

Senate passes bill to make Juneteenth a federal holiday



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee speaks during the 2017 NNPA Leadership Awards Reception at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. The congresswoman was instrumental in the push for Juneteenth Holiday/FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA

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Texas Democratic Congressman Al Green began recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday in his office last year, so when the Senate passed legislation this week to make the date that commemorates freedom a national holiday, the congressman was among the first to cheer.

“What began as a grassroots movement to commemorate Texas history is now set to become our nation’s 12th federal holiday,” Green stated.

“In honor of the late Al Edwards – the father of the Juneteenth holiday in Texas – and every person illegally enslaved in Texas during the period between Lincoln’s proclamation and Granger’s announcement of emancipation, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to vote for this legislation on the House floor.”

The passage is viewed as inevitable in the U.S. House before the measure heads to the White House for President Joe Biden’s signature. Juneteenth is celebrated each year June 19.

Also known as “Freedom Day,” Juneteenth marks the emancipation of former African American slaves who didn’t find out that President Lincoln proclaimed an end to slavery Sept. 22, 1862. In Galveston, Texas, African Americans learned of their freedom June 19, 1865 – nearly three years later.

“We celebrate the first passage of the bill in the Senate,” exclaimed Texas Democratic Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, who, along with Republican Texas Rep. John Cornyn, introduced the bill following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

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Family and friends honor Medgar Evers on the 58th commemoration of his assassination



Family and friends of Medgar and Charles Evers at the statue of Medgar Evers on the grounds of Jackson/Hinds Medgar Evers Library joined by politicians Bo Brown, Credell Calhoun, Vernon Hartley and Kenneth Stokes. PHOTO BY KEVIN BRADLEY

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Mississippi Civil Rights Activist Medgar Wiley Evers was honored with an intimate memorial tribute by family and friends June 12 at events hosted by his daughter Rena Evers-Everette and spearheaded by Councilman Kenneth Stokes.

The Saturday memorial began in the driveway of the home where Evers lived and where he was assassinated 58 years ago.

Evers, who was the first state field secretary of the NAACP in Mississippi, organized voter registration events, economic boycotts and investigated crimes perpetrated against black people. In 1963 he was shot outside his home located at 2332 Margaret Walker Alexander Drive in Jackson.

Members of the community as well as politicians joined the family in paying tribute. Evers-Everette shared personal memories of her father and spoke of the legacy he left behind.

Attorney Regina Quinn of Jackson said,



Rena Evers-Everette PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

“Medgar Evers did so much for this city, state and country. When you talk about pub-

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President Biden announces first nominees for board to review civil rights era cold cases



Poster of the three Civil Rights workers in 1964, a cold case that gained attention during the 1988 movie, “Mississippi Burning.”/ An FBI poster seeks the missing workers.

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Fourteen years ago, the Southern Poverty Law Center sent the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice a list of 74 cold cases involving African Americans allegedly murdered in racially motivated circumstances by white people between 1952 and 1968.

Most of the crimes took place in Mississippi, which contained nearly half of the 74 cases. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee all made up the rest.

All the cases went cold and the victims’ families never received justice. Today, a new path to justice has opened to

crack these cold cases. On Friday, June 11, President Joe Biden announced the first set of nominees for the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board. The panel would have the power to declassify government files and subpoena new testimony that could reopen cases and reveal publicly why many racially motivated lynchings and killings of black people were never adequately investigated.

“The White House hopes that the Senate moves quickly to [confirm] these nominees,” an administration official told the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

“The Board was established with nearly unanimous bipartisan support in 2019,” the of-

ficial noted.

President Biden’s nominees are:

- Clayborne Carson has devoted most of his professional life to the study of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the movements King inspired. Since receiving his doctorate from UCLA in 1975, Carson has taught at Stanford University as the Martin Luther King Jr., Centennial Professor of History (Emeritus).
- Gabrielle M. Dudley, an instruction archivist at the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library at Emory University. In this role, she partners with faculty and other instructors to develop courses

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Holmes County School District while under investigation, hires superintendent

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan
Contributing Writer

Holmes County Consolidated School District is under investigation by the State Department of Education. One would think the district would want someone with experience in moving a district forward, but the board hired someone with no experience as a superintendent. The district hired a new superintendent who has never held a superintendent's position.

Debra Powell, the new superintendent, served as former mayor of East Saint Louis, but has never held a superintendent position. Powell is a former colleague of the previous superintendent James Henderson who left the district in a financial crisis. Powell claimed that she did not come to the district for Henderson but came to support her daughter, who also works for the district. She was looking for a job, and Henderson hired her.

In a live radio interview on WAGR 102.5, Powell claimed that since she was mayor that she was indeed a superintendent.

"So if there's anything out there that will prevent people from locking arms because of non-factual information, for example like I have never been a superintendent before. I have been. It was just called the mayor of the city of East Saint Louis. That's the difference. As the mayor of the city of East Saint Louis, I had to put together a \$50 million budget. The school district budget is just at \$33 million. Do you hear me talking?" she said.

However, according to an ad in the newspaper the district placed



HCS D board meeting at the district's Central Office in Lexington, MS

about a public hearing dated June 3, 2021, the district's total projected budget is \$37,242,224.36.

Furthermore, a superintendent of schools is an administrator or manager in charge of a number of public schools or a school district. You must hold a valid administrator's license issued by the State Department of Education and have classroom or administrative experience not less than six years. There is an alternative to the qualifications as prescribed in Section 37-9-14 of Mississippi Code of 1972.

A mayor is elected head of a city, town or other municipality. These are two different entities. Anyone who meets the citizenship requirements can be mayor. The fact that she would say that she has been a superintendent when in fact she has not, is just one of the many disturbing things about Powell.

The school board, or the board of trustees, voted 4 to 1 to hire Powell as the new superintendent beginning June 2021. Powell will earn an annual salary of \$125,000 to oversee the district of about 2,600 students, according to her

contract. She is also eligible for a pay raise if both a state-approved teacher pay raise and "a performance-based measure of growth and student achievement" occurs. She will also be provided a car for her use in conducting the business of the district.

Rayford Horton, the one "no" vote for Powell's appointment, said in an interview, that he believed other candidates had stronger records of improving struggling schools and districts. Holmes County has been rated as failing every year since 2016. School districts may be eligible for state takeover after two consecutive years of an 'F' rating, but Holmes County has not been taken over by the state. Hopefully, the community can prevent that from happening.

In that same radio interview on WAGR 102.5, Powell said that she left William-Sullivan School because a young girl threatened her life. If this is why she indeed left, that's even worse. If she could not handle one child at one school, why would they put her in charge of all the children and



Powell

all of the schools?

Anthony Anderson, the school board secretary, joined Powell in this interview and said that the board and the superintendent are married. School districts are an extension of the government and can't marry anyone. The board serves, in this case as the legislative branch while the superintendent is the executive. They both hold power but the board can check the superintendent – but not if they're married. That's the whole purpose of the board. The citizens of Holmes County elected the board to be a representation of the citizens and to make decisions in the best interests of the children – not to marry the superintendent.

According to Section B, School Board Operations Policy, the role of the board is to set a direction for the school district, ensure accountability, and provide community leadership on behalf of the district and public education. To fulfill these basic responsibilities, the board shall involve the community, parents, students and staff in developing a common vision

for the district focused on learning and achievement that is responsive to the needs of all students.

This is where the board and the superintendent went wrong. They failed to get buy-in from the community. They failed to present the school improvement plan to the community. The board answers to the community and the superintendent answers to the board. If the superintendent feels she can do whatever she wants, she will and she has.

During the board meeting on June 10, the superintendent tried to prevent the principals from presenting their school's report at the meeting. Why would she do that? To prevent the data from being presented that has been requested by the community. They have yet to fulfill that request. The attorney texted Powell and told her that it's illegal to not let them present. She had to get back up and ask the board to allow them to present. One principal, whom she mentioned in her radio interview, presented data that shows the high school made progress during the pandemic.

Powell has received backlash for wanting to move the current high school principal, Antwayn Patrick, who was also the former basketball coach, to the alternative school. She wants to hire Kerry Gary, a former principal of Holmes County Central High School, who didn't even finish out his school term in the district. He was replaced by Powell Rucker. Dr.

Kerry was also non-renewal principal in Jackson Public

Schools, Provine High School to be specific. Why would she want to hire him? He has a bad track record and pending litigation in other districts.

The superintendent is getting support from one group, the Freedom Democratic Party, FDP. FDP president Cardell Wright said he had a three hour meeting with the superintendent and that he supports her. "I told her I would support her, but if there are any decisions that are not in the best interests of the children, we're going to have a problem."

Shella Head, a former member of the Board of Aldermen in Tehula, requested data from the district but that request has not been fulfilled. Head wrote on her Facebook page, "The stealing of HCCSD school funds will be revealed soon enough. Let's pray for the hypocrites who might end up in jail due to ignorance or in my biblical voice, their lack of knowledge."

The state auditor's office released an extensive report which included poor financial management of public funds, poor record keeping, and a \$4,200 BYOB adults only party that the former superintendent's relative catered. The audit resulted in the appointment of a financial advisor by the Mississippi Department of Education to oversee the district's finances.

The next school board meeting is June 21 at 6 p.m. at the district's Central Office located at 313 Olive Street, Lexington, MS. The community should be present and engaged in every board meeting.

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Mississippi State Sen. Hillman Frazier speaking at Evers' commemoration. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

lic service, he was the epitome of what a servant should be.”

Among others that spoke at the family home memorial was Civil Rights activist James Meredith, Mississippi State Senator Hillman Frazier, (D) Dist. 27, Director of Two Mississippi Museums, Pamela Junior and City of Jackson Mayor, Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

Tributes were also extended to his brother, Charles Evers, also a noted civil rights activist and politician, who passed away July 22, 2020 at the age of 97. Carolyn Evers Cockrell, daughter of Charles Evers, was among those that spoke.

After the memorial at the home location ended, a motorcade proceeded to the Jackson/Hinds Medgar Evers Library located at 4215 Medgar Evers Blvd., where tributes continued outside, in a setting around a statue of Evers located on the grounds of the library.

While cars could be heard loudly passing along Medgar Evers Blvd., a strong prayer was being led by Rev. Shirley Harrington, who had spoken previously at the home.

