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Veterans of Foreign Wars hold joint Veterans Day program



Specialist James W. Robert, US Air Force veteran

By Jeffory McKenzie
VFW Historian, Post 9832

The Veterans of Foreign Wars in the 5th District of Mississippi, held a joint Veterans Day program Nov. 11. It was hosted by VFW Post 9832 in Jackson.

The history commemorating the 100th centennial anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery was observed. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier consists of 4 crypts.

It was November 11, 1921 when the remains of an Unknown Soldier from World War I, were placed in the large crypt. In two of the three crypts that lie in front of the WWI crypt are the remains of an Unknown Soldier from WWII and the remains of an Unknown Soldier from the Korean War.

The 4th crypt, previously held the remains of an Unknown Soldier from the Vietnam War. In 1998, those remains were exhumed and based on DNA testing and other evidence, a positive identification of that soldier was made. His remains were turned over to the family for a proper burial.

The Tomb for the Unknown Soldier from the Vietnam War remains empty to this day. As of November 11, 2021 all recovered remains from the Vietnam War have been positively identified. However, there are still 72,355 soldiers from WWII that are still missing, 7,550 soldier from the Korean War that are still missing, 1,584 soldiers from the Vietnam War, still missing, 126 from the Cold War and 5 from

the Gulf War are still missing. Until all US Service members classified as Missing in Action, have been found, recovered and returned to their family members, we will Never Forget their service nor their sacrifice to this Nation.

During the Veterans Day program, the Quilt of Valor Foundation presented eight veterans with a personalized Quilt=Healing special gift. Personalized Quilts were given to the following Veterans:

- Specialist John W. Henry, a 102 year-old, US Army World War II veteran, from VFW Post 9832 in Jackson
- SSgt Ray Bishop, a US Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran, from VFW Post 9122 in Mendenhall
- TSgt Jose Chambers, a US Air Force veteran, from VFW Post 5048 in Florence
- Specialist Stephen Haller, a US Army veteran, from VFW Post 6809 in Madison
- Sgt. Marvin Jackson, a US Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran, from VFW Post 9832 in Jackson
- TSgt. Amos Wilcher, a US Air Force Vietnam War veteran, from VFW Post 9832 in Jackson
- Specialist William Jackson, a US Army Ranger Vietnam War veteran, from VFW Post 9832 in Jackson.
- Specialist James W. Robert, a US Air Force veteran, from VFW Post 11273 in Brandon

A special thank you was given to Ellie Mills from Past VFW District 5 Cmdr. Es-

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NNPA President Benjamin Chavis gives keynote address at Wilmington Unity Service



Chavis FILE PHOTO

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

If Wilmington, North Carolina can have a healing, maybe America can have a healing, asserted National Newspaper Publishers Association president and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., during a keynote address observing the 117th anniversary of the Wilmington massacre.

November 10 marked 117 years since the evil and racist attack by white supremacists on African Americans. Then, hundreds of innocent people were killed in the only coup d'état ever to occur on American soil.

Wilmington leaders held ten days of events to commemorate,



Wilmington vigilantes

culminating in the Commemoration Unity Service held at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in the port city.

“Wilmington, North Carolina should be the emblem of the future if we learn from the past,” Chavis told the audience that included many members of the local and national media.

“To lean forward and heal forward and launch forward, we’ve got to talk about what should bring us together and not what should divide us,” Chavis insisted.

Rev. Jermaine Armour of the St. Luke AME Church, Deborah Maxwell, the New Hanover

County NAACP president and Linda Thompson, chief diversity and equity officer of the city, also spoke during the more than 90 minute ceremony.

Bertha Todd, the 92 year-old “Mother of the 1957 Movement,” also spoke. “This was a wound that needed to be healed after 100 years,” Todd declared.

Armour and Maxwell each spoke of how the events of 117 years ago “shook the whole nation.”

Each emphasized the event’s theme, “Never Forgetting – Always Forgiving – Healing Forward.”

“What happened here 117

years ago had never happened before in America,” Chavis stated. “It was attempted again on January 6 of this year, but it didn’t happen,” he said about the attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of the then outgoing President Donald Trump, who wanted to overturn his election loss to Joe Biden.

Chavis admitted to the audience that when he arrived in Wilmington in February 1997, he had only heard details of what happened on November 10, 1898. He remarked that he didn’t know just how deep the wounds

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Former state troopers recognized by MS Central State Coalition during their quarterly meeting at Legacy’s office in Forest

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Members of the MS Central State Troopers Coalition (MC-STC) held their quarterly meeting at the Legacy/Slaughter Library Wednesday, November 10. They received a welcome from the county through Board of Supervisors President Jackie Bradford, welcoming remarks from Morton Mayor Gerald Keeton, a law enforcement welcome from Forest Chief of Police Will Jones and welcoming remarks from Ward I Alderwoman Yolanda White, in whose ward the event was held.

The local elected officials were pleased to have the Lt. Colonel Maliki Sanders, Captain Craig Morton, Troop Commander Broderik Hutchins and 20 additional troopers here to fellowship together with MS troopers.

Constance Slaughter-Harvey, who was the attorney in the desegregation lawsuit *Morrow v. Crisler*, welcomed troopers on



(L-R) Lt. Col. Maliki Sanders, Lewis Younger, Connie Slaughter-Harvey, Walter Crosby and R.O. Williams
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behalf of Legacy and the Slaughter Library. She stated, “We have

come a long way since the filing of the desegregation lawsuit,

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Harold Ray Mosby Jr.

January 23, 1951- November 9, 2021



Harold Ray Mosby Jr. of Rolling Fork died November 9, 2021, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson following a short illness. He was 70.

Mosby was born January 23, 1951, in Clarksdale to Harold and Stanley Mosby, and was reared in the tiny hamlet of Coahoma.

A graduate of Ole Miss with a degree in English, Mosby began his storied career in journalism in the early 1980s at the *Clarksdale Press Register* – first as a cub reporter and later as managing editor – under the tutelage of the late Joe Ellis, a noted newspaperman. He married his wife, Phyllis, in 1970 who later began her career as a newspaper designer also at the *Clarksdale Press Register*.

The couple purchased the *Deer Creek Pilot*, a weekly newspaper in Rolling Fork, in 1993 and they would work together side-by-side for two decades, before her death in 2013.

During his more than 40-year ca-

reer in journalism, Mosby embraced and reshaped the notion of what a small-town newspaperman should be, and in doing so, became the standard-bearer of the profession for the generations that followed.

Never a man to back down from a fight, Mosby blazed a trail in Mississippi journalism, focusing his considerable skill on the everyday lives of ordinary people in the state’s two smallest and poorest counties.

Mosby – who often described himself as editor, publisher and chief cook and bottle washer of the *Deer Creek Pilot* – served his community unflinchingly with heartfelt devotion and dedication. His contribution to the residents of Sharkey and Issaquena counties is simply immeasurable.

Over his four decades as a newspaperman, Mosby amassed hundreds of awards for his outstanding reporting, photography and editorial writing. But none were as meaningful to him as the J. Oliver Emmerich Editorial Excellence Award – the Mississippi Press Association’s top award for opinion writing – an award he won three times over his career, most recently this past summer.

During his later years, Mosby affected a persona of a cranky curmudgeon – a guise he often reveled in. But those who knew him best knew better. Beneath a sometimes rough exterior, Mosby’s generosity, love and devotion for his family and friends, and his unfailing understanding of the human condition were unparalleled.

Mosby had served on the board of directors of the Mississippi Press Association since 2012 and was currently serving as its treasurer. He was also the perpetual vice-president of the Rolling Fork Rotary Club, and was a member of the board of directors of Mississippi’s Lower Delta Partnership.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Phyllis.

He is survived by his daughter, Logan (Chris) George of Pinellas Park, Fla.; honorary daughters Natalie Perkins of Anguilla and Brandon (Ellis) Willard of Rolling Fork; step-daughter, Devin (Scott) Hardin-Warfield of Live Oak, Fla.; sisters, Lisa (Paul) Woods of Olive Branch and Elizabeth Mosby of Rolling Fork; grandchildren, Levin Hardin of Live Oak, Fla., Atticus George and Vivianne George, both of Pinellas Park, Fla.; and his companion, Cheryl Valentine of Clarksdale.

Graveside services were held November 13, at the Montroy Family Cemetery in Coahoma.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Rolling Fork Rotary Club and the Mississippi Press Association Board of Directors.

Jackie Hampton, publisher of *The Mississippi Link Newspaper* in Jackson, MS, thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Mississippi Press Association Board of Directors with Ray and will miss his service as a director. She stated, “Ray was genuine. He had a sense of humor like none other, yet a seriousness regarding uplifting others.”

Yvonne Simpson Wallace

February 19, 1949 - November 9, 2021



Yvonne Simpson Wallace was the third child and youngest daughter born to the union of Henry Simpson and Willie Mae Robertson Simpson in Natchez, MS.

She was baptized at an early age at Clairmont Baptist Church in Natchez where she was a member until she married and moved to Jackson. Yvonne was joined in holy matrimony to Tom Wallace and blessed to have shared unconditional love for fifty-three years. To this union, four children were born: Azande Wallace Williams, Kenitra Wallace, Tommy L. Wallace II and H. Dakarai Wallace.

Yvonne graduated from Sadie V. Thompson High School in Natchez and attended Jackson State University. She obtained a bachelor’s degree in business, master’s degree in education and a Specialist degree in education. Yvonne retired from education after diligently serving the Jackson Public School District and its students for over thirty years.

She consistently encouraged and moti-

vated all children that crossed her path to strive for their greatest potential.

Yvonne was an active member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church located in Jackson, MS. She was an avid vacation bible school teacher, dedicated member of the Altar Guild, and served several years as the treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Willie Mae Robertson Simpson; her father, Henry Simpson; and brother, Herman Alvin Simpson, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Tom Wallace; one sister, Doris L. Simpson of Houston, TX; two daughters: Azande Wallace Williams (David) of Clinton, MS and Kenitra Wallace of Jackson, MS; two sons: Tommy L. Wallace II (Nzinga) of Madison, MS and H. Dakarai Wallace (Janet) of Ridgeland, MS; eleven grandchildren: Alton H. Williams, Essence Y. Wallace Odomes (Dezron), Nia C. Williams, Dejah L. Wallace, Marcus L. Wallace II, Zuri A. Williams, Christian D. Williams, K. Dakarai Wallace, Grayson A. Wallace, Kashton M. Wallace and Tommy L. “Tripp” Wallace III; two great-grandchildren: Heaven Love Odomes and Eden Amor Odomes; two nieces: Pretoria F. Simpson of Houston, TX and Keyla S. Dubriel-Brown (Gary) of Mansfield, TX; one nephew, Herman Alvin Simpson Jr. of Grand Prairie, TX; along with a host of cousins, special family friends and colleagues.

Funeral services for Yvonne were held at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Cathedral, 305 E. Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, with her final resting place being the Natchez Trace Cemetery, Highway 51 North, Madison, Mississippi.



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Veterans

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sie Rash and Post 12172 Cmdr. Tara Rivers and Harlon and Ellie Mills, Quilt of Valor Foundation coordinators

A special ‘thank you’ also went out to VFW Post 9832 Auxiliary members and Mrs. VFW for their decorations and the serving of food to all veterans.



Sgt. Marvin Jackson, US Marine Vietnam War veteran



Specialist John W. Henry, 102-year old World War II veteran



Specialist Stephen Haller, US Army veteran



Specialist William Jackson, US Army Ranger Vietnam War veteran



SSgt. US Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran



TSgt. Amos Wilcher, US Air Force Viet Nam War veteran



TSgt. Jose Chambers US Air Force veteran

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Morrow vs. Crisler, in 1970.

In the case of Morrow vs. Crisler, (5th Cir. 1973) it was held that the fact that there were no black highway patrolman on the state force of Mississippi, which had a black population of 36.7 percent, was sufficient to support the conclusion of the district court that the hiring practices of the department violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Former trooper Richard O. (R.O.) Williams, one of three of the first African Americans to graduate and complete the Highway Patrol Training Academy in 1972, presided during the welcoming portion of the event. Retired troopers Walter Crosby and Lewis Younger were the other two African-American troopers to graduate from the academy. These three troopers were recognized during the meeting and received ovations for their bravery and leadership.

