cruelly be denied ownership. Others persevered, and then lost their land through lack of financial literacy, or problems with banks, the USDA or the Farm Service Administration (FSA), the latter which, suggested one farmer, seemed to have been created to make problems.

And yet, there were bright spots: like folks a century ago, black farmers know that sticking together is best for all. They’re speaking up and persevering, in planting and paperwork. Black farmers have learned to think

around bigger issues by forming black-owned co-ops, teaching new farmers, making sure the next generation wants ownership of the business, and ignoring old myths that say women don’t farm. Black farmers are mentoring. They’re redefining the word “farm.” They’re doing what it takes to keep possession of their land because for them, there just isn’t any better way to live.

So you know where your food comes from. Bonus points if you grew it yourself. Even better, when you read “We Are Each

Other’s Harvest” after you’re done weeding.

Using a little of this (fiction excerpts, poetry and quotations), along with a little of that (essays, interviews, first-person tales and history), Baszile gives praise to black farmers and ranchers, showing that what may seem like a newly-discovered connectedness to the land goes way back. It is, in fact, a slice of the past that’s rich as a fertile field, but also loaded with rocks that crushed many dreams.

And yet, while the stories Baszile lets loose need a wider

audience today – they can’t be silent anymore – anger at the past isn’t the reason for this book. No, this is much more of a prayer for the black stewards of the land, and for those who’ve listened to their hearts and stood, one hand filled with dirt and the other with seeds.

Whether you are a farmer, know one, or accept the fruits of one’s labor, this book is the perfect meditation. Lush as a spring morning but sharp as barbed wire, “We Are Each Other’s Harvest” is a book for the well-grounded.

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Day 3 of Derek Chauvin trial: 'I don't respect what you did,' says witness

By Mel Reeves
Minnesota Spokesman Recorder

If the trial of Derek Chauvin, charged with the murder of George Floyd, was a sporting contest with the score kept at the day's end, the score would be witnesses and black progressive humanity – one, Chauvin and the system of policing – zero.

Sixty-one-year-old Charles McMillan took the stand and when introduced by the prosecution he admitted that he only had a third-grade education. But his lack of education did not dim his humanity, his heart or his courage. The court had to take a break as he broke down during testimony.

The image of his weeping was stark because he didn't look like a man that was prone to crying in public or breaking down, but he could not hold back his emotions as he watched the video and relived what he saw perpetrated upon a human being last May 25.

Video in court showed that McMillan courageously walked over to Chauvin, a man who



Charles McMillan broke down on the witness stand at the trial for Derek Chauvin PHOTO: NBC/YOUTUBE

had just killed another man in broad daylight, and asked him why. The audio was not clear, but Chauvin said, as if already preparing his defense, "I had to control him because he is a sizeable guy. He looked like he was probably on something."

McMillan boldly told Chauvin, "I don't respect what you did." Chauvin coldly responded, "That's one man's opinion." It turns out, it's the opinion shared by tens of millions. The older black man told the jury that he now saw Chauvin as a "maggot."

Young Christopher Martin, who was working at Cup Foods

as a cashier and confronted Floyd about a disputed \$20 counterfeit bill, also took the stand. He seemed to regret his decision to alert the manager about the situation. He said he considered "eating the loss."

He said he felt stunned and full of regret over what happened to Floyd. "If I would have just not taken the bill, this could have been avoided," he said. He also acknowledged that it was possible that Floyd was not aware that the bill was counterfeit.

Martin was neither the best witness for the prosecution or a good one for the defense. Through his testimony, the defense was able to reinforce the idea, however, that Floyd was high on something. Martin said Floyd seemed high and struggled to get some words out. But he also said he was able to hold a conversation and seemed friendly.

Incidentally, Martin likely got the jury's attention when he said that the ambulance did not take the direct route to the hospital – which he noted would

be to head north on Chicago Avenue – but rather took a left turn down 38th Street, which indicated to him that Floyd was dead. He said he deleted the cellphone footage he took once he concluded that Floyd had died.

Another day of trial, another referendum on policing in the United States.

The prosecution submitted into evidence bodycam footage from the officers that was played back-to-back. Throughout the footage, Floyd appeared paranoid and afraid of the police. But considering the history of U.S. policing, it is not irrational for a black man to fear for his life when approached by police.

The bodycam video revealed that one of the first cops on the scene pulled a gun and pointed it at Floyd while he was sitting in the car. The police pulled a pistol on a man for trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. Where is the sense of proportion, one might ask? Their behavior reinforced the idea shared by many that when black folks are in-

involved, the police lose all sense of propriety and reason.

Not only can the police be seen detaining him for a minor offense, but with absolutely no evidence at all, the cop on the scene said he was being arrested for forgery. But possession of counterfeit money is not the same as being the creator of counterfeit money.

The bodycam footage also showed that the police treated the passengers in the car as criminals as well, demanding that the pair produce identification. When they asked questions, the cop gave the excuse for harassing them that Floyd was in some kind of trouble.