Mississippi House of Representatives Bo Brown spoke of his relationship with Medgar and of the close relationship he

had with other family members to include his late sister Velma Sanders who had hosted a dinner at her home for Evers the night before he was assassinated. Brown thanked City Councilman Kenneth Stokes for over 30 years keeping the legacy of Medgar Evers alive.

Stokes said that he will forever continue to make sure his legacy is honored in Mississippi.

Vernon Hartley, recently elected city councilman for Ward 5 in Jackson, stated he was appreciative of all the sacrifices Medgar Evers made and that Medgar was one of the reasons he decided to live in Jackson. He was living in South Carolina when being instructed on the civil rights movement. He said when he got to Jackson, Evers was the reason he decided to stay and because of the impact Medgar made around the world, he will work to make sure Jackson is always worthy of it.

Family members to include children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the two Evers brothers shared many memories that this family had of the two icons that played such a significant role in their lives and in the history of Mississippi and throughout the world.

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“This has been a long journey with the work of our fellow Texans, the late Representative Al Edwards, and Opal Lee,” Jackson Lee stated.

“We’re working very hard to get his bill signed by the president in the near days in order to have a historic celebration of Juneteenth this June 19, 2021. It has been a long journey. Juneteenth equals freedom, and freedom is what America is about.”

Cornyn added that Juneteenth had

been a state holiday in Texas for more than four decades, and it was time that every state formally recognized the date.

In 2020, lawmakers in New York, New Jersey and Virginia said they would recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. Currently, North Dakota, South Dakota and Hawaii count as the only states that do not officially recognize Juneteenth.

“Now more than ever, we need to learn from our history and continue to form a more perfect union,” Cornyn exclaimed.

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and archives research assignments for undergraduate and graduate students.

- Hank Klibanoff, a veteran journalist who won a Pulitzer Prize in History in 2007 for a book he co-wrote about the news coverage of the civil rights struggle in the South. Klibanoff is the creator and host of Buried Truths, a narrative history podcast produced by WABE (NPR) in Atlanta.

- Margaret Burnham has served as a state court judge (appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis, 1977), civil rights lawyer and human rights commissioner. A graduate of Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Burnham has been on the Northeastern University faculty since 2002. She was named to the 2016 class of Andrew Carnegie Fellows, an honor recognizing a select group of scholars for their significant work in the social sciences and humanities.

The panel could consider cases like the three civil rights workers in Mississippi – James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner – killed by the Ku Klux Klan in June 1964. Two months later, the activists’ bodies were found riddled with bullets, burned and buried in a dam in Neshoba County. The “Mississippi Burning” case has largely gone unsolved and primarily unpunished.

In 2005, Edgar Ray Killen was con-

victed of three counts of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison, but authorities closed the case and put an end to hopes of prosecuting others involved.

In Lowndes County, Alabama, there is the case of 18-year-old Rogers Hamilton.

On a brisk night in October 1957, two white men arrived at Rogers’ home, summoned him outside, and put him in a truck. His mother, Beatrice Hamilton, trailed the truck on a dusty road and watched in horror as they pulled Rogers out of the vehicle and shot him in the head.

When she notified the sheriff, he told her she didn’t see what she “thought she saw” and closed the case.

“No one cared, except his extended family, now scattered from Chicago to New York,” John Fleming, an editor at the Center for Sustainable Journalism, wrote in a 2011 column. “The case remains open, though the reality is that this case will never be prosecuted,” Fleming decided.

“Though the family wants justice, even if it means getting the local district attorney to indict a dead deputy, what’s equally important to them is the fact that the story of a long-dead [man] in faraway Alabama has finally been told.”

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Our beloved, Ira Lee Singleton Jr. was born May 23, 1947, in Hinds County, MS to the late Havron Taylor-Singleton and the late Ira Lee Singleton Sr. Ira was the youngest of two children.

Ira united with Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church at an early age where he was a loyal and faithful servant until his death. While at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Ira served as a trustee, deacon, youth choir director, church bus driver, Sunday school teacher and was a member of the male chorus.

Ira was a gentle giant with an infectious smile and hearty laugh; known for always being punctual. You never knew in what capacity you would see Ira. Ira may have been wearing a suit and tie to handle church or community business or a t-shirt and work pants riding down Star Road on his John Deere tractor. One thing was for certain, he was on his way to help someone in our community. Ira had such a huge caring and giving heart, but you'd better believe, Ira didn't take no mess. Ira was straight up, honest and fair to all that he met.

Ira's passions in life included fishing, playing cards, reading the Bible, playing softball, watching sports – especially college football, mentoring through ministry for all ages and singing.

No matter what the task, Ira was very meticulous and methodical in his approach. No mission was too big or too small if it was helping to improve our community. Just as he stood as a strong pillar in Rankin County, he mirrored

the same high expectations for his children; hard working, taking pride in their work, striving for excellence, exceeding expectations and being a person of your word. His motto was Proverbs 22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Or as Ira would say "A good name is worth more than silver or gold."

He graduated from Holy Ghost Catholic School in Jackson, MS in 1965, followed by Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelors in business administration in 1969. Ira immediately entered his professional career at Hinds County Project Head Start followed by Community Service Association, then Delphi Packard Electric until he retired. Outside of his corporate career, Ira was an entrepreneur who independently farmed and owned and operated Singleton Logging, Inc.

Ira was well-rounded and was involved in many organizations which included: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Urban League, Communities Working to Unite Youth (CWUY) – past president and founder, Hinds Community College Advisory Board, Puckett Athletic Association, Puckett Attendance Center, Friends of Children of Mississippi, Rankin County Development Corporation, Keys To Life – mentor, Rankin County United for Change (RCUC), Concerned Citizens of Rankin County, Rankin County Farmers Co-op, Lincoln County Mass Choir, Multipurpose Association (Component of Community Service Association) – director, Family Health Care Clinic Board of Directors and Rankin County School Board.

Ira just recently married his high school sweetheart, Gloria Johnson Matory Singleton. Ira was previously married to Edna Jordan Singleton Rhodes, Betty Johnson Hart Singleton, Marilyn Flowers Singleton, Regina Hughes Singleton and Glendora Procter Singleton. In these unions, Ira was the father to 12 children by way of birth and blended families. Although Ira had plenty of

children of his own, he always extended his strong yet loving arms around countless other children throughout his life. Ira was a firm disciplinarian who believed in not spoiling a child but rather teaching them important life lessons.

Ira was preceded in death by his parents, Ira Lee and Havron Taylor-Singleton, a loving wife, Betty Johnson Hart Singleton, and a great-grandson, Connor Demarcus Evans.

Ira leaves to cherish his fond memories a loving wife, Gloria Johnson Matory Singleton of Clinton, MS; six daughters: Yolanda Singleton of Florence, MS., Zenobia O. Hart-Richardson of Crestview, FL, LaTesa (Carlos) Hughes Bowen of Ashbury, VA, Myra Singleton of Snellville, GA, Fatina (Reginald) Cutrer of Byram, MS, Carmelita "Nikki" Proctor of Brandon, MS; six sons: Eric Singleton of Jackson, MS, Kevin Matory of Jackson, MS, Andre (Laramie) Proctor of Woodbridge, VA, Ira Singleton, III of Lilburn, GA, Kobie' Singleton of Florence, MS; 31 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one sister: Sarah Holsey of Nashville, TN. He also leaves a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

Ira lived his life so that people could see the God in him as he was serious about his salvation. Ira would always say, "Hell is too hot, and eternity is too long not to be saved."

On Saturday, June 12, 2021, Ira started his day fulfilling his passion and purpose by helping someone else to cut a tree down. He was fatally injured and entered into eternal life.

"Our death is not the end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us; our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life." –Albert Einstein

Homegoing services entrusted to Dean's Memorial Funeral Home, 745 Hwy 468, Brandon, MS

Visitation 6/16, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.; Funeral 6/17, 11 a.m., New Hope M.B.Church, 935 MS-469, Pearl, MS.

Dale Danks Jr.

August 27, 1939 - June 9, 2021



Danks

Honorable Dale Danks Jr., 81, of Madison, passed away June 9, 2021 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, MS.

Dale was born August 27, 1939 to the late Alney Dale Danks and late Anna Marie Ross Danks. Dale was educated in the Jackson Public Schools and attended Millsaps College. He is a graduate of the Jackson School of Law; now Mississippi College Law School. Prior to the entry into the field of law in 1964, he worked for the City of Jackson, first in the Sanitation Department and later in the Water Department office.

Nearly fifteen years of law practice in the firm of Danks, Craig and Moss was coupled with six years of service as county prosecuting attorney. He was first elected to this office in 1971 and was re-elected in 1975 where he served until assuming the office of mayor in 1977.

While county prosecuting attorney, Danks, with his two assistants, handled in excess of 3,000 cases, covering the

widest possible range of criminal activity. In 1973, during the time he was the prosecuting attorney for Hinds County, he was voted Jackson's "Outstanding Young Man" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

First elected Mayor of Jackson in 1977, Dale was returned to office in 1981 and 1985. During twelve years as mayor, Danks was instrumental in revitalizing downtown Jackson and encouraged the economic development of the city through bringing new industries to the city. He instituted the precinct system in the Jackson Police Department, giving neighborhoods more visible police officers and faster response time to calls.

The Neighborhood Crime Watch, as well, as Crime Stoppers programs were started by Danks shortly after becoming mayor. Not quite two years on the job as mayor, Dale was in the midst of the greatest flood in Jackson's history. In its aftermath Danks organized the US Coalition of Mayors which serves today as a bargaining tool for flood prone communities across the county in their efforts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Congress.

After the flood, Mayor Danks led the City of Jackson and developed and installed a computer-operated flood warning system which is housed at the Emergency Operations Center. Mayor Danks also obtained private sector financing


to ensure the City of Jackson remained the permanent home in the Western Hemisphere for the International Ballet Competition.

In addition, Mayor Danks made several trips to the Far East on trade missions, he created the Mayor's International Trade Commission, chaired by former Governor William Winter, to formulate plans and strategies for opening up trade and commerce with foreign business interests. Danks has served on many boards, committees, commissions and associations.

Dale recently served as the city attorney for Madison the City and served as the city's municipal court judge. He was also a current partner in Danks, Miller and Cory where he continued to be engaged in general trial practice.