Slaughter-Harvey, who also serves as board presi-

dent said, “During this month of Thanksgiving, Legacy through its SAVE OUR YOUTH THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION Stakeholders and Change Agents, pause to express thanks and appreciation to the three African-American highway patrolmen, who were the first to graduate and complete the MS Highway Safety Patrol Academy.” She was speaking of Williams, Lewis and Younger.

Following the welcoming session, Williams conducted business, under the leadership of former MC-STC president James Gunter, in the library board room.

At the conclusion of their meeting, they were treated to a delicious home-cooked feast prepared by Legacy volunteers: Nytezia Donald, Wanda Pinkston, Arnedral Pinkston, Betty Jo Laster, Adrena and Mary Clark. Other volunteers included Roy Pinkston, James “Tre” Burwell, Dorothy Pinkston and Andrew Crudup.



MS Central State Troopers Coalition

PHOTO BY NYTEZIA PINKSTON

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were.

“When I crossed that bridge, and as I was coming across the river, I didn’t know about all the bones of our people who are still in that river right now,” Chavis reflected. “When I heard the theme ‘healing forward,’ I said if Wilmington, North Carolina can have a healing, maybe America can have a healing,” he continued.

The Black Press of America leader recalled that the old *The Daily Record* newspaper building was the first building destroyed in the attack on Wilmington.

Reportedly, a mob of about 40 white people led by politicians had given the newspaper’s editor an ultimatum. They demanded that he destroy the newspaper and leave town. Before the day ended, *The Daily Record* had burned and the local government that won the election two days earlier had been overthrown and replaced by white supremacists.

“I’m so proud of our 8 African-American-owned newspapers, and one of our foremost historic newspapers is the *Wilmington Journal*,” Chavis reminded the audience, which repeatedly burst into standing ovations.

He noted that the current publisher, Mary Alice Jervay Thatch, has taken ill and rests in a local hospital.

“Pray for her,” he encouraged. “Pray that we keep that newspaper alive and don’t let it go down. There’s a relationship between the *Journal* and *The Daily Record*, and I’m so glad to see the family of Alex Manley, the heroic publisher of *The Daily Record*, in attendance.

“The people of oppression and racism wanted to make sure that *The Daily Record* didn’t print any more words or print anything to inform the people of what was going on. You would have thought people would have rushed to Wilmington to celebrate Wilmington rather than rush to Wilmington to overthrow Wilmington.”

Finally, Chavis applauded Wilmington police under its new chief Donny Williams. “I was so proud today when I got to that airport and saw all of these police officers. Lord knows that I’d rather be escorted by the police than chased by the police,” Chavis exclaimed. “It was a great feeling and then to see a black police chief in Wilmington, North Carolina. He’s a native of the city, and his family has deep roots in the city.”

Chavis met with Chief Williams in a private session before the event. The chief presented Chavis with a 9 mugshot of the civil rights activist when the Dr. King disciple was jailed for not having his vehicle registration in his car’s glove box.

“The registration was in the trunk, but I was still locked up for several days,” Chavis said. “The chief said, ‘you may want to have this.’ I had been trying to get my mugshot for 6 years. I work for the Black Press. Words matter and pictures matter,” he concluded.



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White officer said he was moved to prevent black's promotion

The Associated Press

A city in Mississippi is settling a lawsuit brought by a white former police lieutenant who said he was moved within the department to prevent a black subordinate's promotion.

A federal judge dismissed Michael Russell's lawsuit against the city of Tupelo Wednesday because it has been or is being settled, the Northeast Mississippi *Daily Journal* reports.

"All claims have been resolved and the city has admitted no liability," city spokesman Scott Costello said in a statement to the newspaper. "We're glad we've come to a resolution where both parties can move on."

Russell's settlement will be the fourth in six years involving the police department; details, including amounts

paid to plaintiffs, all were confidential, the newspaper reported.

Trial in Russell's suit had been scheduled to start Monday before U.S. District Judge Sharion Aycock.

Aycock also presided over two racial discrimination lawsuits brought by the black officer, Tiffany Gillylen, on-line court records show. Gillylen, who has retired, settled one in 2017 and the other in 2019.

Russell's lawsuit alleged that department leaders blocked his highly praised community outreach work to avoid promoting Gillylen.

His attorney, Jim Waide, who also represented Gillylen and another officer who settled with the city in 2019, told the newspaper that Russell's claims highlight a continuing pattern of improper behavior

among the upper ranks of the Tupelo Police Department.

"This is one of a series of cases where outstanding police officers have been severely mistreated," Waide said. "Things were not done in the officers' best interest and the best interest of the city."

For many years Russell had been director of the city's Police Athletic League, one of the department's best-known community initiatives. The league used sports and recreation to connect with children in the community — particularly black kids from lower income families.

Russell testified that he did not want his transfer in 2018 to a vacant leadership position in the patrol division.

His lawsuit contended that he was given the job to keep it away from Gillylen, then a

patrol division sergeant. She had been given that position after filing a lawsuit and a complaint with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission.

City leaders said they wanted to quickly fill an important vacancy with an experienced officer.

Deputy Chief Anthony Hill, who is black, testified that Russell's absence hurt the athletic program and the department's youth outreach efforts.

In another case, trial was underway before Aycock in 2019 when former officer Jennifer Baker settled a wrongful termination lawsuit. Baker claimed she was fired as retaliation for opposing a de facto ticket-writing quota policy and for disputing the police department's overtime practices.

MS Public Commission charges companies with alleged violations to Mississippi's no-call law



Maxwell

Mississippi Link Newswire

Chairman Dane Maxwell of the Mississippi Public Service Commission announced charges to eight companies with alleged violations to Mississippi's No Call Law, Monday.

These charges reflect a combined total of \$5,440,000 in potential fines.

A joint investigation by the Commission and Office of the Attorney General found these companies have allegedly called hundreds of consumers whose numbers are listed on Mississippi's Do Not Call Registry.

Notices of alleged violations have been filed against AM Protection, Inc., Straight Marketing, Student Loan Financial

Assistance, LLC, Thrio/ Crisp Marketing, LLC, Transparent BPO, LLC, Vacation Tour and Travel, Weibaio, GMEI, DTCC and Zealous Services.

"The commission works closely with Attorney General Lynn Fitch's office every day to ensure these illegal telemarketers know not to take advantage of Mississippians," Maxwell said.

"Our efforts are ongoing, but as always, we need help from consumers who can help us catch these illegal callers."

For information on how to report a telemarketer call, visit the PSC's website at <https://www.psc.state.ms.us/No-CallV2/complaint>.

Holiday Open House at the Mississippi Museum Store

Special to the Mississippi Link

A holiday open house will be held in Jackson Saturday, November 20, at The Mississippi Museum store located at 222 North Street.

The come-and-go event is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. where guests can enjoy samples from Mississippi vendors, special sale prices on select merchandise, artist and maker meet-and-greet opportunities, and additional discounts for museum members.

Nick Wallace Culinary will

provide tasty food samplings, and other local vendors will also offer delicious treats.

The event includes book signings, custom hand-written invitations and ornaments, complimentary gift packaging, and a 10 percent discount on all merchandise. Museum members will receive a 20 percent discount on store items. Non-members can become a museum member online at give2mississippimuseums.com or a membership can be purchased during the event.

The Mississippi Museum

Store offers one of the state's finest collections of folk art, local handmade crafts, and books by and about Mississippians. Find unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list this year at the Mississippi Museum Store while visiting with local artists and makers.

Shop artisan-made items for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Highlighted merchandise includes Walter Anderson prints, Wolfe Studio birds, Harold Miller sculptures, and Shearwater Pottery.

Other Mississippi-made products featured in the store are candles, jewelry, gourmet products, museum souvenirs, newly-designed Mississippi State flag merchandise, and much more.

The Mississippi Museum Store at the Two Mississippi Museums is open Tuesday through Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The museums are open free of charge on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information call 601-576-6921 or email store@mdah.ms.gov

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MVSU to hold 2021 Fall Commencement, alum Dr. Shanesse Spratt to serve as speaker

MVSU Wire Service

Mississippi Valley State University is pleased to announce plans to hold its Fall 2021 Commencement exercises at 8 a.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

The event will mark the second in-person Fall Commencement since Fall 2019. The in-person ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students will take place at Rice-Totten Stadium at Chuck Prophet Field.

All graduates will be socially distanced and required to wear masks. In addition, MVSU will be following the Center for Disease Control recommendations and the MVSU COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Each graduate may retrieve five tickets for guests that will only be used if the ceremony is moved indoors to the Walter Roberts Auditorium in the H.G. Carpenter Building due to inclement weather. Tickets are not required for attendance at the stadium.

The commencement speaker will be Dr. Shanesse J. Spratt, PGY-1 Emergency Medicine Resident at Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth, MS.

Spratt is a 2014 MVSU magna cum laude graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She was a four-year member of the women's soccer team that claimed the 2012 SWAC Championship title.

Dr. Spratt was named Female Student-Athlete of the Year in 2012 and Women's Soccer MVP in 2012 & 2013. In addition, she is a spring 2013 initiate into the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Her passion for helping others was ignited at Valley when she joined the Health Outreach Peers Program. She was instilled with the core values of hard work, discipline and perseverance through the Gateway Leadership Ambassadors Program, which allowed her to travel to Africa and Belize, and further, understand the impact and importance of diversity throughout the world.

Upon graduation from The Valley, Dr. Spratt continued her studies at Washington University in St. Louis to pursue her dreams

of becoming a physician and completing medical school prerequisites.

During this time, she volunteered at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital to further solidify that a career in medicine was her passion and purpose. She graduated in 2016 with a Pre-Medical Post-Baccalaureate.

Dr. Spratt earned the Doctor of Medicine from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in May 2021. During her time at UMMC, she was involved in student activities. She

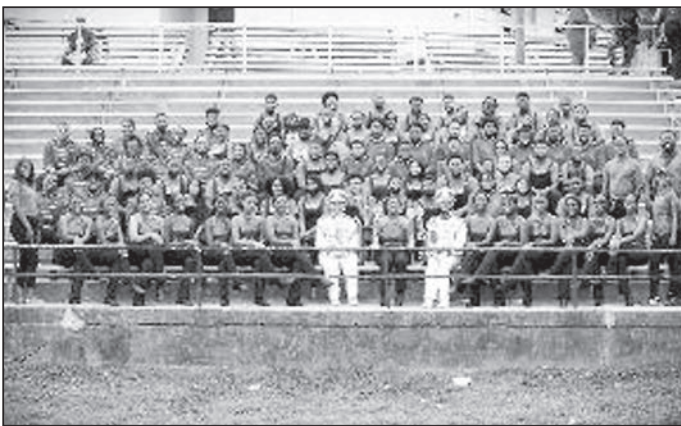
served as vice president, and treasurer of the Student National Medical Association was elected to the Class of 2021 Student Council, and was the Co-Intramural Sports Chair.

Also, she was appointed to the Associated Student Body Co-Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Dr. Spratt also enjoyed volunteering with the Jackson Free Clinic to provide care to the underrepresented and uninsured population and serving on the School of Medicine Admission Interview Committee.

JPS high school bands earn excellent ratings at MHSAA Region IV band evaluation



Forest Hill High School Band



Murrah High School Band

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forest Hill High School and Murrah High School bands earned excellent ratings at the MHSAA Region IV Band Evaluation held October 9, 2021.

Forest Hill's band received Superior ratings for Drum Major, Colorguard and Percussion. Overall, the band received an Excellent rating.

Murrah High's band also received Superior ratings for Drum Major, Colorguard and

Percussion. Overall, the band received an Excellent rating.

Band evaluations are conducted by the Mississippi High School Activities Association every fall, but competitions and evaluations were cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, both bands were able to persevere despite last year's inactivity.

