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Profile



Kamesha Mumford makes her campaign announcement

By Othor Cain Guest Writer

For the next several weeks, The Mississippi Link will profile candidates running for Senate District 26. For the first time in 32 years this seat became vacant after John Horhn was elected Mayor of the City of Jackson.

This week, we begin with Kamesha Mumford.

Profile: Kamesha Mumford Municipal Judge & Attorney | Wife | Mother | Candidate for Mississippi Senate District

Roots in Canton, Missis-

Hailing from Canton, Mississippi, Kamesha Mumford has forged her path through both personal and civic dedication. A wife and mother, she brings to her campaign a perspective grounded in family values and a lifelong commitment to public service.

Professional Foundations

Mumford serves as a municipal judge and is also a practicing attorney, providing Anchored in Service general legal services in areas such as litigation, real estate,

estate planning, contract law, family law, and regulatory matters. She has appeared in nearly every chancery court in Mississippi. Kamesha is also the owner of Mumford Title LLC, offering title and closing services throughout the state of Mississippi. Her dual roles place her at the nexus of legal practice and community justice, enriching her insight into both the law and its real-world impact.

Campaign Launch at the **State Capitol**

Just last week, Mumford officially launched her campaign for the Mississippi State Senate in District 26 at the state Capitol. The open seat, previously held by Senator John Horhn (who was recently sworn in as Jackson's mayor), triggered a special election scheduled for November 4, 2025. Among seven qualifying candidates vying to represent portions of Hinds and Madison Counties, Mumford stands as one of the

most notable contenders. **Putting People First**

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Remembering Emmett: MVSU, A Candidate's ETIC mark 70th Anniversary with theater, panels and more

By Gail H.M. Brown, Ph.D. Contributing Writer

Seventy years after Emmett Till's 1955 murder, the Emmett Till Interpretive Center (ETIC) partnered with Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) for a two-day observance on

The commemoration began Thursday, Aug. 28, with "Take Me Back: A Theatrical Journey of Unsettling Memories," performed by Jackson State University's MADDRAMA troupe. Directed by Dr. Mark Henderson, the production captivated audiences by intertwining the Till story with other civil rights events, including Mamie Till Mobley's cautionary advice to her son Emmett.

Ruchawn Williams, Editorin-Chief of the Delta Devils Gazette, praised the performance, saying, "It was a great tribute to the amazing historical figures who paved the way for the Civil Rights Movement."

Other performances and presentations during the commemoration included a poem by C. Liegh McInnis and a tribute from Dr. Edelia J. Carthan, a cousin of Mamie Till-Mobley. A Clinton High School student artist, Kynadie Young Batteast, was recognized for her winning creative artwork of Till, featuring a background print of the many professions in life he could have had if he had not been murdered.

Friday's sessions included greetings from MVSU President Dr. Jerryl Briggs and ETIC Executive Director Patrick Weems, Till Generation," "Legacies of



Accompanied by her mother and siblings, student artist Kynadie Young Batteast displays her creative artwork of Till. PHOTOS BY GAIL H. M. BROWN, PH.D.



Event Coordinator Cynthia Palmer and ETIC Chief Program Officer Dr. Daphne

Today's Youth."

followed by panels titled "A ter of Medgar Evers, described Conversation with the Emmett the observance as "powerful!" noting her father's involvement



Rev. Dr. Wheeler Parker, Jr., ETIC Special Projects Coordinator Jessie Jaynes-Diming, and ETIC Executive Director Patrick Weems

Reena Evers-Everett, daughter what," she added. She served wood, Miss. on the "Legacies of the Till Sto-

ry" panel. Friday evening activities fea-

the Till Story," and "Voices of in Till's investigation: "We are tured a candlelight vigil at the still seeking total justice no mat- Emmett Till statue in Green-

Saturday, Aug. 30, a memorial

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The City of Jackson unites for men's health: Prostate Cancer Awareness Month begins

By Othor Cain Guest Writer

education.