Dale is survived by his wife of 17 years, Janet Webb Danks, daughter, Lori Ann Spreafico and her husband Tony; grandson, Michael Dale Long and his wife Meg Gordon Long; two stepdaughters, Candace Hailey Battaglia and her husband Anthony Battaglia and Camille Hailey; granddaughters, Addilena Battaglia and Hazel Battaglia; grandson Marc Anthony Battaglia and his beloved pets, FeFe, Dede and Crystal.

A memorial gathering was held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Natchez Trace Funeral Home in Madison, MS.



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Mississippi teens to merge civil rights lessons, filmmaking

Sumner, MS

The Associated Press

Fannie Lou Hamer stepped onto the national platform in 1964 after giving powerful testimony about racial violence against black men and women in the South at the Democratic National Convention.

Her stirring stories made her a sought-out speaker. Her humanitarian efforts helped provide housing, educational programs and food for many in the Mississippi Delta.

More than 40 years after her death in 1977, Hamer's story remains relevant today and her connection to the Mississippi Delta community continues to grow. A summer filmmakers workshop will give 19 or more high school students a chance to learn about Mississippi Delta native Hamer's legacy and to expand their knowledge in filmmaking.

Sunflower County Film Academy will host the two-



Hamer

week long, free workshop for Tallahatchie County high school students from June 21-July 2 at the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Sumner, MS, a news release for the workshop stated.

Professional filmmakers Pablo Correa, Kyle Jones and Robert "RJ" Fitzpatrick, who is from Sunflower County, will act as technical advisors to the students. Started in 2018 with students from Sunflower, Bolivar and Washington counties, the workshop gives students a peak into the region's history

and the digital arts field.

The workshop is part of a multimodal community project, Fannie Lou Hamer's America, which includes a K-12 digital curriculum, an online resource library and an original documentary set to air in early 2022.

Fannie Lou Hamer became a source of inspiration in the 1960s and 1970s. The project aims to connect the community with resources about her significant but not well known role in the Civil Rights Movement.

"Aunt Fannie Lou really loved young people," said Hamer's niece, Monica Land. "She worked with young people. She had a high regard for them and she believed in education. This is just kind of continuing her mission."

"The workshop provides students with an opportunity to build confidence, improve their public speaking skills and explore a creative outlet for expression — as well as a way to

connect to the community and other students in the Delta region," Land said.

During the two weeks, students discuss racial equity, healing and modern-day injustices while learning professional filmmaking skills.

Keziah Allen, an alum from Gentry High School in Indianola, MS who participated in the 2018 workshop, returns this summer as an intern. He said the workshop inspired his love of photography and filming.

"I want to one day start my own photography (studio)," said Allen, adding he's excited to reconnect with the instructors while helping this year's students.

Allen said he's excited about students learning about Hamer, who, despite her background as an uneducated sharecropper, rose to a 15-year career as a human rights activist. Her soul-stirring songs and impassioned pleas for equal rights became a

symbol for a grassroots movement that began in Mississippi.

Keyshaun Meeks, 20, participated in the first workshop in 2018 and is returning as an intern hoping to help the next group of high school students find their passion.

"It opens your eyes to a lot," Meeks said. "I want them to know that they can learn a lot from the class, because I definitely did. And it also helps you make new friends, build a network and so you can actually kickstart a life."

Keyshawn Brison, another alum from Gentry High School, who is currently a student at Jackson State University, agreed with Meeks, saying he hopes students take in all the information they'll be providing.

"This workshop can take you a long way in life," Brison said.

At the end of the workshop, students will share their film during a public screening at the Tallahatchie County Court-

house, the news release stated.

Land said students interested in applying still have time to submit an online application at Fannie Lou Hamer's America, <https://www.fannielouhamers-america.com/scfa-application>.

She added that students in the 10th or 11th grade who are not selected this year will be considered for next year's workshop.

Meeks said the workshop is an opportunity for students to further their dreams and take a chance on something new to them.

"I want to let everybody know, never give up on your dream," Meeks said. "When you're working towards a goal, don't have a plan B, because I feel like if you have a plan B, you won't put all your effort into working for Plan A. That one dream that you always wanted, follow that dream. And everything will pay off, you just got to keep working."

Jackson/Hinds Library System's 2021 Summer Reading Program begins

Mississippi Link Newswire

As the Jackson/Hinds Library System (JHLS) continues to offer virtual and take home programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, JHLS will offer its annual Summer Reading Program online for a second year.

If you're looking for exciting activities and programs that can help your preschooler, child or teen keep reading and learning

this summer, the 2021 Summer Reading Program is only a click away.

Adults are welcome to sign up and participate as well.

The library system has planned a variety of free, virtual events on the animal-inspired theme Tails and Tales for local area preschoolers, children, teens and adults throughout Hinds County.

The program is from June

7 to July 9, 2021, and online registration is available via the Beanstack platform at jhl-library.beanstack.org and the Beanstack app.

With Beanstack, registrants can earn digital badges such as a reading badge for every 100 minutes they read, an activity badge, a virtual program badge and a book review badge.

The library branches will provide goody bags for regis-

trants that include restaurant coupons and other treats, take-and-make craft kits for patrons and paper registration forms and reading logs for those who may need them.

Also enjoy the vibrant animal-themed displays and other surprises at each location.

Those who earn 10 reading badges will earn a digital certificate and be entered into a random drawing for prizes from

sponsors such as the U.S. Census Bureau, Funtime Skateland, Cracker Barrel and Google.

Prizes will be given to the top reader overall by age category from Costco, Walmart and the Mississippi Children's Museum. This will include first and second-place prizes in the adult category.

JHLS also has an exciting lineup of virtual presenters for this year's programs such as

Corey Wright of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Freedom Ranch Outreach Education, magician Tommy Johns, Animal Tales and McClain Lodge, as well as signature programs from the library branches such as animal story times and tips on animal care.

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JPS administrators promoted to key leadership roles in support of academics



Grayer



Scott

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees approved the appointments of Dr. Marvin Grayer and Dr. Rajeeni Scott to key leadership roles in support of academics. Grayer will take on the role of assistant superintendent of Middle Schools, and Scott has been promoted to executive director of Federal Programs.

Grayer previously served as principal at Blackburn Middle School in JPS. He was also a district-level principal coach and served on the principal's advisory committee to the superintendent. Grayer works with community partners and stakeholders to establish and maintain key partnerships and collaborations centered on providing transformative teaching and learning experiences for teachers and students at Blackburn Middle School. His work will continue for all middle schools as assistant superintendent for Middle Schools.

Before coming back to JPS, Grayer served as a K-12 regional director serving Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama for the Southern Dropout Prevention Alliance based in Alpharetta, Georgia. Prior to that, he served as an administrator and principal for school districts in Mississippi and Georgia, including as the principal of Whitten Middle School from 2004-2009.

Over a 23-year career, Grayer has gained experience in enhancing and developing evidence-based instructional practices with students' unique learning styles in mind, creating safe and productive learning environments and designing sustainable professional development programs at the school, district, and state levels. Additionally, Grayer has developed expertise in improving the quality of teaching and learning through the development or enhancement of school-based administrative teams.

Grayer earned his bachelor

of science in elementary education and master of science in school administration degrees from Mississippi State University. He completed his specialist of education degree in educational leadership at Mississippi College and his doctorate of education degree in educational leadership at William Carey University. Grayer was selected to serve as a facilitator/consultant for the Harvard Principal Institute and as a school transformation specialist/consultant for the Georgia Department of Education.

Clay-Scott previously served as the director of State and Federal Programs in the Office of School Support in JPS. The areas she supported included ensuring that all students have equitable access to quality instruction through the use of Title I funding, ensuring compliance with all federal requirements and management of all federal budgets.

She also served as a staff officer in the Mississippi Department of Education's Office of Federal Programs. In that capacity, she provided statewide technical assistance to federal program directors on the implementation of federal education programs including Title I, Title II, Title V, charter schools and equitable services to private schools.

She began her career in JPS as an instructional assistant, kindergarten and 3rd-grade teacher, and K-5th grade interventionist. In each role, she worked diligently to meet the unique needs of all students.

Clay-Scott has earned three degrees in education from Jackson State University. She holds a bachelor of science in elementary education, a master of science in elementary education, and a doctor of philosophy in educational leadership and supervision.

She and her husband Demarcus Scott Sr. have three children, Vincent, Ivy and Marcus.

Murrah High Speech/Debate ends season of online competition with national qualifiers



Murrah Mustang Debate top performers are (from left): Fatimah Wansley, Hart Jefferson, Alexandria Williams, Anabel Morgan, Tyneah Buckley, Taylor Moore, Parker Hansen and Aaron Araujo

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Murrah High School's Speech and Debate team competed throughout the 2020-2021 school year, safely socially distanced in all practices. Tournaments transitioned to online formats, utilizing both live debates and pre-recorded speeches.

Thanks to the online format, the Mustangs were able to compete at more tournaments than in any previous season with 20 tournament appearances. Along with the usual local and state-level competitions, the team entered tournaments hosted in Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Pennsylvania and California.

Season Highlights

- Eight students, representing both Murrah and the JPS-

Tougaloo Early College High School, wrapped up their season with appearances at national tournaments:

- Fatimah Wansley, sophomore - NSDA National Qualifier in Original Spoken Word Poetry
- Hart Jefferson, freshman - NCFL National Qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and NSDA National Qualifier in Big Questions Debate
- Alexandria Williams, senior and Anabel Morgan, sophomore – NCFL National Qualifiers in Policy Debate
- Tyneah Buckley, sophomore (J-TECHS) and Taylor Moore, senior – NCFL National Qualifiers in Policy Debate
- Parker Hansen, junior - NCFL Qualifier in Extemporaneous Speaking and NSDA

Qualifier in World Schools Debate

- Aaron Araujo, sophomore – NCFL Qualifier in Congressional Debate and NSDA Qualifier in Congressional Debate

Seven competed at the NCFL (National Catholic Forensic League) Grand National Tournament, held online, May 28-30.

Four will compete at the NSDA (National Speech & Debate Association) National Tournament, held online, June 14-19.

Parker Hansen is now a two-time NCFL and NSDA National Qualifier, having previously competed in Extemporaneous Speaking at NCFL and in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at NSDA.

Hart Jefferson is only the

second freshman in school history to qualify for NSDA Nationals and is the first Murrah student ever to qualify in Big Questions Debate.