Congratulations to both programs on their continued success.

Volunteers serve veterans coming into V.A. Medical Center for medical appointments

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Prior to the celebration of Veterans Day which was Nov. 11, volunteers from the VFW Dept. of MS, and volunteers from VFW Post 9832 in Jackson, VFW Post 3685 in Clinton and VFW Post 9122 in Mendenhall, partnered with the Soldier's Angles non-profit organization to served coffee and donuts to veterans coming into the Jackson V.A. Medical Center Nov. 8, for scheduled VA appointments.

Veterans coming through expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers that served them.



(l-r) Dianne Wilson Past Dept. of MS Auxiliary President; Larry Williams Post 9832 Chaplain; Gail Wilson VFW Dept. of MS Commander; Carol Williams District 5 Auxiliary President; Alisa Anderson Secretary Auxiliary Post 9832; Virginia Charleston Trustee Auxiliary Post 9832; Nancy Bishop Dept. of MS Sr. Vice President; Gladys McKenzie President of Auxiliary Post 9832; Larry Lee Comrade Post 9832; Shirley Bell Trustee Auxiliary Post 9832; Cynthia Whaley volunteer Jackson State University; and Teresa Evans Mrs. VFW Post 9832 volunteer PHOTO BY JEFFERY MCKENZIE VFW HISTORIAN AND VFW POST 9832 SR. VICE CMDR.

Explainer: Which side did better in Rittenhouse closings?

By Michael Tarm
AP Legal Affairs Writer

A defense lawyer angrily accused the prosecution at Kyle Rittenhouse’s murder trial of lying. The lead prosecutor struck a measured tone, even as he raised the accused’s rifle at one point and sighted at a courtroom wall.

How the indignation and theatrics during Monday’s closing arguments played with jurors won’t be clear until 12 of them return with verdicts in a case that underscores American divisions on issues of guns, protests and policing.

Here’s a look at how some five hours of closings went and which side may have made the stronger argument to jurors:

Who do experts say made a better closing argument?

Most agreed going into the trial that prosecutors would have the tougher case to make given Rittenhouse’s claim under state law that he shot three men, killing two, in self-defense. That challenge remained in closings, where prosecutors had to account for two weeks of evidence that largely showed Rittenhouse as the one being chased when he opened fire.

“Great facts make great lawyers,” said Steve Greenberg, a Chicago-based lawyer who has tried dozens of murder cases nationwide. “I think the defense has better facts here.”

He said evidence that the first protester Rittenhouse shot



Kyle Rittenhouse, left, listens as his attorney Mark Richards gives his closing argument during Rittenhouse’s trial at the Kenosha County Courthouse in Kenosha, Wis., on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021. Rittenhouse shot two people to death and wounded a third during a night of anti-racism protests in Kenosha in 2020. SEAN KRAJACIC/THE KENOSHA NEWS VIA AP, POOL

and killed, Joseph Rosenbaum, was under treatment for bipolar disorder and depression helped buttress the defense’s arguments that Rosenbaum was an erratic presence who ambushed Rittenhouse and tried to take his gun.

Prosecutors fared better, he said, with their frequently repeated argument that of all the people who turned up with guns in Kenosha, only Rittenhouse shot anyone.

Another Chicago-based defense lawyer who has closely followed the trial, Joe Lopez, said he thought both sides

missed an opportunity to tell compelling, memorable narratives to help jurors remember the evidence.

“The defense could have talked about Rittenhouse and his family and said, “Look at my client; he came to Kenosha and was willing to die for you, to protect you,”” Lopez said. Instead, he said, both sides frequently offered comparatively dry recitations of evidence.

What issue was at the core of the arguments?

Neither Rittenhouse’s alleged poor judgment in showing up in Kenosha with an AR-style rifle,

nor wider issues of American gun culture, are supposed to be a focus for jurors. They’re supposed to render their judgment based on whether Rittenhouse acted in self-defense by the letter of sometimes complex, counterintuitive Wisconsin law.

Boiled down, the law requires that someone’s decision to react with deadly force be reasonable in the seconds and minutes that a conflict occurs.

So how did prosecutors try to make that point in closings?

Prosecutor Thomas Binger

attacked the self-defense argument by arguing that Rittenhouse provoked conflict by showing up with his rifle. Binger retrieved Rittenhouse’s rifle – kept for much of the trial in a white box behind the defense table – and demonstrated how he said Rittenhouse wielded it recklessly and menacingly that night.

He repeatedly showed the jury drone video he said depicted Rittenhouse pointing the weapon at demonstrators, saying that was what led to a chain reaction of deadly events.

“This is a guy who came with special bullets and a gun, who came up to Kenosha with a gun to shoot someone,” said Lopez, summarizing what he called the thrust of Binger’s closing. “I think the prosecutor effectively made that point.”

But Binger hit jurors hard with images from the violence, too.

With no warning, he displayed a close-up photo of the arm of Gaige Grosskreutz, the protester who survived a Rittenhouse bullet. Some jurors winced and turn away at the sight of a bicep in bloody tatters.

That image and photos of Rosenbaum, lying on a gurney during his autopsy, are likely to stick with jurors during deliberations.

How’d the defense do?

What may linger for jurors from the defense closing was

gruff lead attorney Mark Richards, opening his argument by accusing Binger of lying to salvage a faltering case.

“Mr. Rosenbaum was shot because he was chasing my client and going to kill him, take his gun and carry out the threats he made,” Richards said. He added that Rittenhouse never pointed his gun before being chased: “It didn’t happen.”

Greenberg said he didn’t think the approach of attacking the prosecutor would play well with jurors.

“There was a lot of bashing of the prosecutor by the defense,” he said. “People don’t like that. You have the facts or you don’t.”

What audience were attorneys playing to?

Not the courtroom spectators, the viewers watching the closings on a livestream or journalists; their target audience was jurors. Though they are anonymous by the judge’s order, prosecutors and the defense team would have been able to identify them and delve into their personal histories – and perhaps tailor their arguments to sway a few.

Still, both Greenberg and Lopez said closings are almost never as decisive as people think.

“I don’t think many cases are ever won in closings,” Greenberg said. “Jurors go back to the juror room and talk it all out amongst themselves.”

Report reveals federal prison workers committing the most heinous crimes

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Federal prisons are filled with those accused and convicted of crimes like drug smuggling, sexual abuse and murder. But a comprehensive new report revealed that those crimes also are associated with those who work in the prisons, including wardens.

The report published by the Associated Press revealed that over 100 federal prison workers had been arrested, convicted or sentenced for crimes since the start of 2019, including a warden indicted for sexual abuse, an associate warden charged with murder, guards taking cash to smuggle drugs and weapons and supervisors stealing property such as tires and tractors.

According to the report, the federal Bureau of Prisons has turned a blind eye to misconduct. The agency failed to suspend officers in some cases who have been arrested for crimes. Two-thirds of the criminal cases against Justice Department personnel in recent years have involved federal prison workers, who account for less than one-third of the department’s workforce.



The report notes that of the 41 arrests in 2021, 28 were of Bureau of Prisons employees or contractors. The FBI had five. The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives each had two.

Officials at the Department of Justice did not return messages left by NNPA Newswire. In a statement to the Associated Press, the Justice Department said it “will not tolerate staff misconduct, particularly criminal misconduct.”

The news outlet reported

that department officials said they are “committed to holding accountable any employee who abuses a position of trust, which we have demonstrated through federal criminal prosecutions and other means.”

Attorney General Merrick Garland has said his deputy, Lisa Monaco, regularly meets Bureau of Prisons officials to address issues plaguing the agency.

“Those employees include a teacher who pleaded guilty in January to fudging an inmate’s high school equivalency and a chaplain who admitted taking at least \$12,000 in

bribes to smuggle Suboxone, which is used to treat opioid addiction, as well as marijuana, tobacco and cellphones, and leaving the items in a prison chapel cabinet for inmates to retrieve.”

The report continued: “At the highest ranks, the warden of a federal women’s prison in Dublin, California, was arrested in September and indicted this month on charges he molested an inmate multiple times, scheduled times where he demanded she undress in front of him and amassed a slew of nude photos of her on his gov-

ernment-issued phone.

“Warden Ray Garcia, who was placed on administrative leave after the FBI raided his office in July, allegedly told the woman there was no point in reporting the sexual assault because he was ‘close friends’ with the person who would investigate the allegation and that the inmate wouldn’t be able to ‘ruin him.’”

“Garcia has pleaded not guilty.”

Garcia’s arrest came three months after a recycling technician at FCI Dublin was arrested on charges he coerced two inmates into sexual activity, the report noted. Several other workers at the facility, where actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin spent time for their involvement in the college admissions bribery scandal, are under investigation, according to the Associated Press.

Monaco said after Garcia’s arrest that she was “taking a very serious look at these issues across the board” and insisted she had confidence in the bureau’s director, Michael Carvajal, months after senior administration officials weighed whether to oust him.

In August, the associate

warden at the Metropolitan Detention Center in New York City was charged with killing her husband – a fellow federal prison worker – after police said she shot him in the face in their New Jersey home. She has pleaded not guilty.

One-fifth of the BOP cases tracked by the news service involved crimes of a sexual nature, second only to cases involving smuggled contraband. All sexual activity between a prison worker and an inmate is illegal. In the most egregious cases, inmates say they were coerced through fear, intimidation and threats of violence.

A correctional officer and drug treatment specialist at a Lexington, Kentucky, prison medical center was charged in July with threatening to kill inmates or their families if they didn’t go along with sexual abuse.

A Victorville, California inmate said she “felt frozen and powerless with fear” when a guard threatened to send her to the “hole” unless she performed a sex act on him. He pleaded guilty in 2019.

“Theft, fraud and lying on paperwork after inmate deaths have also been issues,” the report stated.

Thank You Lord

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



Refusing to render gratitude and honor to God, who has generously bestowed grace and blessing upon us, can be most dangerous.

In this world of materialism and humanism, so many have the idea that they do not need God. Satan has convinced multitudes that they are capable of caring for themselves and need no help from above.

We know that God has blessed us with greater light and understanding of God's Word. We must also real-

ize that with this knowledge and understanding we are extremely responsible. Jesus spoke in Luke 12:48 and said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

God expects us to be thankful for our spiritual blessings and to verbally express our gratitude, first to Him, and then to others. One of the greatest expressions of thankfulness shown is through obedience to Him. We are to honor Him by walking in the light.

Thankfulness is more than mere words from our lips. It calls for action in our living. You can demonstrate your thankfulness by living

a pleasing life to Him. You need to praise Him continually with your lips from a truly, grateful heart. We read in Psalm 103:1-2, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Regardless of the trials, let us never forget the blessings God has bestowed on us. You should not fail to offer thanksgiving and praise to Him for all that we have from Him.

Jesus healed ten lepers who met Him on His way to Jerusalem and desired to be delivered. In His great compassion, He healed all ten of their leprosy. They all went happily

on their way, but only one "turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God" (Luke 17:15). Only one considered what the Savior had done for him and offered thanksgiving.

On behalf of my wife, Dr. Velma L. Green, and members of the Joynes Road Church of God, Hampton, Virginia, may everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Share the love of Christ with Others!

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Be thankful for what you've got

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"Actions speak louder than words." We're all familiar with this phrase and apply it to various personal and professional areas of our lives.

In my own life, I often remind myself of the truth in this phrase as I work on showing my appreciation to others. Many of us don't have a hard time thanking God for what he has given us. It's very easy to thank God when enjoying blessings that you have prayed in faith to receive. We eagerly share our testimony with others about how good God has been to us.

However, God wants more from us than just words of thankfulness. I believe that God wants us to develop a lifestyle of thanksgiving. Like worship, being thankful to God should be a daily part of our lives. Thankfulness is not only about what you receive but the attitude in which you receive it: the attitude of gratitude is what some call it.

Just like having a bad attitude changes your perception, so does having an attitude of thankfulness. And that attitude comes from making thankfulness a part of your life...not just an afterthought to a conversation.