Incidentally, the woman and man in the vehicle with Floyd said that Floyd had just given them a ride and that he was "a good guy." The woman seemed to say, by pointing at her head, that Floyd was suffering from some mental issues. But that didn't matter to the cops who later continued to press on a man who was clearly panicked and terrified of them.

The police could have writ-

ten him a summons and walked away. But they did not.

There was one poignant exchange that may work in Chauvin's favor as the trial goes on. After Floyd said he couldn't breathe, one of the officers replied flippantly, "You are talking." Rumor has it that officers have said in the past they were taught in the academy that if someone is talking, they can breathe.

The footage appeared to indict the three other former officers charged in Floyd's murder, Thomas Lane, J. Alexander Kueng and Tou Thao. Their absolute indifference to Floyd's suffering won't likely help their case. Police camera footage revealed that during much of the 9 minutes and 29 seconds that Chauvin had his knee on Floyd's neck, Kueng appeared to be pressing his full weight on Floyd's back.

The day three trial closed with Chauvin's body camera footage, which was brief because he suddenly lost his body camera, which could be seen lying underneath the police cruiser.

Sims Family Intergenerational Journey to a Healthy Lifestyle

"Coming out of this pandemic better"

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Since March, 2020, when the pandemic started, the Sims Family has held weekly 'virtual' family gatherings on Zoom. We have gotten to know each other better, hosted everyone's birthday celebrations and celebrated all of the holidays 'virtually.'

Dr. Kimberly Smash, the family's medical doctor, kept us all abreast of the current information regarding COVID-19, told us all to stay in, follow the CDC protocols and encouraged us to get vaccinated – which we did. All family members within our immediate family in Mississippi are fully vaccinated.

Our next step... We're on a healthy lifestyle journey. We all have a goal to come out of this pandemic better, mentally, physically and spiritually. Yes, this is an intergenerational journey as we have 3 generations participating, ranging in ages from 4 years to 83. Family members from Mississippi,



Portland, OR, Frankfort, IL and Dallas, TX are on this journey together.

Since January 9, 2021, the Sims Family has been on this journey to discover a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Smash has led us on this 'virtual' Journey each Saturday at 1 p.m. We write down all of our goals and informa-

tion related to 1) our mood each day 2) what we ate 3) wellness info related to water intake and sleep 4) physical activity and 5) how we took care of ourselves each day – usually meditation and spiritual devotion. Every week, each individual gives updates regarding his or her progress and Dr.

Smash gives us advice and feedback. She then emails us an individual progress report.

During each session we have a 30 minute workout/fitness session together. Special thanks to coach Antonio Knight who is our fitness coach. He owns Freestyle Fitness 29 (www.freestylefitness29.com). Coach worked us out and helped us get on the path to achieve our exercise and fitness goals. This journey was not necessarily about losing weight, but it was more about discovering our individual paths to a healthy lifestyle. Our 8 year old niece and 10 year old nephew would lead us in stretching exercises, so all ages could participate.

The results are in... We have been cooking at home more, buying and eating more fresh vegetables and exercising more. Our thinking is becoming more focused with clearer thoughts. We are drinking more water, becoming more thankful (with daily writings

on gratitude) and, yes, there has been some weight loss as well. Some of us are on our way to getting off some of the medications we're taking.

Dr. Smash had the family find a picture of ourselves when we were the happiest and felt the healthiest. We were to post that photo in various places in our homes so we could see it daily and work to get back to that place of feeling the happiest and the healthiest.

On April 17, we have our culminating session to celebrate our first 3 months on this journey. We will revisit our goals and continue our journey for the next 3 months. We have gotten fitness watches or fitness trackers that we will use during the next 3 months.

We are hoping that this healthy lifestyle journey will continue in our family for generations to come. We encourage other families to get on a healthy lifestyle journey. You'll be happy that you did.

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

Hinds County School District Partners with Rotary Club of South Hinds for Community Hygiene Drive



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This semester the HCSD is teaming up with the Rotary Club of South Hinds again to host its First Annual Hygiene Drive as a community service project. All hygiene products collected were donated to the Autumn Light Care Home – Terry, Jackson Stew Pot and Gateway to support the community. The Rotary Club of South Hinds and the HCSD goal was to collect enough hygiene products to assist 100-150 individuals!



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Pictured L-R: Rotary Club of South Hinds members: Ed Trim, member; Dr. John Neal, membership chair; Felicia Lyles, president elect/secretary; Rosemary Cargin, president; Elaine Toney, asst. treasurer/project chair; Rodney Romines, treasurer/ foundation chair; and Dr. Delesicia Martin, member/past president (Not pictured).



BEEMS



GRI



Pictured L-R: GRI student organizers Kenneth Brown, 4th grade and Kennedy Brown, 3rd grade

Students stated that some people fall on hard times in their lives and they just need a little help. They said, "Our parents have always taught us that it is better to give than it is to receive so we make it a point to give back to our community multiple times a year. We think that giving to others is very important because it shows how much you care for them. We also think that this time in the world is hard for everyone and we are all in this together. The smiles on the faces of the people that we give to really warm our heart."



District organizers Dr. Delesicia Martin, superintendent and Dr. John Neal, assistant superintendent



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