A powerful message echoed through the halls of the Mississippi State Capitol Rotunda this week, as Mayor John Horhn officially proclaimed September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Jackson. Joined by health professionals, advocates, survivors, and community leaders, the mayor's announcement marked the start of a month-long campaign to shine a spotlight on early detection, regular screenings, and prostate health

"Raising awareness can save lives," said Horhn. "We encourage all men in Jackson, especially African American men, who are disproportionately affected, to speak with their doctors, get screened, and take charge of their health."

The City of Jackson, in partnership with local health organiza-



Warren Jones, Epidemiologist speaks during conference

tions and community groups, is rolling out a series of events to engage residents and provide vital resources.

Upcoming Events: September 25th at 6:00 p.m. Community Awareness Forum Location: MS Baptist Hospital, Belhaven Building, 1200 N. State Street, Room 220

This open forum will bring together urologists, survivors, and advocates to discuss the importance of PSA screenings, lifestyle choices, and overcoming stigma around men's health. Attendees



Mayor John Horhn declares September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Jackson

will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear personal stories, and receive guidance on access-

ing local screening services. September 28th – Prostate Cancer Awareness Sunday

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Canton High School Class of 1975



Black **History & Memoirs**



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Stronger than a storm: reflections from 'Katrina Kids'

Part 2

By Brittany Dillard Katrina Evacuee

(Part 1 of this story appeared in last week's edition)

There were lessons in Hurricane Katrina. Amos says "Ka-

trina taught us how to survive. If you could survive that and get out of that, you can survive anything. It also taught us that we are strong individuals. We are different. New Orleans is different." Sanford says "Nothing lasts forever. Your life can change in the blink of an eye."

Favorite says "The wind can blow either way, always be prepared and listen to your parents. It definitely taught us to take all experiences as individual experiences. Never let one experience define another. It taught us to take all weather concerns seriously."

Favorite added another lesson: "Even in the most unexpected situations, you can find the best in it." This speaks true for all four of us. In the past 20 years since Hurricane Katrina, each of us continued our education, completing high school as scheduled, earning degrees, starting careers and businesses.



Brittany and her brother Silas, first day of school, 1 week before Katrina hit

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I completed high school in Mississippi and earned my BA in Mass Communications from Belhaven University. I have worked for publications and have also worked in the school system in Mississippi. I am a proud wife and a proud mother to two sons, ages 9 and 6.,

My oldest son was born in August 2015, almost to the day of the 10 year anniversary of our evacuation. Sanford completed high school in Mississippi and earned his BA from Full Sail University in Orlando, Florida.

He is a proud father to his 11 year old son. Sanford has a talent and passion for music. He is a Digital Marketing Manager and Crypto Day Trader.

Amos was able to continue her high school education at her school in New Orleans. She also attended high school while living in MS. She earned many degrees from Jackson State University. She has worked for the Federal Government for the past 13 years. She is a Credential Specialist. She is a mom to a daughter, an 18 Year old MSU freshman who will be attending school on a \$30,000 scholarship

and was Valedictorian of her 2025 class at her high school.

Favorite completed high school then continued into barber school where he earned his barbers license. He is a proud co business owner of his barbershop / Salon. It was voted #1 Barbershop/ Salon in 2024 by The Clarion Ledger and made top 3 in 2025. He plays the guitar for youth ministries at his church. He is a father of two, a boy and a girl, ages 6 and 8, and a devoted husband. Gwen Sanford has lived in Richland for the past 20 years .She was an educator in New Orleans and continued her career in Mississippi public schools following hurricane Katrina. She is now retired. She is an outstanding lifelong artist and is currently in the process of publishing her

So why should people care about Hurricane Katrina 20 years later? Amazing things have happened in the lives of the survivors and of the city. There have been many devastating storms and natural disasters since. Well, let's not forget the darkest side of the storm. It is important to remember the terror and unjust

treatment some residents went through. It is important to remember how we were labeled and abandoned. Innocent people died on the street covered up by only a sheet, bodies left wet and bloating.

People died in the Superdome, in their homes, in hospitals, in jail, on their rooftops awaiting help. It's important not to forget that we were labeled as refugees and animals because of the views of some of our countries' leaders. People trusted the news and therefore did not trust us. We were outcasts in our own country due to bad leadership and prejudgment. Those innocent lives should never be forgotten, no matter how much time has passed.