For example, I try to make it a point to thank people who do things for me. The challenge always comes in how to thank them. One friend is satisfied with a note of thanks, whereas another wants a monetary show of appreciation. Another friend just wants a good, home-cooked meal every now and then. I know how important it is to

say thank you to each one of them for the big and small favors that they do for me, however, when I show them with my actions, it means so much more.

The way we show God our thankfulness is to live according to his Word, love with the unconditional grace that he showers us with and outwardly show our appreciation.


We show thanks to God when we share with others. We show thanks to God for his transforming power when we turn away from sin and embrace holiness. It's not always easy but we should strive to give our time, talent and treasure to others without expecting anything in return.

Psalm 28:7 reminds, "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song."

Does your lifestyle of thankfulness to God depend on whether and how he is blessing you? The obvious answer is no...we should be thankful to God for who he is and not for what he does. When we remind ourselves of that every day, it becomes easier to be thankful. The more we thank (and think of) God, the more thankful we become.

Like the lifestyle of worship, the lifestyle of thankfulness requires that we completely give our hearts to him.

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Alcorn vs. Jackson State

Arch rivals lock horns

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer

Alcorn and Jackson State Universities are the best and worst of friends, depending on the context and situation.

When it comes to academics, they collaborate with splendor. However, in the realm of athletics and sports, they sometimes swing to the other extreme. They perform as if they are dire ruthless enemies, poised to cut their opponents throats with impunity.

2021 SWAC Championship

This is sharply on display in the current 2021 SWAC competition, where the arch rivals are preparing for a possible championship title. As in the previous six years, the stakes are high – capturing the trophy. In recent times, Alcorn Braves emerged as the winner repeatedly. This year, under the tutelage of Jackson State celebratory coach Deon Sanders, the Tigers seem buoyed up for success at all cost. It is thus a do or die affair as the die is cast. The rest will be history – come competition day.

Seesaw swing

With both sides geared up for a fierce battle, the game pendulum can swing in either direction. The Jackson Tigers or Alcorn Braves can emerge victorious. From all indications, both sides are poised to do their best with courage and conviction but there must be a winner and loser. That's the inevitable nature of games and sports.

Distinguished coaches

Star-studded coaches on the sidelines heightens the tension between the two competitors. Alcorn Brave's Fred McNair and Jackson State's Deon Sanders are arguably coaching legends in their own right. MacNair is an experienced and respected trainer who has won SWAC trophies over the last six years. He played as a student at

Alcorn and was a member of the Canadian league. Soft-spoken and inspiring, he will do his utmost as in previous years.

Jackson State's Sanders brings zeal, zest and enthusiasm to the field. After making history in both college and the NFL, he currently coaches the Jackson State Tigers which has been in a state of stupor for a number of years. He swiftly turned the Jackson Tigers from losers to winners in just one season. That is phenomenal.

Both sides are thus being guided by two of the best coaches in the league. This again reiterates the perception that any team can win. That is exactly what is in store for these two valiant teams. They will leave no stone unturned.

We wish the two teams resounding luck and success as they prepare for this battle.

Let's cheer the victor whoever it turns out to be, Alcorn or Jackson State. Above all, let's enjoy the game which, after all is huge entertainment.

Go Braves and forge along Tigers. Be large in mirth.

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The plan to invest in American people and communities

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President Joe Biden and the Democratic Congress have come through with a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package – something the previous president repeatedly promised but never delivered. The plan will bring much-needed investments to American communities to fix roads and bridges, update water and energy systems, and expand affordable access to broadband internet service.

Now Congress needs to address equally urgent needs to shore up the social safety net by passing Biden's Building Back Better plan.

There's a lot to cheer about in the infrastructure bill. It includes \$40 billion to repair and replace bridges. And there's \$1 billion devoted to reconnecting communities, mostly in black neighborhoods, that were divided and disrupted by racist decisions about where to route highways and other public infrastructure. It also includes the largest federal investment ever in public transit.

So far, so good.

But the plan that passed Congress was a watered-down version of the Biden administration's original American Jobs Plan. And there's a lot that it doesn't address.

That's why Congress needs to pass Building Back Better legislation. It is an investment in us.

It will make free preschool available to all 3- and 4-year-olds. And it will make the largest investment in childcare in our country's history, helping most families save more than half their childcare spending.

It will lower the cost of prescription drugs and make affordable care more available for older people and people with disabilities—and support the workers who take care of them.

It will also be the biggest investment in our history in addressing climate change—in ways that will create a lot of new green energy jobs, like installing solar panels and improving the energy efficiency of buildings. It would create a new Civilian Climate Corps to put 300,000 young people to work on projects that will address the impact of climate change, like restoring forests and wetlands.

The Biden administration has been negotiating with members of Congress on the details of the plan and the amount of funding that will be committed to making it effective. The White House is confident that its current framework – and a budget of \$1.75 trillion over 10 years – will make it through the House and Senate in the coming weeks.

And it's all paid for, with higher taxes on the wealthiest Americans and big corporations. Nobody making less than \$400,000 a year will see their taxes go up. Many middle-class families will get a tax cut.

The infrastructure bill and Build Back Better legislation will help individuals and communities across the country – in rural America, inner cities and suburbs. That's the kind of progress that will make people's lives better. That's the kind of progress that will make people feel it was worth their time and effort to help elect President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris and a Democratic majority in Congress.

And that brings us to the next essential piece of legislation that the White House and Congress must get signed into

law this year: voting rights legislation. The Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act are urgently needed to overturn state restrictions on voting and protect our democracy from state voter suppression laws, corrupt redistricting and billionaires buying our elections.

The president and congressional leaders deserve credit for devoting countless hours to the hard negotiating and willingness to make difficult compromises that was necessary to pass the infrastructure bill – and will soon bring us the important investments in Build Back Better.

Our democracy deserves the same investment of time, energy and political will.

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Justice and fairness must apply to the life of Ahmaud Arbery

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There are some things that we take for granted. We do them so much that we don't give them a second thought. Routines and habits form for us over time.

Our lives are shaped by the patterns we make. They do not happen suddenly. They take time and repetition.

Being aware of my surroundings was not always a sticking point with me. I was not hyper-sensitive about it. As I have matured and gained some traction in my life, I am acutely aware of where I am at all times. You can say that I have my antenna up every day that I step out of my home. Why is that the case? Does it have to do with justice and fairness in our democracy?

I am a black man in the United States of America. While some have a different view, I do not have any

margin of error. One wrong move, glance or stare might end up in my untimely demise.

People with guns, badges and identifications have us on their radar screens. African American men have a target on our backs every waking hour. If you think otherwise, you are clueless as to what is happening in this country.

When you have a moment, find out what happened to professional tennis player James Blake and scholar Henry Louis Gates.

So, when we as African American men can return to our homes at the end of the day, we have had a good day. If you are not black or brown, you won't understand that statement. Unintended and unexpected consequences are always lurking nearby for us. We live with them.

Ahmaud Arbery, a black man in Brunswick, Georgia, lived with unexpected consequences until his tragic and racist killing February 23, 2020. He was 25 years old with a full life ahead of him.

He was shot and killed by one white man while two others followed in vehicles who believed he was an armed thief. He was neither.

If you are African American and a crime is committed, we always "look" like the culprit. We draw immediate suspicion because of our skin color. The three men have been charged with murder as it should be.

The trial has put race at the forefront for everyone to see. The attorney for William Bryan, Kevin Gough, is upset and doesn't want Reverend Al Sharpton or any other black pastors at the trial. Gough said, "I believe that's intimidating and it's an attempt to pressure or influence the jury."

This is racism at its highest point. Arbery is a victim of a system that upholds the adage that you are guilty even in death.

These jaundiced proceedings are why we as black men stay upset and on alert.

What is taking place in this trial is reminiscent of past

trials involving us. The evidence is so compelling that you are left speechless with the verdicts. Remember Rodney King?

We will see how this trial progresses. The Brunswick, Georgia area has a questionable and sordid history when it comes to us. Can fairness and right be upheld in this court case? Will innocence take a stand?

The truth and innocence are far-reaching and long-suffering when you are black and male in America.

Remember what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said in his 1963 I Have a Dream Speech in Washington D.C. "We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteous like a mighty stream."

Until America can be factual about racism and inequality in this country, we will always be at this dangerous crossroads and intersection. We cannot pretend that it didn't exist and that it doesn't exist.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes areas of special flood hazard and regulations for the prevention of flood damage; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), is revising flood insurance rate maps for various watersheds in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, after the City Council adopted the revised flood maps, FEMA further required changes to sections of the City's Floodplain Ordinance, and said revisions must be adopted and take effect on July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in order for property owners to receive flood insurance through FEMA, the City must adopt changes to the floodplain ordinance that meet current FEMA standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 62-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62-7. - Definitions.

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this article shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this article it's most reasonable application.

A zone means the area of special flood hazard without base flood elevations determined.

AE zone means the area of special flood hazard with base flood elevations determined.

Accessory structure (appurtenant structure) means a structure, which is located on the same parcel of property as the principal structure and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. Accessory structures should constitute a minimal initial investment, may not be used for human habitation, and be designed to have minimal flood damage potential. Examples of accessory structures are detached garages, carports, storage sheds, pole barns, and hay sheds.

Addition (to an existing building) means any walled and roofed expansion to the perimeter or height of a building. Any addition shall be considered new construction. If the addition is more than 50 percent of the market value of the structure, then the addition and the existing structure are now new construction.

Appeal means a request for a review of the floodplain administrator's interpretation of any provision of this article or a request for a variance.

AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, and AR/A zones are SFHAs that result from the de-certification of a previously accredited flood protection system or levee that is in the process of being restored to provide a one percent chance or greater level of flood protection. After restoration is complete, these areas will still experience residual flooding from other flooding sources.

A99 zone means that part of the SFHA inundated by the one percent chance flood to be protected from the one percent chance flood by a federal flood protection system or levee under construction; no base flood elevations are determined.

Area of shallow flooding means a designated AO or AH zone on the community's flood insurance rate map (FIRM) with flood depths from one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate, and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

Area of special flood hazard means the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. This area is also referred to as the special flood hazard area (SFHA).

Base flood means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (also called the "one percent chance flood").

Base flood elevation (BFE) means the elevation shown in the flood insurance study (FIS) for zones AE, AH, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, and VE that indicates the water surface elevation resulting from a flood that has a one percent or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Basement means any portion of a building having its floor sub-grade (below ground level) on all sides.

Building. See "structure."

Community means a political entity and/or its authorized agents or representatives that have the authority to adopt and enforce floodplain ordinances for the area under its jurisdiction.

Community flood hazard area (CFHA) means an area that has been determined by the floodplain administrator (or other delegated, designated, or qualified community official) from available technical studies, historical information, and other available and reliable sources, which may be subject to periodic inundation by floodwaters that can adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare. This includes areas downstream from dams.

Community floodplain management map means any map produced by the community utilizing best available base flood elevation and floodway data that is from a federal, state, or other accepted technical source.

Community rating system (CRS) means a program developed by the Federal Insurance Administration to provide incentives for those communities in the regular program that have gone beyond the minimum floodplain management requirements to develop extra measures to provide protection from flooding.

Critical facility (also called critical action) means facilities for which the effects of even a slight chance of flooding would be too great. The minimum floodplain of concern for critical facilities is the 0.2 percent chance flood level. Critical facilities include, but are not limited to, facilities critical to the health and safety of the public such as: emergency operations centers, designated public shelters, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, police, fire and emergency response installations, vital data infrastructure centers, power generation and water and other utilities (including related infrastructure such as principal points of utility systems) and installations which produce, use or store hazardous materials or hazardous waste (as defined under the Clean Water Act and other federal statutes and regulations).

D zone means an area in which the flood hazard is undetermined.

Dam means any artificial barrier, including appurtenant works, constructed to impound or divert water, wastewater, liquid borne materials, or solids that may flow if saturated. All structures necessary to maintain the water level in an impoundment or to divert a stream from its course will be considered a dam.

Development means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavating, drilling operations, or storage of materials or equipment.