"I am so proud of the work of our Speech and Debate team," said Alvanette Buchanan, principal of Murrah. "Being highly proficient in the spoken and written word is one of the pillars of the Profile of A JPS Graduate as highlighted in our district's strategic plan. It is from these students' and coaches' commitment to the work of honing and perfecting their crafts, that they serve as exemplary models of that profile."

Read more about the National Speech & Debate Association and the National Tournament at www.speechanddebate.org.

Hinds County Students enjoy First Stages Theatre Camp

The Mississippi Link Newswire

New Stage Theatre had its First Stages Theatre Camp for rising second through sixth graders. The New Stage Theatre Arts in Education department strives to bring professional, progressive acting instruction to youth throughout Mississippi with its year-long acting classes, summer camps and touring workshops. It serves as an introduction to acting, singing and dance for children ages 7-11.

From June 7 to June 18, 2021 campers received daily instruction in acting from experienced acting teachers.

The goal of this camp was to shape and share the creative experience by building a theatre vocabulary, performing in front of others and developing skills in storytelling and improvisation.

The two-week camp was broken up into two sessions to allow for greater social distancing between students in accordance with CDC guidelines. The camps will culminate in a final performance of Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon Kids Friday, June



Hinds County Participants

18 at 11 a.m. for session one and 3:30 p.m. for session two.

First Stages Session 1 Hinds County participants included: from Jackson, Emersyn Agho, Elin Fowler, Emory Frost, Beau Frost, Ezra Hester, Tabitha Leatherman, Birdie Neely, Bailey Roberson, Maggie Kate Roberson, Maddie Vanderloo, Lily Yates, and Grace Wicks; from Bolton, Miles Norman, Ezra Norman, Ari Norman, and Leo Nor-

man; from Byram, Brooklyn Bailey and Mariah Loving; from Clinton, Charlie Perna, Olivia Perna, and Dominic York.

First Stages Session 2 Hinds County participants included: from Jackson, Rayna Dixon, Bernadette Albright, Beau Allen, Laila Bass, Eloise Cook, Areat Davis, David Doty, Sibley Grey, Eli Jefferson, Anna Rose Martin, Makaila Faith Nixon, Miles Perry, Isabella

Samuels, Gemma Taylor, Mark Tuttle, Jake Weems, and Ella Weems; from Byram, DaSean Perkins; from Clinton, Abby Boone, Elizabeth Boone, Mason Medina, Jordyn Banks, and Taylor Longmire.

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As COVID-19 cases wane, vaccine-lagging areas still see risk

By Dylan Lovan and Leah Willingham
Associated Press

New COVID-19 cases are declining across most of the country, even in some states with vaccine-hesitant populations. But almost all states bucking that trend have lower-than-average vaccination rates, and experts warn that relief from the pandemic could be fleeting in regions where few people get inoculated.

Case totals nationally have declined in a week from a seven-day average of nearly 21,000 on May 29 to 14,315 on Saturday, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. For weeks, states and cities have been dropping virus restrictions and mask mandates, even indoors.

Experts said some states are seeing increased immunity because there were high rates of natural spread of the disease, which has so far killed nearly 600,000 Americans.

“We certainly are getting some population benefit from our previous cases, but we paid for it,” said Mississippi State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs. “We paid for it with deaths.”

More than 7,300 Mississippians have died in the pandemic, and the state has the sixth-highest per capita death rate.

Dobbs estimated that about 60% of the state’s residents have “some underlying immunity.”

“So we’re now sort of seeing that effect, most likely, because we have a combination of natural and vaccine-induced immunity,” Dobbs said.

Just eight states — Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Nevada, Texas, Utah and Wyoming — have seen their seven-day rolling averages for infection rates rise from two weeks earlier, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. All of them except Hawaii have recorded vaccination rates that are lower than the US average of 43% fully vaccinated, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The 10 states with the fewest new cases per capita over that time frame all have fully vaccinated rates above the national average.

Medical experts said a host of

factors is playing into the drop in case counts across the country, including vaccines, natural immunity from exposure to the virus, warmer weather and people spending less time indoors.

But Dr. Leana Wen, a public health professor at George Washington University, said she is concerned that the natural immunity of those who have been exposed to coronavirus may soon wane. And she’s worried that states with low vaccination rates could become hot spots.

“Just because we’re lucky in June doesn’t mean we’ll continue to be lucky come the late fall and winter,” said Wen, the former health commissioner for the city of Baltimore. “We could well have variants here that are more transmissible, more virulent and those who do not have immunity or have waning immunity could be susceptible once again.”

In Mississippi, about 835,000 people have been fully vaccinated, or 28% of the population. But despite the lagging vaccination rate, the state’s rolling average of daily new cases over the past two weeks has decreased by about 18%, according to Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Albert Ko, who chairs Department of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases at Yale, said there is no accurate data to show what percentage of the population in “high burden” states such as Alabama or Texas have been exposed to the virus, but he said estimates have put it as high as 50%.

“I think it doesn’t deny the importance of vaccination, particularly because the levels of antibodies that you get that are induced by natural infection are lower than that of what we have for our best vaccine,” Ko said.

Ko said it is important that even those exposed to the disease get vaccinated because natural immunity does not last as long as vaccine immunity and the levels of antibodies are lower.

Wen said research strongly suggests that vaccinations provide a benefit to those who already have some antibodies due to infection.

“I think it is a fallacy that many people have that recovery means they no longer need to be vaccinated,” she said.

Getting Older

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Each day about 10,000 Americans will turn 65. By 2030 one in five Americans will be 65 or older. As we get older we should focus on preventive services. Most people are not aware of the preventative services that are recommended for their age group especially among minorities.

The CDC recommends the following services, vaccinations and screening for early detection of cancer, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, alcohol abuse and osteoporosis:

Alcohol abuse:
Aging also slows down a senior’s ability to break down alcohol. Alcohol will remain in a person’s system longer. Because of this reason some seniors can feel an increase in the effects from the same amount of alcohol they drank when younger. This can cause more accidents. This can include falls, fractures and car crashes. Older women are more sensitive than men to the effects of alcohol.

Some medications should not be mixed with alcohol. That includes prescription, over-the-counter and herbal remedies. Mixing them can be dangerous or even deadly when mixed with alcohol. Most seniors take medications every day and are more likely to take one or more medications that interact with alcohol. This will increase their risk for a harmful alcohol medication interaction.

There is no healthy way to drink alcohol. But you can keep these facts in mind:

- 1 You should never drink alcohol on an empty stomach. It doesn’t stop the affects of drinking but it does slow down the rate it is absorbed into your liver.
2. Stay well hydrated by consuming plenty of water. It will help to rehydrate you but won’t stop the damage the alcohol does to your body.
3. Avoid sugar-laden, pro-inflammatory mixers and use soda water or tonic instead.
4. Coffee is not an antidote to alcohol and will leave you feeling even worse. More than two cups of coffee can cause caffeine problems.

High Blood Pressure
One of every three adults in the US has high blood pressure. It’s even higher in people over 65. 70% of people that had a heart attack had high blood pressure. 80% of people that had their first stroke had high blood pressure. 70% of people that had chronic heart failure had high



blood pressure. Hypertension kills a disproportionate number of African Americans unnecessarily each year.

A change in diet and exercise can make you feel better and lower your resting blood pressure but you should never discontinue prescribed medication unless your physician tells you to stop.

Bottom line is, if you have high blood pressure or are at risk take steps to reduce your risk or reduce your blood pressure.

Cervical Cancer
Older women feel that they are no longer at risk for cervical cancer. Recent research conducted by Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO., stated that the rate of death for women over the age of 65 from cervical cancer is actually higher than that of women below that age. 25 percent of all new cases occur among seniors. In fact, of that group of older women, approximately 7.6 per 100,000 die from cervical cancer as compared to only 2.1 for younger women.

Many senior women die because they choose to not have a pap smear. Many decline treatment after being diagnosis with cervical cancer. Many doctors have a tendency to limit aggressive treatment in older patients. Aggressive treatments could improve outcomes. Studies show that many older patients can tolerate radiation therapy and aggressive surgical therapy very well. Not getting a pap smear increases a woman’s chances for survival. Bottom line is you should get a pap smear and get treated if you have cervical cancer no matter your age.

Depression
While depression is a common problem among seniors, it is not a normal part of aging. Studies show that older adults feel satisfied with their lives, even while having more illnesses or physical problems. Seniors depressed

appear to feel tired, have trouble sleeping, or seem grumpy and irritable. Attention problems caused by depression can sometimes look like Alzheimer’s disease or other brain disorders. Older adults also may have more medical conditions, such as heart disease, stroke or cancer which may cause depressive symptoms. Seniors taking medications with side effects can contribute to depression. Sudden life change as we get older can cause feelings of uneasiness, stress, and sadness. Bottom line is you need to talk to your doctor about your life. Have a trusted friend or relative you can confide in.

High Cholesterol
A high cholesterol level is one of the main factors contributing to heart attacks, strokes and other circulation problems. Cholesterol is a yellowish, waxy material. It’s found in every cell in our body and it’s essential for our cells to function properly. Your body produces all the cholesterol it needs. When you consume too much saturated fat your cholesterol level increases. Excess fat in your diet increases your cholesterol levels, which is eventually deposited in the inner walls of your arteries. As you get older, scar tissue and other materials build up over the cholesterol causing the arteries to narrow. This is called atherosclerosis. When the arteries leading to the heart narrow, blood flow becomes restricted which can lead to a heart attack. When the arteries leading to the brain narrow you can have a stroke. More than 40 million Americans have high levels of cholesterol.

Bottom line is you should know your numbers and keep them under control.

Obesity, Osteoporosis and Diabetes
Getting older does not mean that you have to become weak and suffer from age related changes that affect older people who are sedentary. Obesity, os-

teoporosis and diabetes are just a few issues that can affect seniors if they don’t exercise. Several studies show that resistance-training exercises help maintain and increase muscle strength and size as we age. When muscle biopsies of men over 50 who lifted weights were compared with those of 20-year-old men the biopsies looked the same. When biopsies of men over 50 who did not exercise were compared with those of the same 20-year-old men their biopsies showed typical age related changes.

Weight lifting is an excellent form of resistance training. Do some form of resistance training everyday. Start your exercise program with one or two exercises per body part. Do about 2 to 3 sets of 8 to 10 reps for each exercise. If you can do more than 12 reps you need to increase the amount of weight you’re using.