We will never forget. Those people counted. They will forever matter. Currently, there are several Hurricane Katrina memorials in New Orleans and other affected areas. Favorite, Amos, Sanford and myself reflect on the strength of the city and its impact around the US and the world. We have untamed pride in the city that is a huge part of who we are. Like the city, we are still standing. We celebrate the city's resilience, the great people, culture And the goodness of God. New Orleans is our heart. Katrina was a scar, but it was just a part of the story. We tend to share a bit of culture everywhere we go.

"The culture of the people of New Orleans is so strong that if we go somewhere else, people tend to gravitate toward it because it's new and it's fun, it's lively." "For example, I see how it's influenced music in Florida, culture in Houston, culture in Georgia.. There's a lot of mixture of New Orleans culture in a lot of states and communities that would have never gotten there if Katrina wouldn't have happened," said Stanford. "It made some people. It made some people think about their life. It's relevant because the city is still standing. It couldn't break the people. The people are still there, the community is still there. The food is still there, the poboy sandwiches are still there. The seafood is still there. It isn't going anywhere. We have been through it," said Amos. "There was nothing like Katrina."



Till

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Dr. Edelia J. Carthan presenting a tribute in memory of her cousin Mamie Till-Mobley.



From left, First Black Tchula Mayor Dr. Eddie J. Carthan, local artist Andrew Withers, Atty. Jak Smith, Juliet Louis wife of Willie Reed, Till Case Witness, Reena Evers-Everette, and panel moderator Waikinya J.S. Clanton, State Director | Southern Poverty Law Center



From left, SNCC Activist Charles McLaurin, panel moderator Pamela D.C. Junior, CORE Activist David "Dave" Dennis, and Retired Sen. David Jordan, a 1959 MVSU alum.



From left, Moderator Dr. Susan Glisson, founder and president of The Glisson Group, LLC, Actor, Singer, and Philanthropy Expert Renee Ombaba, Jermarlius "Jay" Rushing, Multimedia Journalist and Motivational Speaker Jaylin R. Smith, and Strategist, Facilitator, and Advocate Treshika Melvin

and wreath-laying occurred at the barn site in Drew, Miss. Till's cousin, Rev. Dr. Wheeler Parker, Jr., who witnessed the abduction in 1955, was also in town for the three-day commemoration.

The ETIC-MVSU partnership also hosted the exhibition "Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley: Let the World See" in MVSU's James Herbert White Library, that will run through Sept. 21. View-

ing is free. Call the library at (662) 254-3500 to schedule a visit.

"We've done events like this here in the Mississippi Delta for a number of years, and this is by far the best," Weems remarked, expressing hope for continued collaborations with MVSU.

In a recent thank-you letter to in-person or online participants, ETIC Chief Program Officer Dr. Daphne Chamberlain shared these

sentiments: "It is with a full heart that I write on behalf of the Emmett Till Interpretive Center to thank each of you for joining us for the 70th anniversary commemoration events held in the Mississippi Delta, August 28-30, 2025. We are extremely grateful to have had you here, and we hope you have returned safely to the many areas of the country..."

Mumford

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Kamesha Mumford surrounded by family and supporters

At the heart of Mumford's campaign is a

simple yet compelling ethos: people over

politics. She emphasizes her commitment to

genuine public service, saying clearly that she

is "running because she cares" and vows to

always prioritize constituents over partisan

Mumford's career as a municipal judge and

attorney is rooted in service to her commu-

nity. Her call to leadership is fueled by empa-

thy, understanding, and a promise to elevate

A key concern driving her candidacy is the

threat to the state's retirement system. She

has signaled her resolve to defend the finan-

cial security of Mississippi's retirees, a vital

the voices of everyday Mississippians.

Protecting the Retirement System

Service-Driven Leadership

issue for countless voters.

People over Politics

Throughout her campaign messaging, she underscores her unwavering belief that public office should be about serving people, not entrenching partisan or political agendas. Her stance reflects a broader push for integrity and focuses on constituents' well-being.