Dry floodproofing means any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures, which reduce or eliminate flood damages to real estate or improved real estate property, water, and sanitary facilities, structures, and their contents. Structures shall be floodproofed with a minimum of 18 inches of freeboard (more is recommended) in relation to the base flood elevation. Dry floodproofing of a pre-FIRM residential structure that has not been substantially damaged or improved is allowed. Dry floodproofing of a post-FIRM residential building is not allowed. Nonresidential structures may be dry floodproofed in all flood zones with the exception of the coastal high hazard area or the coastal AE zone.

Elevated building means, for insurance purposes, a non-basement building which has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, pilings, columns, or piers.

Elevation certificate means a FEMA form used as a certified statement that verifies a building's elevation information.

Emergency program means the first phase under which a community participates in the NFIP. It is intended to provide a first layer amount of insurance coverage for all insurable buildings in that community before the effective date of the initial FIRM.

Enclosure below the lowest floor. See "lowest floor."

Encroachment means the advance or infringement of uses, plant growth, fill, excavation, buildings, structures or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain.

Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management). This order requires that no federally assisted activities be conducted in or have the potential to affect identified special flood hazard areas, unless there is no practicable alternative.

Executive Order 11990 (Wetlands Protection). This order requires the avoidance of adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands.

Existing construction means structures for which the start of construction commenced before the date of the FIRM or before January 1, 1975, for FIRMs effective before that date. Existing construction may also be referred to as existing structures.

Existing manufactured home park or subdivision means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.

Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision includes the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

Fill means a deposit of earthen materials placed by artificial means.

Five hundred-year flood means the flood that has a 0.2 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any year. Areas subject to the 0.2 percent chance flood have a moderate risk of flooding.

Flood or flooding means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

(1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters.

(2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

(3) Mudslides which are proximately caused by flooding and are akin to a river of liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water and deposited along the path of the current.

(4) The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding.

Flood (insurance definition) means a general and temporary condition of partial

or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land areas or of two or more properties (e.g., a building and a public street) from: (1) overflow of inland or tidal waters, (2) unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters, (3) mudflows caused by flooding.

Flood insurance rate map (FIRM) means an official map of a community, on which FEMA has delineated both the areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

Flood insurance study (FIS) means the document which provides an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation, and determination of mud-slide and/or flood-related erosion hazards.

Flood protection elevation means the base flood elevation plus the community free-board. In areas where no base flood elevations exist from any authoritative source, the flood protection elevation can be historical flood elevations or base flood elevations determined and/or approved by the floodplain administrator plus freeboard. Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by flood waters from any source.

Floodplain administrator means the individual appointed to administer and enforce the floodplain management regulations.

Floodplain management means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans.

Floodplain management regulations means this article and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances, and other applications of police power which control development in floodprone areas. This term describes federal, state, or local regulations in any combination thereof, which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage.

Floodproofing certificate means an official FEMA form used to certify compliance for nonresidential structures in non-coastal high hazard areas as an alternative to elevating buildings to or above the base flood elevation.

Floodway. See "regulatory floodway."

Floodway fringe means that area of the special flood hazard area on either side of the regulatory floodway.

Freeboard means a factor of safety, usually expressed in feet above the BFE, which is applied for the purposes of floodplain management. Communities are encouraged to adopt at least an 18-inch freeboard to account for the one-foot rise built into the concept of designating a floodway, where floodways have not been designated.

Functionally dependent use means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, ship building and ship repair facilities and seafood offloading facilities. The term does not include long-term storage, manufacture, processing functions, sales, administrative functions, or service facilities.

Hardship (as related to variances of this article) means the exceptional difficulty that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance. The mayor and city council require that the variance is exceptional, unusual, and peculiar to the property involved. Mere economic or financial hardship alone is not exceptional. Inconvenience, aesthetic considerations, physical handicaps, personal preferences, or the disapproval of one's neighbors likewise cannot, as a rule, qualify as an exceptional hardship. All of these problems can be resolved through other means without granting a variance, even if the alternative is more expensive, or requires the property owner to build elsewhere or put the parcel to a different use than originally intended. Hazard potential means the possible adverse incremental consequences that result from the release of water or stored contents due to failure of a dam or mis-operation of a dam or appurtenances. The hazard potential classification of a dam does not reflect in any way on the current condition of a dam and its appurtenant structures (e.g., safety, structural integrity, and flood routing capacity).

High hazard dam means a class of dam in which failure may cause loss of life, serious damage to residential, industrial, or commercial buildings; or damage to, or disruption of, important public utilities or transportation facilities such as major highways or railroads. Dams which meet the statutory thresholds for regulation that are proposed for construction in established or proposed residential, commercial, or industrial areas will be assigned this classification, unless the applicant provides convincing evidence to the contrary. A development permit is required for a structure and any associated fill downstream from a dam at any location where flooding can be reasonably anticipated from principal or emergency spillway discharges, or from overtopping and failure of the dam.

Highest adjacent grade means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, next to the proposed walls of a building.

Historic structure means any structure that is:

- (1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of the Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- (2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- (3) Individually listed on the State of Mississippi inventory of historic structures; or
- (4) Individually listed on a local inventory historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified by an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analyses means the analyses performed by a professional engineer, registered in the State of Mississippi, in accordance with standard engineering practices as accepted by FEMA, used to determine flood elevations and/or floodway boundaries. Increased cost of compliance (ICC) coverage means under the standard flood insurance policy the cost to repair a substantially flood damaged building that exceeds the minimal repair cost and that is required to bring a substantially damaged building into compliance with the local flood damage prevention ordinance. Acceptable mitigation measures are floodproofing (nonresidential), relocation, elevation, demolition, or any combination thereof. All renewal and new policies with effective dates on or after June 1, 1997, include ICC coverage.

Letter of map change (LOMC) means an official FEMA determination, by letter, to amend or revise effective flood insurance rate maps, flood boundary and floodway maps, and flood insurance studies. LOMCs are broken down into the following categories:

Letter of map amendment (LOMA). An amendment based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated SFHA, was not elevated by fill (only by a natural grade elevation), and will not be inundated by the one percent chance flood. A LOMA amends the current effective FIRM and establishes that a specific property is not located in a SFHA.

Letter of map revision (LOMR). A revision based on technical data that, usually due to manmade changes, shows changes to flood zones, flood elevations, floodplain and floodway delineations, and planimetric features. One common type of LOMR, a LOMR-F, is a determination concerning whether a structure or parcel has been elevated by fill above the BFE and is, therefore, excluded from the SFHA.

Conditional letter of map revision (CLOMR). A formal review and comment by FEMA as to whether a proposed project complies with the minimum NFIP floodplain management criteria. A CLOMR does not revise effective flood insurance rate maps, flood boundary and floodway maps, or flood insurance studies.

Levee means a manmade structure; usually an earthen embankment designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain, control, or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding. Levee system means a flood protection system which consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accordance with sound engineering practices. For a levee system to be recognized, the following criteria must be met. All closure devices or mechanical systems for internal drainage, whether manual or automatic, must be operated in accordance with an officially adopted operation manual (a copy of which must be provided to FEMA by the operator when levee or drainage system recognition is being sought or revised). All operations must be under the jurisdiction of a federal or state agency, an agency created by federal or state law, or an agency of a community participating in the NFIP.

Limit of moderate wave action (LIMWA) means the limit of the AE zone category area exposed to wave attack from waves greater than 1.5 feet during the base (one percent chance) flood on open coastal and inland areas exposed to erosion and wave propagation.

Low hazard dam means a class of dam in which failure would at the most result in damage to agricultural land, farm buildings (excluding residences), or minor roads. Lowest adjacent grade means the elevation of the sidewalk, patio, deck support, or basement entryway immediately next to the structure and after the completion of construction. It does not include earth that is placed for aesthetic or landscape reasons around a foundation wall. It does include natural ground or properly compacted fill that comprises a component of a building's foundation system.

Lowest floor means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage, in an area other than a basement, is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the non-elevation provisions of this Code. Manufactured home (44 CFR 59.1 definition/FEMA) means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term manufactured home does not include a "recreational vehicle." Manufactured home park or subdivision means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale. Manufactured housing (24 CFR 3280.3 and 3285.5 definitions/HUD) means "...a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is 8 body feet or more in width or 40 body feet in length or which when erected on-site is 320 or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities."

Map amendment means a change to an effective NFIP map that results in the exclusion from the SFHA or an individual structure or a legally described parcel of land that has been inadvertently included in the SFHA (i.e., no alterations of topography have occurred since the date of the first NFIP map that showed the structure or parcel to be within the SFHA).

Map panel number means the four-digit number followed by a letter suffix assigned by FEMA on a FIRM. The first four digits represent the map panel, and the letter suffix represents the number of times the map panel has been revised.

Market value means the property value (as agreed between a willing buyer and

seller), excluding the value of land as established by what the local real estate market will bear. Market value can be established by independent certified appraisal; replacement cost depreciated by age of building (actual cash value); or adjusted assessed values.

Mean sea level means, for the purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's flood insurance rate map (FIRM) are referenced.

Mixed-use structure means a single structure containing both residential and non-residential uses (e.g., a small business and an apartment). For the purpose of this article, a mixed-use structure shall comply with the standards set forth for residential structures.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) means the federal program that makes flood insurance available to owners of property in participating communities nationwide through the cooperative efforts of the federal government and the private insurance industry.

National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) means a vertical control, corrected in 1929, used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain. New construction means a structure or an addition to an existing structure for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and any subsequent improvements to such structure or the addition.

New manufactured home park or subdivision means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of floodplain regulations adopted by a community.

Nonresidential means, but is not limited to, small business concerns, churches, schools, farm buildings (including grain bins and silos), poolhouses, clubhouses, recreational buildings, mercantile structures, agricultural and industrial structures, warehouses, and hotels and motels with normal room rentals for less than six months' duration.

North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988 means a vertical control, corrected in 1988, used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.

Obstruction means, but is not limited to, any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, protection, excavation, channel construction, bridge, culvert, building, wire, fence, rock, gravel, refuse, fill, structure, vegetation or other material in, along, across or projecting into any watercourse which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the flow of water, or due to its location, its propensity to snare or collect debris carried by the flow of water, or its likelihood of being carried downstream.

One percent flood (a.k.a. 100-year flood) means the flood that has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Any flood zone that begins with the letter A or V is subject to inundation by the one percent chance flood. Over the life of a 30-year loan, there is a 26 percent chance of experiencing such a flood within the SFHA.

Participating community means any community that voluntarily elects to participate in the NFIP by adopting and enforcing floodplain management regulations that are consistent with the standards of the NFIP.

Post-FIRM construction means new construction and substantial improvements for which start of construction occurred after December 31, 1974, or on or after the effective date of the initial FIRM of the community, whichever is later.

Pre-FIRM construction means new construction and substantial improvements for which start of construction occurred on or before December 31, 1974, or before the effective date of the initial FIRM of the community, whichever is later.

Probation is a means of FEMA formally notifying participating communities of the first of the two NFIP sanctions due to their failure to correct violations and deficiencies in the administration and enforcement of the local floodplain management regulations.

Public safety and nuisance means anything which is injurious to the safety or health of an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin.

Recreational vehicle means a vehicle that is:

- (1) Licensed and titled as an RV or park model (not a permanent residence);
- (2) Built on a single chassis;
- (3) Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (4) Has no attached deck, porch, or shed;
- (5) Has quick-disconnect sewage, water, and electrical connectors;
- (6) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- (7) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Regular program means the second phase of the community's participation in the NFIP in which second layer coverage is available based upon risk premium rates only after FEMA has completed a risk study for the community.

Regulatory floodway means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

Repair means the reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and all such regulations effective at the time of permitting must be met.

Repetitive loss means flood-related damages sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a ten-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Repetitive loss property means any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000.00 were paid by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) within any rolling ten-year period, since 1978. At least two of the claims must be more than ten days apart but, within ten years of each other. ARL property may or may not be currently insured by the NFIP.