Shingles vaccine and other vaccinations

The best way to avoid shingles is to get vaccinated. A vaccine helps your body create a strong defense against shingles. People over 60 that get vaccinated for shingles reduce their risk for developing shingles by 50% and getting persistent pain of PHN by over 60%. The shingle vaccine is even more effective with people between 50 and 60. The vaccine reduces their risk by 70%. Vaccines can be a single dose or require more doses. If you don’t receive your second dose within the recommended window after your first dose, you do not need to restart the series. You should receive the second dose as close to this time frame as possible. For best results it’s important that you complete the vaccine series. Check to see what other vaccines you should get as a senior.

Older people don’t think of their age as a disadvantage. I ask myself all the time “What is old?”

MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 5/26/21-6/15/21 **

◆ Patients with Confirmed Infection ● Patients with Suspected Infection ■ Patients in an ICU ▲ Patients on Ventilators

* Patients in ICU and on ventilators are COVID-19 confirmed.

** Data are provisional.

Mississippi COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity as of 3 pm CT, June 15, 2021

Total Cases					
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other Unknown
Non Hispanic	1,248	1,224	86,972	124,608	3,198 2,658
Hispanic	64	40	457	2,076	3,780 760
Unknown Ethnicity	1,020	349	17,897	27,476	7,487 38,197

Total Deaths					
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other Unknown
Non Hispanic	92	13	2,537	3,393	44 19
Hispanic	1	1	9	33	24 2
Unknown Ethnicity	25	7	367	569	69 163

P R E S E R V E D

Unexpected treasures

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



What started as an attempt to watch the movie *In the Heights* on my smart television ended with me marveling at hidden treasures. Like so many, I was excited about the movie but was disappointed that I didn't have the HBOMax app on my smart TV. Because of a technical incompatibility, my TV does not allow me to download HBOMax. But I had the app on my laptop. But I didn't want to watch the movie on my laptop, I wanted to watch it on my TV. So, I thought about it for a few minutes: How do I hook up my laptop to my television? I'd watched videos on my

DVD player so I knew I could do it; I just could not remember how I did it. When I saw a suggestion from an internet search, I realized I could use a HDMI cable to connect the laptop. That sounded simple enough. It took me a few minutes to find the HDMI cable input on the back on the TV and connect it. After a few minutes, the television and laptop were connected. Now my next question was where is the input/source button on the remote control? I could not remember so I just pressed the one in the top right corner. It was red and looked like it was important. And then the most amazing thing happened: an entire menu of channels popped up. "What are these and how long have they been on my television?" Was my first thought. I

quickly forgot all about watching *In the Heights* because I was now fascinated by what seemed like hundreds of streaming channels. There were channels for news, sports, music and specific TV shows (even *The Love Boat* had its own channel). It took me about 15 minutes to scroll through every channel listed. I was amazed at how many there were and the fact that I had no idea they were on my television. One channel I found was one that I'd been looking to stream but had not made the time to download it...and there it was already on my television. After I watched the movie, I scrolled back through the channels in awe of all the content I had access to. The more I thought about it, the more I felt like this is so much how we treat God and his blessings/

promises for our lives. We don't realize all that we have access to. It may take us going down an unexpected path to realize all that God has for us. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Like I thought my pressing the remote-control buttons was going to show me one thing, it showed me something more amazing than what I was originally looking for. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

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



Spiritual people are not individuals who are lifted up in themselves or who are proud and arrogant. Spiritual people are those who can come to the rescue of brothers and sisters when they are weak spiritually from being attacked by the enemy of souls, or from being under temptation. We read in Galatians 6:1 these words, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

There is an especially important job for spiritual people to do involving the salvation of souls, the restoration of people who might have given themselves over to a fault or who might have been overtaken in some other way. Spiritual people are called upon by God to bring help and assistance. Spiritual people will go to pray; they have a prayer closet. They take heed to the words of the Thessalonian writer when he said in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." When you find someone doing that, you are most likely looking at a spiritual individual. It involves a great work, James 5:19-20 says: "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and

one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins." I want to be like this part of the work of a spiritual person. I want to be an individual who can be defined, according to God's Word, as spiritual.

We read in 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, these words, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." We can say that Jesus was a spiritual individual; that should be without controversy.

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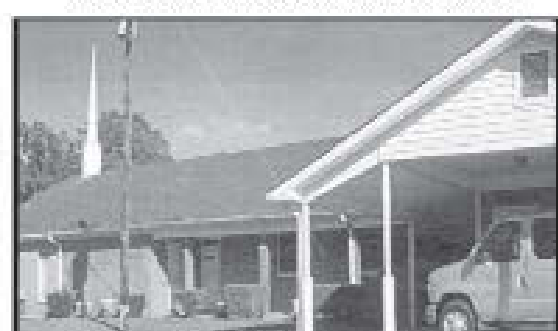
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Pandemic graduates deserve an extra round of applause

By James B. Ewers Jr.
President Emeritus
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Graduations are special occasions. They are full of great pomp and circumstance. In fact, they are unforgettable.

They have a life of their own and will live on forever.

While many years ago, I can remember each of my exercises. They were filled with relief and exhilaration.

My journey through the educational maze was complete. That was the relief. The joy and happiness associated with reaching my goal felt wonderful. That was the exhilaration.

As I reflect on my graduation experiences, they were attended by my family and friends. Having them at these grand moments in my life was important. I had never given any thought to people not attending graduation programs as I am an old school guy.

Like you, COVID-19 took me by surprise. The surprise was how much it effected our daily

lives.

Children and schools go together. However, the Coronavirus put a sudden stop to traditional learning. Students were at home and so were teachers.

Virtual learning was a new term on the educational landscape. It meant being in front of a computer screen for both students and teachers.

Teachers have received over the years undo and unjust criticism. Being a teacher is not an easy job to have. During my professional life I was proud to have been a teacher.

Preparing lessons, meeting with parents, engaging different learning styles are just some of what teachers do each day.

If you are successful at anything, you can probably point to a teacher who motivated you along the way.

Parents have become the strongest supporters of teachers. This was especially true during the pandemic. They saw a small sample size of what teachers do each day when their child leaves home.

Teachers have always been beacons of hope and inspiration.

They challenge us and they love us too.

Students have had to learn differently during this period. There was an adjustment they had to make. Was it difficult? I believe it was, but they were undaunted in their pursuit of knowledge.

Now they have reached the pinnacle and their hard work paid off. The assignments, technical difficulties and frustrations are now behind them. They are now graduates of the class of 2021. They made it.

Traditional graduations gave way to zoom graduations. Graduation parties gave in to drive up shout outs. Blocks and streets had signs up congratulating students who had achieved their goals. Yet the quest for better continues.

Going to college for many students of color in some areas continues to be problematic.

Audrey Dow, senior vice president at Campaign for College Opportunity said, “The most vulnerable students who have the most to gain from a college education are bearing the brunt of the pandemic ef-

fects. If the federal government, states, colleges and universities do not step up in intentional ways to support low-income students of color to enroll and stay in college, we will see these disparities in college enrollment persist.”

Her comments were made based upon a National Student Clearinghouse Research Center analysis and participating colleges.

Education must be a focus for people of color. Further training will provide us with a better and brighter future. All statistics show that education matters and makes a difference.

Congratulations to graduates as they took another step forward on their road to success. They are believing it and now they are achieving it.

Make education a part of your family’s legacy.

Remember this about an education. Once you attain it, it cannot be taken away. It is yours forever.

Always keep a goal in front of you. Stay thirsty for acquiring new skills and competencies. You have only just begun.

Juneteenth Elevation and Magnification Amplification and Intensification

By Jerry Komia Domatob, Ph.D
Contributing Writer

Juneteenth’s elevation
Startles with fascination
It tickles imagination
And uplifts appreciation

Juneteenth planted freedom
Birthing new global kingdom
It challenged vicious slavery
Demeaning and lashing its thievery

Juneteenth celebration
Along with its jubilation
Reiterates new eras ascent
Just as it fostered its descent

Juneteenth now powers
Like plants that flower
It condemns venomous domination
Along with evil civilization

Juneteenth opened liberty doors
Polishing thorny floors
It slammed enslavement
Just as it motivated advancement

Juneteenth awakened excitement
Along with achievement
It propelled human development
Rather than spread underdevelopment

Juneteenth’s faithfuls
Like its powerfuls
Stresse truth’s power
Which it empowers

Juneteenth’s love projection
Stimulates as war proposition
It advocates commemoration
Just as it rejects denunciation

Honor and praise, to Juneteenth fathers
Along with champions and mothers
Juneteenth’s liberation force
Motivates and inspires, without farce
Bravo! Bravo! Juneteenth’s celebrants.

Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob, a graduate of E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University-Athens, Ohio, is a professor of mass communication at Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS. He is a journalist, photographer, poet and researcher and a contributing writer to The Mississippi Link.

Black churches have moral authority to defend the black vote

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



During the civil rights movement’s struggle against discrimination and voter suppression in Jim Crow America, the black church was a source of refuge and resolve. Today, a new wave of voter suppression laws is targeting black voters, and new generations of black clergy are bringing their moral authority to a campaign to defend the black vote.

We need these prophetic voices. The new Jim Crow doesn’t look exactly like the old Jim Crow, but it is grounded in the same assault on the dignity, humanity, and citizenship rights of black Americans. We need our communities’ truth-tellers to speak out because the new Jim Crow is grounded in layers of lies.

The big lie told by former President Donald Trump and his supporters is that he won the 2020 election, but had his victory stolen by corrupt election officials and black and brown people casting fraudulent votes.

The existence of widespread voter fraud is itself a lie. It has been debunked over and over again. But Republicans in dozens of states are using that lie to justify new restrictive voting rules. They claim to be protect-

ing “election integrity” but they are really trying to make it harder for some black and brown people to cast a ballot and have it counted.

Right-wing lawmakers feel free to impose discriminatory voting rules thanks to another lie – this one told by John Roberts, the Chief Justice of the United States. He justified the decision of a conservative majority of the Court in 2013 to abolish a key enforcement mechanism of the Voting Rights Act by saying in effect that racial discrimination in voting was a thing of the past.

States from across the old Confederacy proved him wrong, by acting to impose new restrictions on registration and voting. Some went into effect just hours after the Supreme Court gave them the green light.