Why Her Candidacy Matters

Balance of Experience & Empathy

Mumford's experience in the courtroom equips her with a deep understanding of policy and justice, while her identity as a mother, wife, and community member grounds her in the realities that many voters face daily.

A Fresh Voice in a Critical Race

With District 26 now open, the race is highly consequential for Hinds and Madi-

son Counties. Mumford brings a vision that combines firm legal expertise with heartfelt public advocacy.

Championing the Underserved

Her focus on protecting vulnerable constituencies; from retirees facing financial uncertainty to families seeking fair justice positions her as a candidate attuned to those often overlooked.

Looking Ahead

Rev. Jerry Young of New Hope, Baptist Church prays at campaign announcement

As Mississippi voters prepare for the November 4, 2025 special election, Kamesha Mumford's campaign promises a blend of professional competence and compassionate leadership. Her vision is clear: serve the people, uphold systems that support them, and always choose justice over political expediency.



Kamesha Mumford

Cancer

considerations.

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Lloyd Ellis speaks



Senator Hillman Frazier speaks

Churches across Jackson will take part in this citywide initiative during morning worship services, with designated male representatives speaking to congregations about early detection and PSA testing. This grassroots effort aims to break the silence and spark conversations about a disease that affects 1 in 8 men in their lifetime.

disease that affects 1 in 8 men in th Wear Blue, Start the Conversation

Throughout the month, residents are encouraged to wear blue in solidarity and use the hashtags #ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth and #JacksonMS to spread awareness online. Local landmarks will also be illuminated in blue as a visual reminder of the city's commitment to men's health.

This initiative reflects more than awareness, it's about action. Through education, open dialogue, and accessible care, Jackson is taking bold steps to fight prostate cancer and support the men and families affected by it.

For more information or to get involved, follow the City of Jackson's official channels or contact your local health department.



Public Dollars, Public Good: As comment window closes, mississippians urge BEAM to deliver affordable, equitable Broadband to children, families

The Mississippi Link newswire

As Mississippi's public comment window for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) draft final proposal closes, The Children's Defense Fund-Southern Regional Office (CDF-SRO) and the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative (SRBWI) are calling on the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) to strengthen accountability, affordability, and equity in the state's broadband internet rollout, even within the limits set by recent federal rule changes.

"Because these networks are being built with grant dollars that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will not have to repay, it is especially important that families see real benefits in the form of affordable service," said Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald, Regional Director of the Children's Defense Fund's Southern Regional Office and Convener of the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative. "Public dollars must guaran-

tee public good."

CDF and SRBWI applaud
BEAM's prioritization of

durable, scalable fiber, but



Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald, Regional Director of the Children's Defense Fund, Southern Regional Office

raised concerns about the limited seven-day comment period, the removal of community anchor institutions, and the lack of clarity around what "low-cost" broadband will mean for

families. The organizations stressed that communities—particularly rural, low income, and Black communities—must not be left behind in the rollout.

We encourage BEAM to

: • Engage local residents, especially in rural areas and communities of color, in the execution of broadband projects, ensuring their voices shape how service is rolled out in their communities.

• Support local workforce development by paying fair

wages, partnering with the state on training programs, and creating good jobs in communities where opportu-

nities are scarce. • Publish transparent county-level maps that clearly show the areas where ISPs will be working, so families, community leaders, local governments, businesses, and institutions can understand what is planned in their area and hold providers accountable. • Provide regular, plain-language updates on the progress of broadband buildout so communities know how projects are advancing and when service will reach them.

• Closely monitor implementation to ensure the commitments in the Final Draft Proposal are carried out correctly, equitably, and affordably

ably.

"The window is short, but the stakes are high," said Fitzgerald. "Mississippi has a historic opportunity to ensure this \$1.2 billion delivers affordable, reliable, and equitable service. What's at stake is whether every community is truly connected to education, healthcare, and economic opportunity for decades to come."

Meet a remarkable Jackson family

The healing power of God and a made-up mind

By Christopher Young Contributing Writer

Some things you just have to see to believe. The four Green children, Akillees -18, Jamie-17, Rhenetta - 15, and Maximus - 14, being led into church by their mother, Loletta Perry, in early Spring of this year. A time for new beginnings. March 30th, the congregation at the historic Farish Street Baptist Church watched in rapt attention as all four children were baptized, one after another. All dried off, they were presented with their own individual bibles by the church. To be a witness to that event, well, more than enough to make a grown man cry.