Section 1316 means that section of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, which states that no new flood insurance coverage shall be provided for any property that FEMA finds has been declared by a duly constituted state or local zoning authority or other authorized public body to be in violation of state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances that are intended to discourage or otherwise restrict land development or occupancy in floodprone areas.

Severe repetitive loss structure means any insured property that has met at least one of the following paid flood loss criteria since 1978, regardless of ownership:

- (1) Four or more separate claim payments of more than \$5,000.00 each (including building and contents payments); or
- (2) Two or more separate claim payments (building payments only) where the total of the payments exceeds the current market value of the property.

In either case, two of the claim payments must have occurred within ten years of each other. Multiple losses at the same location within ten days of each other are counted as one loss, with the payment amounts added together.

Significant hazard dam means a dam assigned the significant hazard potential classification where failure may cause damage to main roads, minor railroads, or cause interruption of use, or service of relatively important public utilities.

Special flood hazard area (SFHA) means that portion of the floodplain subject to inundation by the base flood and/or flood-related erosion hazards as shown on a FHBM or FIRM as zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, AR/AE, AR/AO, AR/AH, AR/A, A99, or VE.

Start of construction (for other than new construction or substantial improvements under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act P.L. 97-348) includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, or improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings, installation of piles, construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation or placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. Structure (for floodplain management purposes) means a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

Structure (for insurance purposes) means a building with two or more outside rigid walls and a fully secured roof, that is affixed to a permanent site; a manufactured home built on a permanent chassis, transported to it site in one or more sections, and affixed to a permanent foundation; or a travel trailer without wheels, built on a chassis and affixed to a permanent foundation, that is regulated under the community's floodplain management and building ordinances or laws. The term does not include a recreational vehicle or a park trailer or other similar vehicle, except as described in the last part of this definition, or a gas, or a liquid storage tank.

Subrogation means an action brought by FEMA when flood damages have occurred, a flood insurance claim has been paid, and all or part of the damage can be attributed to acts or omissions by a community or other third party.

Substantial damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to it's before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. Substantial improvement means any combination of reconstruction, rehabilitation, or other improvement of a structure taking place over a designated ten-year period in which the cumulative percentage of improvement equals or exceeds 50 percent of the current market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. The designated ten-year period begins at the date of the initial improvement to the structure. The costs for determining substantial improvement include the costs of additions. This term includes structures which have incurred repetitive loss or substantial damage, regardless of the actual repair work performed.

The term does not apply to:

- (1) Any project for improvement of a building required to comply with existing health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the code enforcement official and which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions, provided that said code deficiencies were not caused by neglect or lack of maintenance;

nance on the part of the current or previous owners or;

(2) Any alteration of a "historic structure" provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

Substantially improved existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions means manufactured home parks or subdivisions where the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of the streets, utilities and pads equals or exceeds 50 percent of the value of the streets, utilities and pads before the repair, reconstruction or improvement commenced.

Suspension means the removal, with or without probation, of a participating community from the NFIP because the community failed to adopt and enforce the compliant floodplain management regulations required for participation in the NFIP.

Variance means a grant of relief from the requirements of this article. Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with this article. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in this article is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

Watercourse means any flowing body of water, including a river, creek, stream, or a branch.

Water surface elevation means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.

Wet floodproofing means a method of construction which allows water to enter a structure in such a way that will minimize damage to the structure and its contents. Wet floodproofing is appropriate for functionally dependent use and uses that facilitate open space use by variance only, structures utilized for parking or limited storage, or when all other techniques are not technically feasible. Wet floodproofing shall not be utilized as a method to satisfy the requirements of this article for bringing substantially damaged or improved structures into compliance. Wet floodproofing is not allowed in lieu of complying with the lowest floor elevation requirements for new residential buildings.

X zones (shaded) are areas of 0.2 percent chance flood that are outside of the SFHA subject to the one percent chance flood with average depths of less than one foot, or with contributing drainage area less than one square mile, and areas protected by certified levees from the base flood.

X zones (unshaded) are areas determined to be outside the 0.2 percent chance floodplain.

Zone means a geographical area shown on a flood hazard boundary map or a flood insurance rate map that reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.

SECTION 2. Sections 62-61 through 62-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62-61. - Designation of variance and appeals board.

The Site Plan Review Committee shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from requirements of this ordinance. The Site Plan Review Committee is established by the zoning ordinance.

Sec. 62-62. - Duties of variance and appeals board.

The Site Plan Review Committee shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged an error in any requirement, decision, or determination is made by the floodplain administrator in the enforcement or administration of this article. Decisions of the Site Plan Review Committee can be appealed to the council. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the council may appeal such decision to the appropriate court, as provided in MCA 1972, § 11-51-75.

Sec. 62-63. - Variance procedures.

In passing upon such applications, the Site Plan Review Committee shall consider all technical evaluations, relevant factors, and standards specified in other sections of this chapter, and:

- The evaluation must be based on the characteristics unique to that property and not be shared by adjacent parcels. The characteristics must pertain to the land itself, not to the structure, its inhabitants, or its owners;
- Variances should never be granted for multiple lots, phases of subdivisions, or entire subdivisions;
- The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;
- The danger of life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;

The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner and the community;

- The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;

- The necessity of the facility to be at a waterfront location, where applicable;
- The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use which are not subject to flooding or erosion damage;
- The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
- The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area;
- The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3196 JPSD Seeks Vendor to Provide Musical Instruments

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) December 07, 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., December 01, 2021) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specifications will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on December 07, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. ending 12:00 p.m. (Local Prevailing 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.

Platform Agreement is not optional and is required in order to participate in this bidding event. No exceptions will be made.

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INTRODUCTION / INVITATION
Request For Proposal
Food and Drink Vendors

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from companies or individuals desiring to manage and operate concessions at the Pete Brown Golf Facility and/or the Grove Park Municipal Golf Course.

RFP Packet Requests: Packets are available at www.centralbidding.com or by emailing Patricia Bernard at pbernard@jacksonms.gov. If a response is not received with 24 hours, it is the responsibility of the requester to call 601-960-0716, to confirm receipt of the RFP request.

Hand Delivery Submittal: You are required to send one (1) original and two (2) copies of the completed, signed, and sealed envelope addressed to: the Office of the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201, until: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, until 3:30 p.m., CST.

Electronic RFP Submittal: This RFP is also posted on the Central Bidding website at: www.centralbidding.com. You may submit your RFP electronically through this provider, until: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, until 3:30 p.m., CST.

1) You are required to send one (1) original and two (2) copies of all information being submitted, this includes your Proposal Form, completed EBO Application, Acknowledgement of the Covid-19 Second Amended Guidelines Executive Order and any information with your RFP (pricing section, research data sheets, booklets, pamphlets, etc.).

2) The Request For Proposal (RFP) must be signed by any officer of the company, legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the proposer. For purposes of this Request For Proposal (RFP), the term "bid" shall mean (RFP).

3) Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned requirements may result in the Request For Proposal (RFP) being rejected as non-responsive.

4) The City will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the Request For Proposal (RFP) due date. Submitters should not rely on any representations, statements, or explanations other than those made in this Request for Request For Proposal (RFP) or in any addendum to this Request For Request For Proposal (RFP).

5) The City may reject any and all statements of qualifications, and reserves the right to waive any technicalities, irregularities, or informalities in any Request For Proposal (RFP) or in the proposed procedure.

RFP Advertisement Dates:
Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thursday, November 18, 2021

News Papers:
Mississippi Link, Northside Sun,
Clarion Ledger, Jackson Advocate & LaNoticia

RFP Pre-Bid Conference Date:
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CST
Location: Department of Parks & Recreation – Large Conference Room
1000 Metro Center Drive, Suite 104
Jackson, MS 39209

RFP Bid Opening Date:
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Time: 3:30 p.m. CST
Location: City Hall
219 South President Street
Jackson, MS 39201

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

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

Louis Wright, C.A.O.
Office of the Mayor

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to supporting arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

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

For the Request for Proposals sealed, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601-960-0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on December 7, 2021. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI RESPECTFULLY GIVES NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT AN EMPLOYEE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HAVE APPLIED FOR THE LEAD SAFE JACKSON HOUSING PROGRAM UNDER THE CITY'S FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES. THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL PROVISION 2 CFR 200.112 AND 24 CFR 92.356 (A)(D)(E)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF JACKSON DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT (601) 960-2155. ATTENTION: MARY MANOGIN

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday November 30, 2021 at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

96115-113021 12 MONTH LICENCED CATERING SERVICE

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV, WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

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

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

11/11/2021, 11/18/2021

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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances, provides for the establishment of City Council standing committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances should be amended to combine the Planning Committee with the Economic Development Committee, and, thus, a new section titled "Planning/Economic Development Committee" should be established; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-102 currently states:

"Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.

The council shall maintain six standing committees which may make recommendations to the council as appropriate. The six standing committees shall be:

- Finance committee.
- Rules committee.
- Planning committee.
- Legislative committee.
- Economic development committee.
- Government Operations committee.

WHEREAS, Section 2-105 currently states: "Sec. 2-105. - Planning committee.

The function of this committee is to work with the executive branch to ensure comprehensive viable planning for the city master plan. This committee will also conduct reviews of various city plans to ensure effective management of resources. Matters relating to public services, such as streets, transportation, water and sewer, public works and industrial development shall be referred to this committee at the discretion of the president. Additional duties may be assigned as needed."

WHEREAS, Section 2-106 currently states:

"Sec. 2-106. - Economic development committee.

The function of this committee is to review, evaluate and propose economic development concepts, initiatives and policies relating to the advancement of the city's economic/business climate. This committee will also explore policies and initiatives relating to a comprehensive marketing plan for the city, tourism, and workforce development. All pertinent briefings shall be presented during economic development committee meetings. Additional duties may be assigned as needed.

WHEREAS, in order to establish a Planning/Economic Develop Committee, the above-mentioned sections of Article I, Section 2-102 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances must be amended as follows:

"Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.

The council shall maintain six standing committees which may make recommendations to the council as appropriate. The six standing committees shall be:

- Finance committee.
- Rules committee.
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(6) Government Operations committee."

"Sec. 2-105. - Planning/ Economic development committee.

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WHEREAS, "Sec. 2-106. - Economic development committee- shall be deleted in its entirety. THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, that:

Section 1. Sec. 2-102 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

"Sec. 2-102. Establishment of standing committees.

The council shall maintain five standing committees which may make recommendations to council as appropriate. The five standing committees shall be:

- Finance committee.
- Rules committee.
- Planning/ Economic Development committee.
- Legislative committee.
- Government Operations committee.

Section 2. Sec. 2-105 is amended, and shall now read as follows:

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Section 3. Sec. 2-106 is deleted in its entirety.

Section 4. Any delay in the effectiveness of this ordinance will have a debilitating effect on City government; thus, this order shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; President Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay, and Stokes.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T Pgs. 365-367."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 9th day of November, 2021.

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Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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38517----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Dairy Products- Group IV

38518----120721---- 24, Month Supply of Foods- Frozen/Chilled- Group IA- (Breads & Desserts)

38542----1120721----24, Month Supply of Foods--- Frozen/Chilled- Group IC- (Meats/Meat Products)

38596----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Frozen/Chilled- Group IB- (Fruits/Vegetables)

39028----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods – Fresh Produce- Group V- (Fruits/Vegetables)

39331----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods--Baby Food

39343----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIA- (Breads, Cereals, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39346----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods-- Canned/Dry- Group IIB- (Breads, Cereals, Desserts & Fruit Juices)

39348----120721----24, Month Supply of Foods- Condiments- Group III

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT HYPERLINK "http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV" WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com,bids" www.centralbidding.com,bids are also available at www.centralbidding.com or for assist call 225-810-4814

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FOR 2022

Pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City of Jackson's annual contract for legal publications.

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Municipal Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for the publication of the City of Jackson's proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, and other notices required to be published. All submitted bids should be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Legal Publications" on the outside of the envelope.