That was bad enough. But the right wing’s voter suppression machinery really kicked into high gear after the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers saw that black voter turnout helped President Joe Biden win key battleground states. And they vowed not to let that happen again.

Republican lawmakers’ strategy for holding onto power is not to reach out to black voters, but to shut them out. But we won’t be shut out. We will push Congress to pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, two laws

that are needed to overturn the new Jim Crow laws and prevent future restrictions on voting.

The late Rep. John Lewis told us in his farewell message last year that if we don’t use our right to vote, it can be taken from us. This year we are seeing new efforts to take the vote from us because we voted. We can’t let politicians turn us around.

At People For the American Way, we are investing more resources in our Defend the Black Vote project. We are sounding the alarm about disenfranchisement. And we are building our capacity to reach, educate and mobilize even more black voters than we did in 2020 through digital media, paid advertising and an ambitious peer-to-peer texting program.

And we will continue to be inspired by the vision and leadership of black clergy like the Rev. Timothy McDonald, who launched the African American Ministers Leadership Council and its Souls to the Polls movement more than 20 years ago. When Georgia Republicans tried to shut down Souls to the Polls by banning early voting on Sundays, McDonald called them out as “the Klan in three-piece suits.”

McDonald’s righteous truth-telling shamed Georgia Republicans into dropping that part of their voter suppression plan. But the rest of it became

law – including the infamous ban on groups providing water to people forced to wait in long voting lines. Voting rights activists have gone to court to challenge the Georgia law and others like it. Organizers will do everything possible to help black voters overcome any new obstacles that have been put between them and the ballot box.

And the black church will once again give voice to the aspirations of our people, drawing on a long tradition of prophetic witness against injustice combined with strategic organizing on behalf of freedom and equality.

“We endured slavery, Jim Crow and lynching by being creative and strategic,” McDonald told CNN. “We’re going to use their own tools and throw them back at them. We have to beat them at their own game.”

Preach!
Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

The Black Press: Our trusted messenger

By Dr. John Warren
San Diego Voice and
Viewpoint/NNPA Member



Sometimes it’s necessary to be reminded who we are and who our friends are. It’s also important to remember from whence we have come. Such is the case this week with the Black Press. Our black newspapers are now celebrating 194 years of being the keeper of the flame of liberty and the source of infor-

mation in “our” struggle for freedom and equality.

With the advent of the recent pandemic and the visible disparity of blacks dying at greater numbers than others, getting fewer vaccines, working the most high risk occupations and death at the hands of law enforcement, our need for a “trusted” source of information is greater than social media which has become an alternative for many. At the same time, the interest in reaching our communities has increased on all levels.

The question has become “who is in touch with the black community” as injustice, murder and social disparity continue to grow among blacks?

The NAACP and the Urban League gave the impression that they were in touch with the black community. But the reality is neither organization has ever been in touch with the black community without the Black Press. It is black newspapers, not CNN, ABC, NBC or CBS, that carry the articles and commentaries of these organizations to the black

community. Yet, neither of these ever mention the Black Press when taking both credit and dollars for outreach to the black community.

The African American and black communities of America should not be duped into believing that social media has become a substitute for the Black Press. The Black Press is now both print and electronic, its a news-wire service as provided by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), providing coverage of both news here in

America and around the world. It is the Black Press that has been the “Trusted Messenger” to our communities for 194 years and that says a lot. Our newspapers are the rear guard, the battle ground against the efforts to re-segregate America and return “Jim Crow” racism.

As we celebrate Juneteenth, let us remember that we are not only free, but capable of defending and determining our futures, if we get serious. Let’s remember how we got here, on the backs of those like the Black Press who

bought us thus far; let us not forget in the words of James Weldon Johnson: “We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.” We are still being slaughtered today by others as well as each other.

Let’s remember who is truly telling our story and our obligation to keep and support that effort. Pick up a black newspaper and get involved. You owe that and more to keeping the Juneteenth principle of freedom alive today.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
City of Jackson Meadow Road Bridge Replacement Project
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of City of Jackson Meadow Road Bridge Replacement Project. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

Contract time for this contract shall be 90 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to a let, lease, purchase, contract, or bidder or offeror must submit a signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1638. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing his classification as to the value and type of construction on which he is authorized to bid.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "City of Jackson Meadow Road Bridge Replacement Project" Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Bids and EBO plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/stapled separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Official Bid Documents, including the Contract Documents and Drawings can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810.4814.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Current state law, Mississippi General Laws of 2010, Chapter 383, section 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requires a nonresident bidder to attach to the bid a copy of the Bidder's resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors. Non-resident bidders must attach to their bid a copy of any bid preference law of the state, city, county, province, nation or political subdivision on where they are domiciled. If there is no such law where they are domiciled, all non-resident bidders shall attach a letter to their bid stating that there is no bid preference law where they are domiciled. The bid of any non-resident bidder who fails to attach to its bid a copy of its domicile's bid preference law or a letter stating that its domicile has no such bid preference law, whichever is applicable, shall be rejected and not considered for award.

Each Bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the City of Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City of Jackson. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the Office of Crown Engineering, PLLC, 5269 Keele Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by check, made payable to "Crown Engineering, PLLC."). All technical questions should be directed to Calvin Dean, PE, (601) 713-4346. The payment is non-refundable.

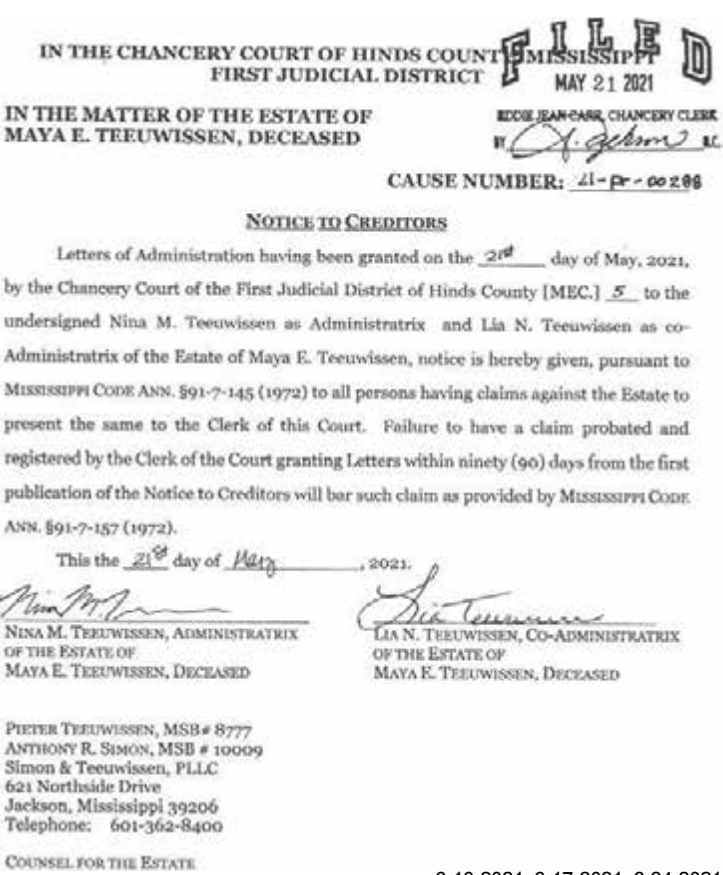
The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women business enterprises are eligible to bid on these contracts as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 25, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD, Director/City Engineer
Department of Public Works
6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4130

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 WMIV, LLC (Sam Astrahan) has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to redevelop a vacant property as a community recreational center within a C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict. for the building located at 3883/3885 Metro Dr. (Parcel: 824-557-1 & 824-557-2) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

3883 Metro Drive
27,360.73 square feet, or 0.6281 acre in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, T5N, R1W, City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi more fully described as follows:

Begin at the SE Corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 (or the NW Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4) of Section 1, T5N, R1W and proceed thence:

1. North for 523.85 feet; thence,
2. West for 340.58 feet to a hole in a concrete curb marking the SE Corner of the Lot conveyed to Clark, Ltd. by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 29-98 at Page 299 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, said point being also:

a. the South end of the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. property and the property conveyed to Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2486 at Page 89 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County,

b. On the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private), and

c. The POINT OF BEGINNING for the description of the subject property.

Continue thence:

3. N 06° 07' 22" E along the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. property and the above described Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association property for 264.40 feet to a point on the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80; thence,

4. N 59° 48' 30" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Hwy 80, for 121.88 feet, thence

5. N 87° 05' 01" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US I-Highway 80 for 89.88 feet; thence,

6. S 14° 26' 06" E along a line that is 25.92 feet East of and parallel with the East edge of the concrete walk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q for 122.05 feet; thence,

7. N 75° 53' 46" E for 44.08 feet to a point at the back of a concrete curb; thence,

8. N 14° 26' 06" W along the back of the concrete curb for 76.38 feet; thence,

9. S 85° 26' 06" E for 4213 feet; thence,

10. S 14° 26' 06" E for 121.30 feet to a point at the back of a concrete curb; thence,

11. S 09° 12' 05" W for 186.61 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private), said Right-of-Way line being defined at this point by a circular curve with a radius of 480.63 feet. Turn to N 77° 51' 07" E to obtain tangency to the curve at this point and continue thence:

12. Easterly and clockwise along the above described circular curve for 71.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a strip of land 24.08 feet wide off the West edge of the above-described property;

PLUS: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a 30 foot wide strip of land being 5.92 feet wide West of 24.08 feet wide East of and along and adjacent to the following described line:

BEGIN at the hole in the concrete curb marking the SE Corner of the property conveyed to Clark, Ltd. by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2998 at Page 299 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County and proceed thence:

12. N 06° 07' 22" E along the East line of the above-described Clark, Ltd. property for 264.40 feet to a point on the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80; thence,

13. N 59° 48' 30" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80 for 121.88 feet; thence,

14. N 87° 05' 01" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80 for 89.88 feet to the Point of Beginning for the subject line.

Continue thence:

- S 14° 26' 06" E along a line that is 25.92 feet east of and parallel with the East edge of the sidewalk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now, occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q for 351.63 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private).