Ms. Perry was born in Detroit, Michigan, and raised in Georgia, Alabama, Ohio, and California. Her mother, Lisa Thomas, and stepfather Earl Thomas were always on the move looking for better opportunities for their family. She settled in Jackson, Mississippi in 2001. She now works at Pats Christian Academy II on Bailey Avenue, as an afterschool teacher, and could soon be floating to teach different age groups. Before that she was at WBF Rainbow Learning Center on West Highland Drive always involved, always caring for and leading children.

At their home in West Jackson, things are neat as a pin, the children are polite, and the "Wall of Fame" is running out of space for certificates and awards. It wasn't always like that. She had chosen to divorce



Akillees Green, Maximus Green, Loletta Perry, Jamie Green, and Rhenetta Green after the children were baptized by Reverend Eric Williams at Farish Street Baptist Church on March 30, 2025. PHOTO COURTESY OF MAMA PERRY.

COMMENTARY

the father of her children due to a calamitous and irreconcilable marriage. She made attempts to engage in other relationships afterward, only to experience similar outcomes. After selfexamination, evaluation, and repentance, she had determined that if nothing changed nothing would change. Her children were in Canton living with their father until she became stable in an environment where she could mother her offspring once again. The only obstacle would be being prevented from leaving the relationship she was in at the time. She made up her mind and went out on faith. "I put all the important documents, social security cards, birth certificates, etc., in my purse and went to work at Simply 10 on Ellis Avenue, just like it was an ordinary day, and I prayed."

She prayed through the whole day, culminating in "Father, I'm your daughter and you would not want me to be treated this way. I need you to help me out of this." After work, instead of going home she went to gas station and started calling people on her phone for help. She got a temporary place to stay with a friend, and soon she was walking down the street with her oldest son, Akillees, and a couple stopped and asked if they needed help. "That is not the kind of neighborhood where that happens, but it happened – it felt like a divine appointment. Not only did they take us to get him enrolled in the new school, but they sat there and waited in case there was any trouble with registering or in case I had to go somewhere else to get

paperwork. They waited, and then they gave us a ride to my friend's house and connected me with a church friend of hers who worked at Hinds Comprehensive Health. From that came a call from Voice of Calvary Ministries. Ms. Yolanda Sandifer had me come for two days, a couple hours at a time in a span of three weeks. Afterwards, I was ushered into applying for housing. That was almost two years ago."

The connections didn't stop with stable housing though. The Metro Jackson Section of National Council of Negro Women assisted in many ways: groceries, transportation, appointments, etc. It was part of NCNW's Ujima activity - Sister to Sister. "Ms. Ada Miller-Robinson eventually became President. She was interactive. She called to check on us. She



"Wall of Fame" at Perry-Green home in West Jackson. PHOTO: CHRIS YOUNG

asked a lot of questions, and she listened. I needed a church home for my family. I had a lot of church hurt in me. We had been going to church a little bit, but then Ms. Robinson suggested we try her church – Farish Street Baptist Church."

"At Farish Street, we found it welcoming," she said. You can feel a tangible presence. You can feel His kindness. You can feel a lot of wisdom there. A lot of caring. You are amongst people that complete their tasks and their professions. You have doctors, lawyers, educators, etc. People are actually doing something with themselves role models. They don't make me feel less than. It's truly motivational for me. Once they became members, Ms. Perry made sure her four children were baptized. They participate in youth activities at the church. She met

Ms. Ann Moore, Chairwoman of the Storehouse for God ministry at The Street, and blessings have continued.

The journey from down and struggling to free and thriving didn't happen overnight. It began with a made-up mind - I am God's daughter, and I will not be abused one day longer. Near the end of our interview, oldest son Akilles asked permission for his friend KV to come and spend the night. His mother gave permission, then reached for the phone and called the other mother, making sure everyone was on the same page, just exactly like a mother does. When asked what she looks forward to, she responded, "seeing my Father God keep his promise through his son, Jesus Christ, each new day." A remarkable woman. A remarkable Jackson family.