Each bidder is responsible for documenting its bid with the necessary attachments evidencing its qualifications and compliance with all relevant criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Each bid must be submitted on the bid form provided by the Department of Municipal Clerk. Bid forms may be obtained from the Department of Municipal Clerk. Each bidder must quote a per word rate of a one-hundred word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate must be for a first, second and third publication. Bidders must also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at: www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The determination of the low bidder will be based on a per word rate of a one-hundred-word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The successful bidder will be awarded a one-year contract for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

By: Angela Harris, City Clerk

City of Jackson, Mississippi
Bid Specifications for Legal Publications 2022

Scope
The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City's annual contract for legal publication.

Bidder Requirements
Sealed bids will be received in the Department of Municipal Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Each bidder shall submit an original and two (2) copies of the bid using the bid form supplied by the City of Jackson. Additionally, each bidder must submit documentation that shows its qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. All bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Publication" on the outside of the envelope.

The bidder must use the bid form provided by the City of Jackson. The bid form must be signed by an authorized representative. Failure to submit the signed bid form and failure to submit documentation that shows qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 will result in rejection of the bid.

Bid Price
Bidder shall quote a per word rate of one hundred word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication. Bidders shall also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

All prices quoted shall be firm and fixed for the specified contract period. The bid will be used for a period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Term of the Agreement

The term of the agreement is for a one-year period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Publications will be made on an as needed basis. The method of requesting ads shall be by email.

Award

The determination of the low bidder will be used on a "per word" rate, of a one hundred word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication, and evaluated to the nearest one millionth of a dollar (e.g., \$0.999999).

Orders of Communications

Questions regarding this bid shall be in written format. Written responses to the questions submitted shall be issued. Bidder questions and responses will be made a part of the bid file.

All questions regarding the Specifications for Legal Publications 2022 should be forwarded, by U.S. mail, to Angela Harris, City Clerk, City of Jackson, P.O. Box 17, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205, or by email to aharris@city.jackson.ms.us

FANTASTIC EQUIPMENT AND TOOL AUCTION

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SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 20, 2021 • 9 AM
PREVIEW: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 • 9-4

LIKE NEW - SUPER LOW HRS. 16' car hauler, JD 44X UNV 865R 48 hrs, Kubota RTV X900, JD 6' Grapple, LP Middle buster, Frontier 6' bush hog, JD Edge Finishing Mower 54", JD Forks, 6' Rake, JD 6' Bucket, 6' Grinder Blade, Tow-Behind sprinkler, portable water pump, 65 gal. water tank, ramps, 40' ladder, Spartan V-nosed trailer 8x24, JD 3039R tractor w/front end loader 140", 13" utility trailer w/3 - 55 gal electric fuel tanks, 28"-Sure-Trac flat bed utility trailer, leaf system, 5th wheel unit, D.R. power grader 5", JD 52' broom, 5" utility trailer w/toolbox, lawn vacuum, 5" utility trailer w/55 gal spray tank, JD seeder, portable propane tank, fish feeders, seeder, tiller, portable sewage tank, Stihl RB 800 pressure washer, DR trimmer, Troy-Built tiller, electric log splitter, V-nosed motor grader, power washer, Ryobi 10" table saw, JD 1575 tractor w/72" cutter-88 hrs, X-Mark 0-tum 60'-278 hrs, air compressor on cart, 12' Pontoon boat w/20 HP Tahatsu w/Minocota trolling motor & trailer, Jack Daniel's whiskey barrels, compressor, electric fence system, custom 6-drawer shop cabinets, mini bucket for JD, 8' work table on rollers, JD 25 HP X758 303 hrs w/54' 4 in 1 bucket, s/s propane patio heater, Miller plasma cutter, Miller 211 wire welder, acedline tanks & hoses, argon gas tank, JD 35G mini excavator 79 hrs, JD 34" cleaning bucket, drill press, belt sander, ban saw, bench grinder, work table, rolling work table/bench, water tanks, fuel tanks, ramps, shop supplies, carts, garden items, shop fans, storage cabinets, hose reels, bench grinders, vices, safety items, fishing gear, seeders, t-posts, & lumber. Plus, hundreds of power & hand tools, tool boxes & tool cabinets, chain, electric fencing, saws, drills, nuts & bolts, paint, tractor supplies, yard tools, cross ties, appliances, decor, patio furniture, "Egg" grill, Yeti, McCarty pottery, rifles, shotguns, handguns, ARs, scopes, gun safe, & ammo.

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Maximum Buyer's Premium \$2,500 on any single item.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF
THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE 2nd FLOOR PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from November 10th meeting

III. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

Case No. HPNC-21-38, requested by Julia Hall to construct an exterior addition to the rear of an existing house located at 732 Euclid Ave located in the Belhaven Historic District.

Case No. HPNC-21-39, requested by Akili Kelly to install roof structure over existing patio and driveway area at 1345 Linden Place located in the Belhaven Historic District.

II. OTHER ITEMS

1. Administratively Approved COAs.

1738 Piedmont Street - HPCA-21-24 – reroofing with like materials.

815 Oakwood Street – HPCA-21-24 – replacing nonconforming doors with conforming porphole doors

1509 St Ann Street – HPCA-21-21 – reroofing with like materials

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 THE TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING CDOTSON@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REQUEST ACCESS PRIOR TO December 3rd, 2021.

11/18/2021

Cryptogram Solution

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Happy Birthday Celebration for Lela Pitchford-Fields

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Special to The Mississippi Link

Lela Pitchford-Fields celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday with family and friends in a drive-thru parade held at her home at 3593 Jones Loop, Terry, MS. She was born November, 12, 1921 in Terry.

She was raised on a farm and received her formal education in a small house where she earned an eighth grade education. She lived in Mississippi during an era when the state did not fund rural high schools for African Americans.

She married her first husband, the late Albert Winstor Pitchford. They had five children together and later adopted another. She later married Charlie Fields, who is now deceased.

She was a neighborhood catalyst, using her influence with city officials in order to get running water to her house and the neighboring houses, as well as getting Dansby Street paved.

She worked about 16 years as a custodian at Jackson State University where she became a stable role model to many students.

The centenarian says that she can attribute her longevity to her strong faith in God, eating foods raised from the earth, taking care of family members and living a Godly life.



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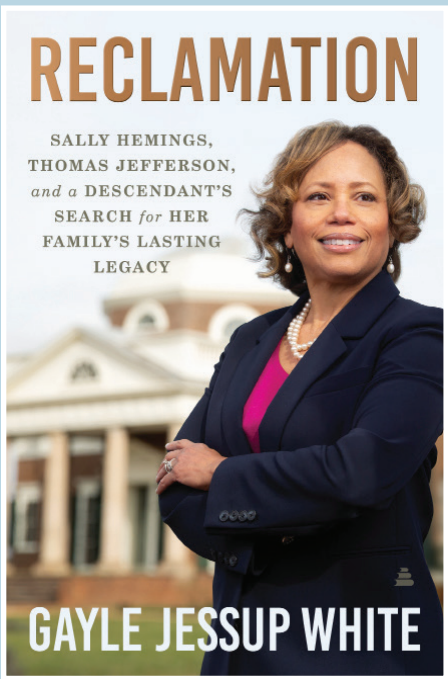
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Sometimes, you feel like a tree. Like a sentinel standing tall, you bend with the wind but never break. Small children climb on you, and you receive them with arms open; your exterior is tough but what's inside is smooth and strong.

Sometimes, you feel like a tree: as in the new book “Reclamation” by Gayle Jessup White, your roots spring from complicated soil.

Born in the early years of the Civil Rights Movement, Gayle

Jessup White was her parents’ youngest child by several years and for that, she was indulged by her siblings and especially beloved by her father, with whom she was closest. He was a civil servant who provided all for his family, and they enjoyed a “well-off” lifestyle; before White was born, they even had the means to provide a home for an elderly half-relative who was said to have been illiterate and simple, but who never lost sight of a belief she held.

“Aunt Peachie” swore that the Jessup children were descendants

of Thomas Jefferson.

White was small when she learned of this possible heritage, but details then were maddeningly scarce. Still, she never forgot the thought of being related to our third president, just as she never forgot that summer when she learned about racism and she discovered that her parents’ marriage was rocky.

White grew up, went to college and landed a good job in a field she enjoyed. She married, became a mother, divorced, and dabbled in a bit of a search for the details of

her heritage, but with limited success.

First, her father died, then her mother, and White met a man she could spend the rest of her life with. Throughout, she dreamed of working at Monticello, the mansion that Thomas Jefferson built, the home of most of his slaves but for years, white descendants of Jefferson had denied the very existence of the man’s black offspring. Still, White told everyone of her heritage when she visited Monticello, until finally someone listened.

Finally, she held the possibility that Aunt Peachie was right...

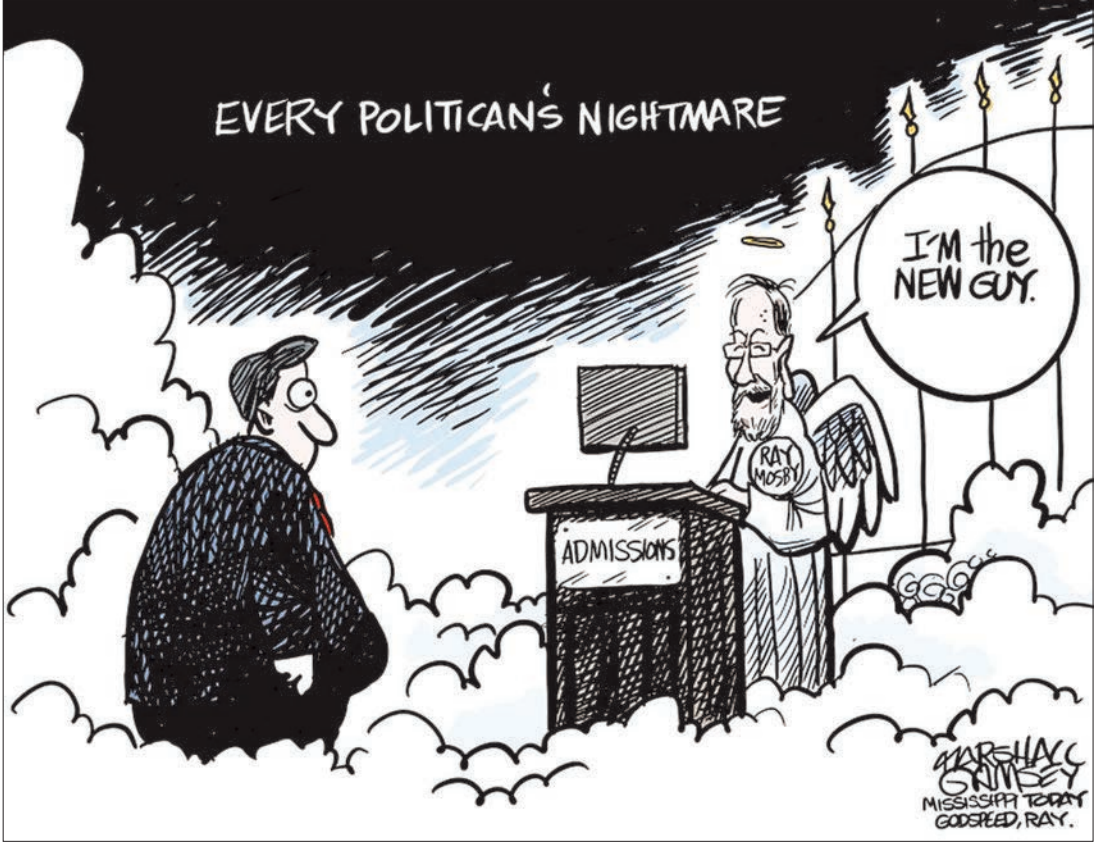
How many times a month do you say, “I wish I’d listened to” whatever elderly relative had stories to share? That family lore is precious stuff, and “Reclamation” makes open ears more urgent.