3885 Metro Drive
15,641.28 square feet, or 0.3591 acre in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, T5N, R1W, City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi more fully described as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC ACCESS GATE(S)
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
GATE NO. 14

Notice is hereby given the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on June 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 219 S. President Street for the Special Council Meeting to consider granting approval of the public access gate(s) as outlined in the addition Code of Ordinances Section 110-28, Section 5. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Additional information can be found at www.jacksonms.gov/engage

Proposed gate(s) will be located at: Eastover Drive at Ridgewood Road, Eastbourne Place at Ridgewood Road, Lake Circle between Restbrook Place and Rhymes Place, Douglass Drive between Ridgewood Road and Lake Circle, and Quail Run Road at East Manor Drive.

WITNESS my signature this 7th day of June 2021.

Jordan Hillman
Director of Planning
City of Jackson, Mississippi
6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bid
Bid 3193 Prometheans Panels and Smartboard Panels

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 14, 2021, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., July 09, 2021) local time to be given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on July 08, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. for Promethean Panels, 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. for Smartboard Panels local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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Begin at the SE Corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ (or the NW Corner of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼) of Section 1, T5N, R1W and proceed thence:

1. North for 523.85 feet; thence
2. West for 340.58 feet to a hole in a concrete curb marking the SE Corner of the Lot conveyed to Clark, Ltd. by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2998 at Page 299 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, said point being also:

a. the South end of the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. property and the property conveyed to Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2486 at Page 89 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, and

b. On the North line of the 44-foot-wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private).

Continue thence:

3. N 06° 07' 22" E along the line between the above described Clark, Ltd. Property and the above described Unifirst Federal Savings and Loan Association property for 190.84 feet; thence,

4. S 74° 53' 46" W along a line that includes the back of a concrete curb for 60.76 feet to the Point of Beginning for the Description of the Subject Property.

Continue thence:

5. N 14° 26' 06" W for 121.30 feet; thence,

6. N 85° 26' 06" for 42.13 feet to a point at the back of a concrete curb; thence,

7. S 14° 26' 06" E along the back of the concrete curb for 76.38 feet; thence,

8. S 75° 53' 46" W for 44.08 feet to a point on a line that is 25.92 feet East of and parallel with the East edge of the concrete walk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q; thence,

9. S 14° 26' 06" E along the above described line for 229.58 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private), said Right-of-Way line being defined at this point by a circular curve with a radius of 480.63 feet. Turn to N 76° 46' 13" E to obtain tangency to the curve at this point and continue thence;

10. Easterly and clockwise along the above described circular curve for 9.08 feet; thence

11. N 09° 12' 05" E for 186.61 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a strip of land 24.08 feet wide off the West edge of the above described property;

PLUS: An Ingress-Egress Easement across a 30 foot wide strip of land being 5.92 feet wide West of, 24.08 East of, and along and adjacent to the following described line:

Begin at the hold in the concrete curb marking the SE Corner of the property conveyed to Clark, Ltd. by the Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 2998 at Page 299 of the Land Records for the First Judicial District of Hinds County and proceed thence:

12. N 06° 07' 22" E along the East line of the above described Clark, Ltd. property for 264.40 feet to a point on the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80; thence,

13. N 59° 48' 30" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80 for 121.88 feet; thence,

14. N 87° 05' 01" W along the South line of the Right-of-Way for US Highway 80 for 89.88 feet to the Point of Beginning for the subject line.

Continue thence:

15. S 14° 26' 06" E along a line that is 25.92 feet East of and parallel with the East edge of the sidewalk along the East side of the building at 3895 Metro Drive now occupied by Luther's Bar-B-Q for 351.63 feet to a point on the North line of the 44 foot wide Right-of-Way for Metro Drive (Private).

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, June 23, 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 JUNE 16, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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6-3-2021, 6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE				
WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2011 (0211)				
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021	
EXPENDITURES				
Other Services & Charges	\$ 3,500	\$ 26	\$ 3,526	
Debt Service	3,006,646	750,000	3,756,646	
Total	\$ 3,010,146	\$ 750,026	\$ 3,760,172	
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer RFD B&I 2011A Water and 2011B Sewer. Both bonds 1/8 of interest and 1/12 of principal payment.				
WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2013 (0220)				
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021	
EXPENDITURES				
Other Services & Charges	\$ 5,750	\$ 33	\$ 5,783	
Debt Service	5,514,883	1,910,000	7,424,883	
Total	\$ 5,520,633	\$ 1,910,033	\$ 7,430,666	
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer Revenue B&I 2013A Water and 2013B Sewer. Both 1/8 interest and 1/12 principal payment.				
WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2012 (0258)				
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021	
EXPENDITURES				
Other Services & Charges	\$ 2,750	\$ 36	\$ 2,786	
Debt Service	4,677,025	750,000	5,427,025	
Total	\$ 4,679,775	\$ 750,036	\$ 5,429,811	
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer REFD B & I 2012A Water and 2012B Sewer. Both 1/8 interest and 1/12 of principal payment.				
WATER SEWER REFD B & I 2016 (0500)				
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021	
EXPENDITURES				
Other Services & Charges	\$ 400	\$ 20	\$ 420	
Debt Service	1,800,400	750,000	2,550,400	
Total	\$ 1,800,800	\$ 750,020	\$ 2,550,820	
Siemens Settlement Water/Sewer REFD B & I 2016 Bond: 1/8 interest and 1/12 of principal payment.				
6-10-2021 6-17-2021				

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4131

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 Kelvin Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-family) Residential District & C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create a single Zoning classification for the property and to allow for more development opportunities for the property located at 5356 North State St. (Parcel: 500-1050), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEG INT E/L NORTH STATE & S/L CEDARS OF LEBANON E 750 FT S 348.0 FT W 790 FT N 185.3 FT W 120 FT NLY 185.3 FT IN SW ¼ SE ¼ SEC 11 T6 R1E

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, June 23, 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 JUNE 16, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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Notice of Sale

Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.
1994 GEO PRIZM 1Y1SK5364RZ040361
Registered to: Nelson, Keith
Dennis Smith Auto Sales, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: July 2, 2021
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.
Time: 10:00 A.M.

6-17-2021 6/24/2021 7/1/2021

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Notice of Sale

Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.
1984 BUIC REG 1G4AJ47A4EH441268
Registered to: Frank Hobson, Jamie Ranson
Date of Sale: July 2, 2021
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3192 Chromebooks, Laptops and Desktops Computers

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 08, 2021, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., June 25, 2021) local time to be given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on July 08, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. for Chromebooks, 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. for Laptops and 12:00 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. for Desktops local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid

Re-Bid 3161 Ferguson JROTC Building Renovation

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 13, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project Ferguson JROTC Renovation will be held at Forest Hill High School, 2706 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS, on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpdsprojects.com. A \$250.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$125.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders should contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Nick Jackson at M3A Architecture, PLLC, Phone: 601-981-1227 or Email: NJACKSON@M3AARCH.COM.

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4129

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 True Worship Ministry Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit for the extension of an existing child care center within a R-1A (Single-family) Residential District for property located at 5007 Clinton Blvd. (Parcel: 637-204) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOTS NOS. THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) OF THE MIDWAY SUBDIVISION BY EUGENE GRAHAM ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, MADE BY W.B. MONTGOMERY, SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER.

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, June 23, 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 JUNE 16, 2021.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF

THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- A. OLD BUSINESS
1. Case No. HPNC-21-24, requested by: Jeff Seabold to replace the front door with a new door and add a future storm glass door at 1320 St. Ann St. located in the Belhaven Historical District.
 2. Case No. HPNC-21-25 (Historic Preservation Violation), requested by: Jeff Seabold to remove three windows and fill the locations with hardi plank for the house at 1039 Manship St. located in the Belhaven Historical District.

- B. NEW BUSINESS
1. Case No. HPNC-21-26, requested by: Aikisha Holly Colon to construct a new mixed used building at 115 E. Griffith St. located in the Farish Historical District.

2. Case No. HPNC-21-28, requested by: Akili Kelly to install approximately 54 solar panels on the east facing slope of the existing gable roof structure at 805 Madison St. located in the Belhaven Heights Historical District.

3. Case No. HPNC-21-29, requested by: Jennifer Welch to demolish existing wood deck to the rear of property and build new extended deck with three covered carport parking spaces below; extend existing driveway for car access; remove two windows at rear of property to lower level crawl space under main floor of house; install two doors to provide access at 935 Bellevue Pl. located in the Belhaven Heights Historical District.

- II. OTHER ITEMS
1. Administratively Approved COAs.

III. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO JULY 7, 2021.

6-17-2021, 6-24-2021

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

CAUSE NUMBER: 21-pr-00288

NINA M. TEEUWISSEN and

LIA N. TEEUWISSEN, AS

ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF

MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

PETITIONERS

VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW

OF MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF

MAYA E. TEEUWISSEN, DECEASED

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Nina M. Teeuwissen and Lia N. Teeuwissen, Individually, as Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Maya E. Teeuwissen, Deceased, and as Administratrix of the Estate of Maya E. Teeuwissen, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action at **1:30 P.M. on the 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2021**, at the **HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 4th day of June, 2021.



Hon. Eddie Jean Carr,
Hinds County Chancery Clerk

BY: K. Howard, D.C.

PREPARED BY:

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39206
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COUNSEL FOR THE ESTATE

6-10-2021, 6-17-2021

LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ALEXANDER PIETER SMITH, A MINOR, DECEASED

CAUSE NUMBER: 21-pr-00325

LISA M. TEEUWISSEN,

AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF

THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER PIETER SMITH,

A MINOR, DECEASED

PETITIONER

VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF

ALEXANDER PIETER SMITH,

A MINOR, DECEASED

RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI


TO: THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF

ALEXANDER PIETER SMITH, A MINOR, DECEASED

You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Lisa M. Teeuwissen, as Administratrix of the Estate of Alexander Pieter Smith, A Minor, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition for Determination of Heirship and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed against you in this action at **1:30 P.M. on the 9TH OF AUGUST**, at the **HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 11 day of June, 2021.



Hon. Eddie Jean Carr,
Hinds County Chancery Clerk

BY: B. R., D.C.