Canton High School Class of 1975 celebrates 50 'Golden Years' of progress



Canton High School Class of 1975

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D. Contributing Writer

Last week, time ran away and brought 50 Canton High School alumni together from their youthful days. The 1975 class reunion lasted three days and represented 50 golden years. Getting acquainted while mixing and mingling, sharing many accomplishments, and being held in high esteem by well-wishers occurred at the Canton Multipurpose Complex in the City of Canton, Miss.

It did not take long for an observer to discover from the chats and hugs that excitement filled the air. Discovering what the adult children and their children were doing was a hot topic. Moving on to retirees from the job market expressing their comforts and joys after many hours in the workforce

PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

brought humor mixed with "uh- huh," "Say that," "I know what you mean,"

Curtis Harold Esco and Ella Hughes Grant – both 1975 class peers – served as program guides at the banquet. Esco, a Government Contractor and a 26-year United States Army retiree, was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal #2 and Army Good Conduct Medal #3, among many achievements. Grant, on the other hand, has held many jobs, including A Service America Vendor and supplier for Mc-Carty Farms, Colonial Heights daycare teacher for two-year-olds, a sitter for elderly couples in Jackson, Miss., and artist at Gail Pittman Pottery, Inc.

Distinguished guest speakers were Drs. Mary Ann Cration Goliday (Canton native) and Hymethia Washington

Thompson of Jackson, Miss. Goliday is active in the community and has a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Urban Higher Education. Her professional career has spanned over three decades as a science teacher, principal at every school level, college adjunct professor, and consultant for school improvement across the states of Mississippi and Louisiana.

From 1970-1988, Thompson taught English, Speech, and Drama at Canton High School. She has also taught at Jackson Public School District, Jackson State University, Racine Unified School District (Racine, WI), Herzing University (Kenosha, WI) and Tougaloo College. A community uplifter, Thompson enjoys spawning the growth of young people when moments arise.



The Canton High School Class of 1975 worshipped together at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Canton, Miss. Sunday, August 31, 2025 PHOTO BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT

The speakers stood tall while bringing words of inspiration to the 1975 class. They denoted that reminiscing 50 years of vision, hard work, progress, and togetherness lifted the class from trials and tribulations. Those reflective jewels, they charged, however, also proffer advice to the young: "There is no mountain too hard to climb." Hence, the visionaries made it clear that despite their significant achievements, there was still much work for the 1975 class to do.

Carolyn S. Upkins and Curtis Esco relished the opportunity of rendering a memorial tribute. Their roll call of approximately 87 deceased peers allowed much time for reflection of friends gone and gratitude for peers still alive. One clear message was the need for survivors to deepen the bonds of fellowship and connection.

Entertainment was rendered by MADDRAMA Performance Troupe under the founding director – Dr. Mark

Henderson of Jackson State University. The thespians took the class and their guests back to the 1960s while mimicking acts of Ike and Tina Turner and The Jackson Five. The troupe's performance was "a labor of love."

Dr. Jonathan Phillips, Jr. and his congregation welcomed the 1975 class and their guests for worship. There at Mt. Zion M. B. Church in the City of Canton, attendees were blessed with news from the message: "Transformative Power of God's Word." Commending the class for instilling family tradition and pride in their generations to come, the shepherd reminded the flock to "remember the bridge that they crossed over on" - the Lord in His faithfulness. Thus, departing to serve was essential, and the church's slogan: "Knowing, Growing, and Going for Christ," is an everlasting reminder.

'One Mississippi' event aims to promote community connections in Bay St. Louis

By Simeon Gates Mississippi Today

A historic community center in coastal Bay St. Louis will hold a free event this fall to help people reach across cultural and political divides by simply having fun together. Organizers say the One Mississippi gathering at 100 Men Hall aims to "show the world what real community looks like."

The Sept. 28 event will have food, live music and indoor and outdoor activities, including karaoke, storytelling, limbo contests, sack races and tug-o-war. "We're calling it 'where

neighbors meet and compete,' but really it's where they play together," said Rachel Dangermond, owner and director of 100 Men Hall.