And yet, as author Gayle Jessup White shows in her book, finding the details-within-the-details won’t be an easy task. White overcame many, many roadblocks that were set in her path toward understanding, including a lack of technology in the beginning and a gen-

eral disbelief from others; there’s also a side-story of meeting a very distant cousin and the disappointment in this, which may serve as a keenly different kind of warning for readers eager for warm, willing family ties that might never arrive.

Still, none of that was a deterrent for White, who sports a definite perseverance in this memoir that genealogists, family historians and storytellers will find appealing. If you, too, are searching through your past for a hidden truth, “Reclamation” may be a hard book to leave.

Marshall Ramsey on Ray Mosby



Mississippi Today

Ray Mosby was the editor and publisher of the *Deer Creek Pilot* in Rolling Fork, Mississippi and won the J. Oliver Emmerich Award for Editorial Writing for the third time this year. He passed away last week after a short illness.

He was a Mississippi treasure and a friend.

I met Ray the same way you probably did when I’d read his syndicated column every week in *The Clarion-Ledger*. I loved the sharpness of his writing and his tongue. Ray took no prisoners and suffered no fools. I remember meeting him for the first time at the Mississippi Press Association’s annual convention – I half expected him to be seven-feet tall. He wasn’t. He was funny, quiet and kind. Thanks to Facebook, I was able

to keep up with him – I don’t get up to Rolling Fork as often as I would like. But the fact that Ray stayed in that small South Delta town showed exactly who he was. His talent could have taken him anywhere, he knew where he was needed – and that was at the *Deer Creek Pilot*.

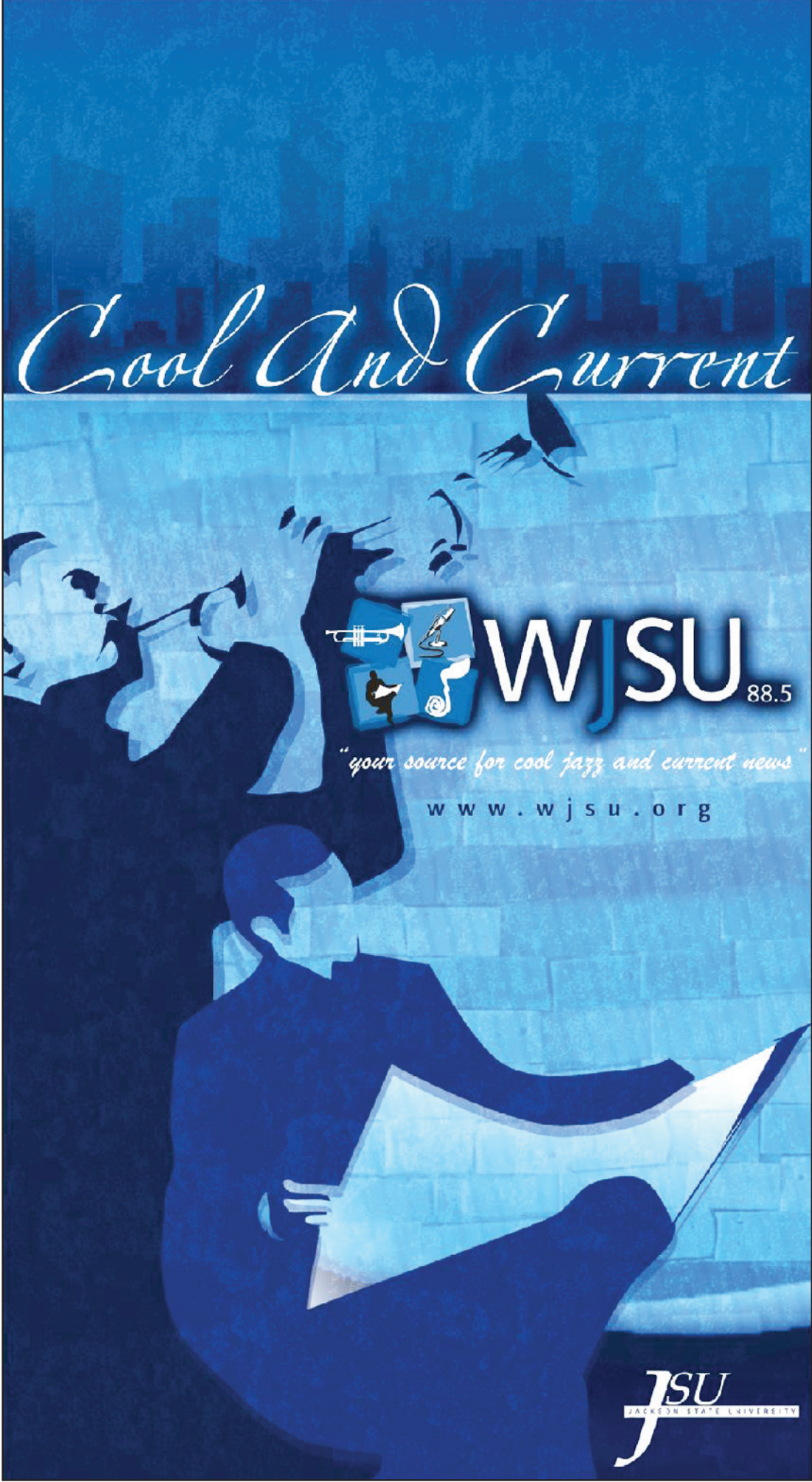
While at the MPA convention this summer, I saw Ray sitting on a bench in the hallway outside of the casino’s ballroom. He looked frail and tired. I plopped down next to him and we caught up. He had been ill but was on the mend, he said. We talked about things that people who haven’t seen each other since the pandemic would talk about. We talked about how nice it was to be around people again. We talked about the fate of the newspaper business. When Ray won his third

Emmerich, he joked he would have to live another decade to win another one.

Sadly, he didn’t.

I’ve drawn too many obituary cartoons in the past couple of years. And I’ll admit, I didn’t know what to draw about Ray. He was a friend. I’ve lost too many friends lately. My sadness just created a block – and I put the thought aside. But yesterday, Natalie Perkins, editor and graphic designer at the *Deer Creek Pilot* asked me if I would draw one for Ray. I agreed and started reading about his life and career. Then this idea flashed into my head – Ray is now doing St. Peter’s job.

This cartoon drawn by Marshall Ramsey appeared Friday morning in the Deer Creek Pilot.



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Jackson State SWAC East Champions

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

In his second season, coach Deion Sanders has guided Jackson State to becoming SWAC EAST Champions. Prime having to deal with his own ailments this season due to his foot, was on the sidelines Saturday night in Baton Rouge.

Battling one of their most hated rivals, the Tigers rallied back from 10 points down in the fourth quarter to win 21 to 17. The win punched JSU's ticket to the championship game and snapped JSU's losing streak to Southern.

Jackson State had not beaten Southern since 2013. The Jaguars made them work for it.

Shedeur Sanders threw for 260 yards, completing 24 of 31 passes with 2 touchdown passes. Sanders also ran for 71 yards.

When the game mattered most, Sanders and the Tiger offense came through. Keith



Malachi Wideman has 11 touchdowns on the season PHOTOS BY TIM WARD

Corbin caught 11 passes for 92 yards and Malachi Wideman continued his touchdown numbers collecting 2 more on the season including the 50 yard game winner. Wideman has 11 touchdowns on the season.

The Darkside Defense stepped



Shedeur Sanders has lead JSU to the SWAC East Championship

uares' quarterback, Glendon McDaniel's pass to seal the victory for Jackson State.

On the sideline, Shedeur shared an emotional embrace with his dad, coach Sanders as it became clear Jackson State was headed to the championship

ship spot.

Jackson State ensures they will host the SWAC championship game with a win and will also keep Alcorn State from playing in the championship game.

As it currently stands, Alcorn is in 2nd place in the West with 2 losses. Prairie View is in first place, but must win their last game against Mississippi Valley State to punch their championship ticket or an Alcorn loss to Jackson State Saturday will clinch the SWAC West for Prairie View.

Alcorn's shocking loss to winless Bethune Cookman could haunt them all off season. That loss is what's keeping Alcorn from winning the West after their victory last Saturday.

Tiger nation would love nothing better than to keep the Braves out of the championship game.

A packed stadium of over 60,000 people is expected.

Monta Ellis jersey retired at Lanier High School



Monte Ellis has his jersey retired.

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

Thursday, November 11, 2021, Lanier High School retired the jersey of former Lanier Bulldog and NBA great Monta Ellis.

Ellis was drafted straight out of Lanier High School in 2005 in the 2nd round by the Golden State Warriors. He was the 40th overall pick in

the draft in the last year that the NBA allowed high school players to be drafted.

A former McDonalds All American, Ellis would spend 6 full seasons and part of his seventh season in Golden State before being traded to Milwaukee. He would spend the rest of his seventh season and entire 8th season in Milwaukee. He would go on to

spend two years in Dallas and finish his career his last two seasons in Indiana.

Nicknamed the "Mississippi Missile," Ellis once scored 72 points in a game at Lanier High School.

His #11 jersey is officially retired and hangs in the gym rafters of Lanier High School.

Monta Ellis played in 833 and averaged 17.8 per game.



Monta Ellis and the Lanier Boys Basketball Team PHOTO BY TIM WARD

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Veterans Day Recognition Highlights



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This month, the Hinds County School District had the privilege to pay honor and respect to all the men and women who have served their country in the Armed Forces.

Veterans Day gives all of us the opportunity to recognize those who have served in the military. This day is meant to celebrate the choice that our service members and veterans have made to serve our country.

On this holiday recognition, please take a few moments to think of our freedoms and liberties that we all enjoy.

Remember that it is the Veterans in the community who have given part of their lives to defend and protect those values. Our Veterans were willing to put their lives on the line to defend all of us.

Thank You for your service and your sacrifice!

Sincerely,

Dr. Delesicia Martin
Superintendent of Education
Hinds County School District

Terry High School Army JROTC Veterans Day Highlights



Raymond High School Air Force JROTC Veterans Day Highlights



Thank You Hinds County!

My family and I are thankful for your prayers, support and votes, on Nov. 2nd. However, the job isn't finished. We've got more work to do.

TYREE
JONES

for SHERIFF
HINDS COUNTY

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Paid for by the Friends of Tyree Jones for Sheriff

I'm asking you to return to the polls Tuesday, November 23, 2021 . Let's finish the job. I'd be honored if you cast your vote for Tyree Jones as your next Sheriff of Hinds County.

SAMPLE BALLOT
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HINDS COUNTY
2021 SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:

Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely using a dark pen, and do not make any marks outside of oval. Do not use a red pen, felt tip pen or any type of pencil.
DO NOT CROSS OUT - If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one. If you tear, soil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it and obtain another.

For Hinds County Sheriff
Vote for ONE

Marshall Crisler

Tyree Jones

Vote For Tyree Jones
Hinds County Sheriff
November 23, 2021

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END OF VOTING

Five Point Operational Plan
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1. Recruitment and Retention - To address high turn over and vacancies

- Competitive salaries for officers both detention and sworn
- Career plan and advancement opportunities
- Physical fitness and continued education pay incentives

2. Increased Visibility Across Hinds County - We are in this together

- We want to ensure that you not only see us; but you also feel safe by our presence
- Increased presence leads to decrease in crimes

3. Community Policing - HCSO Ambassadors throughout Hinds County

- Open lines of communication between the office of the Sheriff and the citizens
- Transparency at all times with the community
- Relationships/Partnerships to share intelligence from the community through local churches, media and non-profit organizations
- Outreach programs to bridge the gap between the community and law enforcement

4. Detention Services - Compliance with the DOJ to address and fulfill the requirements of the consent decree

- Working relationship with the HCBOS to address the issues of the jails and other budgetary items
- Create online tool to keep citizens informed on the progress being made at the Detention Centers

5. Partnerships - Because we are in this together and we cannot do it alone

- Build on strong partnerships with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to reduce violent crimes
- Fulfill all current vacancies for federal task force officers
- Share intelligence and information County wide
- Prosecute perpetrators on the federal level through partnerships with the US Atty's Office.

"If Hinds County is going to be safe, secure and successful, there has to be shared governance from the HCSO and the COMMUNITY!"