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COUNSEL FOR THE ESTATE

6-17-2021, 6-24-2021

LEGAL

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 804-755, located on Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will be at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns together with the right of ingress and egress to remove a me from a id property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201). The outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

6-3-2021 6/10/2021 6/17/2021

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 4133

Parcel 405-473
LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 11 CLOVER HILL SUB LESS TO ST

Parcel 405-471
LOT TWO, BLOCK 11, CLOVER HILL SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE
MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE of the Chan-
cery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 17, REFERENCE
to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 405-470
LOT ONE (1) OF BLOCK ELEVEN (11) OF CLOVER HILL, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 17, REFERENCE to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

SUBJECT TO ANY PORTION OF THE ABOVE LOT WHICH HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT
ZONING CASE NO. 4134

LOT 38 KENWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THERE OF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK/CABINET 4 AT PAGE/SLIDE/SLOT 52 THEREOF, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 6439 AT PAGE 322.

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,

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WITNESS my signature this 27th day of May 2021.

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

6-3-2021, 6-17-2021

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ZONING CASE NO. 4121



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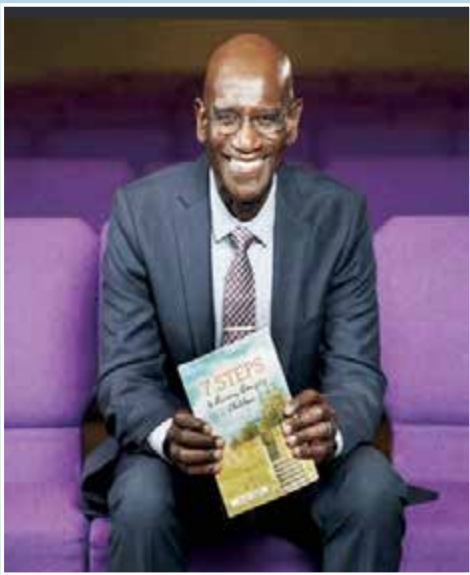
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BOOK REVIEW:

7 STEPS TO RAISING AMAZING CHILDREN

AUTHOR, CHARLES SMITH

Mississippi Link Newswire

Parenting books are rarely written by men of color however, it makes sense that of all people to write a book that deals with parenting and gives great advice on impacting the lives of children it would be Charles Smith, minister of the Children’s Ministry at New Horizon Church International.

When his children were school aged, he was involved as a PTA president at Isable Elementary, Band Booster Club president at Provine High School, R.O.P.E. (Rites of Passage Education) mentor at Hardy Middle School. Now that his four daughters are successful adults, he decided to chronicle his methodology of positive parenting.

In addition to promoting his book he has teamed with other authors and leaders and provided a platform whereby they too can impart their knowledge, experience and resources in a one-hour FaceBook, YouTube Show at 12 noon each Monday called The Amazing Happy Village.

The reviews for the book has been very favorable. Here’s what Bishop Ronnie Crudup and other reviewers have said about the author and book.

“Charles and Gail Smith have been such a blessing to New Horizon Church International. They both deserve so much credit for the success of our church. Charles’ humility, openness, his desire to give his best to all, and his love for children have made him an outstanding leader,” said Crudup.

“This book is a real gem that our community desperately needs especially from the perspective of a black man who is a committed Christian, father, grandfather, successful businessman and children’s pastor. It is a resource all parents need and as a grandparent, raising two of my own grandchildren, this book made me think, evaluate, regret, but be hopeful in what I can do now. I would greatly recommend this book.”

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“This is a great read with some real thought pro-

voking ideas that are doable. I even used some of the reflection suggestions on my children and I am marveled at their response. I wish I had read and used these methods a long time ago. This book is real and coming from a man makes it even better.” – Jennifer, mom of 3

... “After implementing the steps from this book, I see a change in my children and in me, that will affect my family for generations to come.” – Michael, dad of 2.

“This book gave me the male perspective I needed. I feel so empowered even as a single mom.” – Shannan, mom of 4.

“7 Steps for Raising Amazing Children is a very inspiring and informative book on raising children to live life to their fullest potential. This book is an excellent source of inspiration for those who desire to be their best as parents. I thoroughly enjoyed the stories he shared.” – Susan Hairston, pastor, mentor and author.

The book is available at Amazon and may also be purchased at stores listed below.

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Falsely accused brothers awarded \$75M after 30 years in prison

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Brothers Henry McCollum and Leon Brown spent 30 years in prison for a crime they didn't commit.

The two brothers were convicted at 19 and 15 and were sentenced to be executed. The two had been wrongfully convicted of a 1981 rape and murder of an 11-year-old girl. At 16, Brown became the youngest individual to be on death row in North Carolina's history. Both McCollum and Brown claimed for years their confessions at the time of the crime were coerced.

In 2014 when the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission found that DNA testing verified a match to the next-door neighbor of the murder victim – the convictions of McCollum and Brown were on the road to being overturned. In September 2014, a judge ruled McCollum and Brown were, in fact, innocent.

Six years after their exonerations, a \$75 million judgement has now been awarded to the two brothers. The May 14 ruling by a jury mandated that the two should be awarded \$1 million each for every year in prison and an additional \$13 million in punitive damages.

In 2018 the state of North



In 2014, when the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission found that DNA testing verified a match to the next-door neighbor of the murder victim — the convictions of McCollum and Brown were on the road to being overturned. In September 2014, a judge ruled McCollum and Brown were, in fact, innocent. PHOTO: NAACP.ORG

Carolina only paid \$750,000 to Henry McCollum to compensate him for the 30 years that he, an innocent man, spent on death row. The jury compensated them further.

"The first jury to hear all of the evidence – including the wrongly suppressed evidence – found Henry and Leon to be innocent, found them to have been demonstrably and excruciatingly wronged, and has done what the law can do to make it right at this late date," North Carolina attorney Elliot Abrams said after the trial ended.

The settlement ends the decades-long wait for justice to be fully served for the two," Abrams added. "A jury has fi-

nally given Henry and Leon the ability to close this horrific chapter of their lives. They look forward to a brighter future surrounded by friends, family and loved ones."

Wrongful convictions in the U.S. justice system are not new. The national Innocence Project has had 235 exonerations since their founding in 1992 by Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck.


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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

HCSD 2021 Graduates Receive Local Scholarship Funds from Community Partners

The HCSD Dropout Prevention Team has partnered with several local business and civic organization over the past several years to develop ways of motivating students to be college and career ready through scholarship incentives. Other benefits include:

- A mentoring program to develop civic responsibilities in potential future employees.
- Apprenticeship training for high level careers.
- Impact future high school graduates.
- Input on developing a more efficient labor force.

Members Exchange Credit Union Tech Master Scholarship Recipients



Jackson Area Federal Credit Union Mississippi Scholars Scholarship Recipients

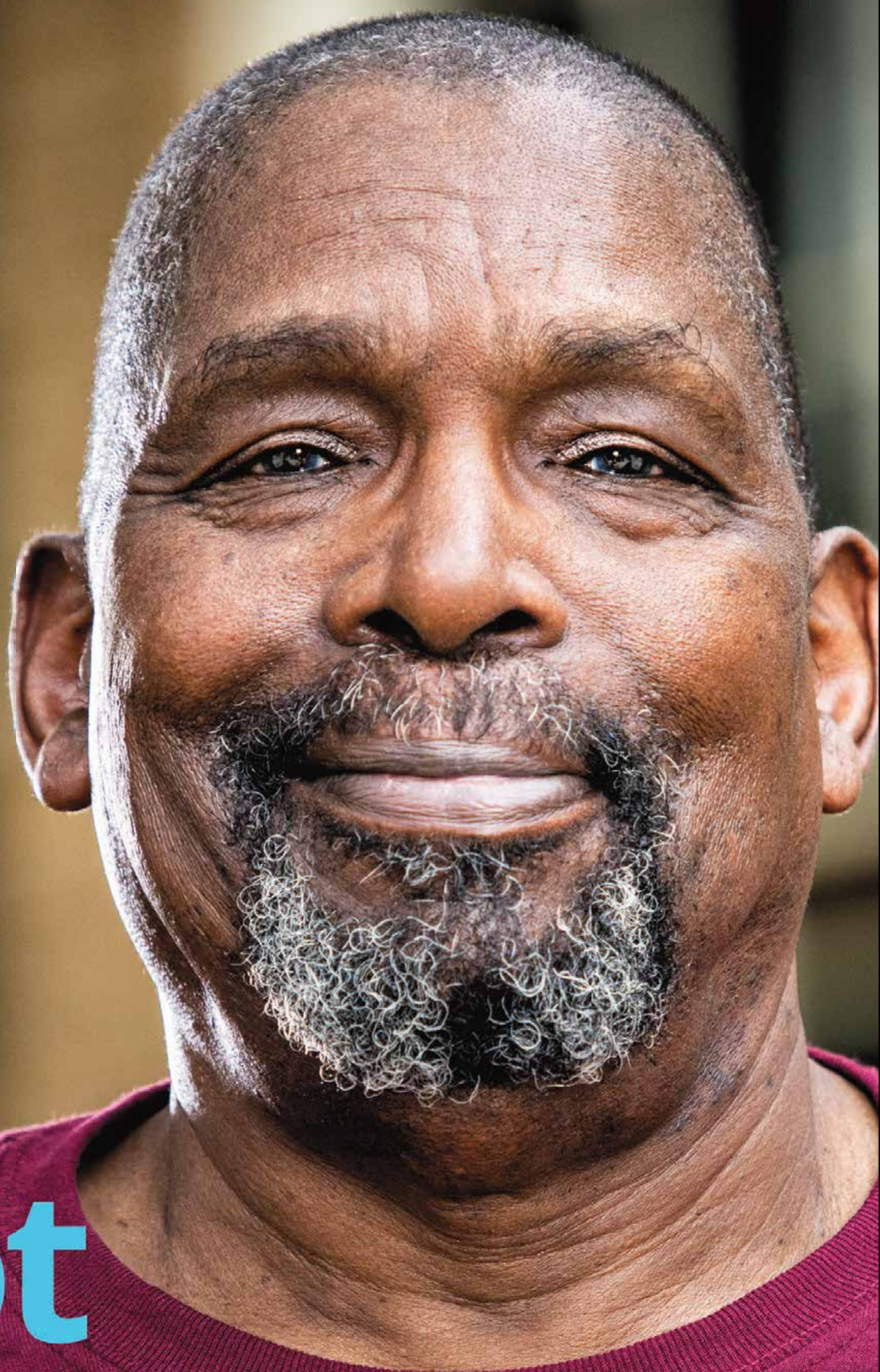


Community Bank Stepping Stone Scholarship Recipients



BankPlus of Jackson- Dalton Street Mississippi Scholars Scholarship Recipients





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