Bay St. Louis was among the communities hit hard by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Organizers of One Mississippi say they want to promote unity and "not wait for a natural disaster to show our neighbors we're with them."

Dangermond said she was inspired by current political and social unrest to unite people across all differences. Though the hall strives to celebrate cultural diversity and inclusivity, One Missississippi is meant to bring in those who don't normally attend the hall's concerts or other events.

"We want everyone to feel welcome — we believe that ev-



A 2019 celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 100 Men Hall in Bay St. Louis, Miss. **CREDIT: COURTESY OF LIONEL HAYES**

eryone should feel welcome." she said. "But I think that there is more and more, this division that's happening in our society, and so a lot of people don't feel comfortable here. And so we want to have an event that invites everyone in, to do things that everyone can do, that is for everyone."

100 Men Hall has cultural and historical significance to Bay St. Louis. Bought in 1922 by the One Hundred Members' Debating Benevolent Association, the hall became a multipurpose space and a popular stop on the Chitlin Circuit, an informal network of entertainment venues for Black performers. Famous blues, jazz and soul entertainers including Etta James, Big Joe

Turner and Ray Charles performed there.

The original One Hundred Members' Debating Benevolent Association disbanded in 1984, and the hall changed ownership multiple times. Dangermond bought it in 2018, and now runs it as a multipurpose space and cultural center. She also established 100 Women DBA, a nonprofit that supports the 100 Men Hall and provides scholarships and mentorships to local women of color.

"I thought, what we needed to do, most importantly, was to remind everybody in this community about who we are," Dangermond said.

Dangermond describes Bay St. Louis as a small, artsy town.

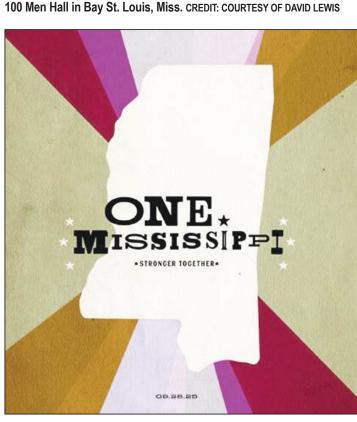
It is home to a variety of events, many of which are hosted at 100 Men Hall.

Honey Parker does marketing and advertising for One Mississippi and will host a story slam, where people can share fiveminute anecdotes that fit the theme "Only in Mississippi."

Parker hopes not only to celebrate those in Bay St. Louis, but also to be an example for other places.

"Hopefully, people who come to the event will see what we have here. We have such a fantastic community that is across the spectrum," Parker said. "It's to celebrate that, it's to remind each other that, 'Yeah, we have a heck of a community."





"One Mississippi" is a Sept. 28 community gathering in Bay St. Louis, Miss. Credit: Courtesy of Rachel Dangermond

A new era for Greenville and the Mississippi Delta

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Mayor Errick D. Simmons joined U.S. Rep. Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Mississippi Transportation Commission Chairman Willie Simmons, Former Sen. Buck Clark, Carl McGee, President, Washington County Board of Supervisors, other local, regional, and state, officials, along with economic and industry leaders and community stakeholders, in a ribbon cutting ceremony opening the U.S. Highway 82 Greenville

"Today we stand on the threshold of a new era for Greenville, Washington County, and the entire Mississippi Delta.

The U.S. 82 Greenville Bypass is more than pavement and bridges—it is a lifeline of safety, a highway of opportunity, and a pathway to prosperity. With this \$216 million investment, we are not only reducing travel times, we are creating jobs, boosting commerce, and positioning Greenville as a gateway for economic development in the Delta.

This bypass is proof that when federal, state, and local leaders work hand in hand with private industry, we can move mountains or in this case, 2.6 million yards of earth—and build a future that is safer, stronger, and brighter for generations to come."



Ribbon cutting ceremony in Greenville, MS.



Congressman Bennie Thompson



Commisioner Willie Simmons



Mayor Errick D. Simmons



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Who's In Charge?

By April Ryan

NNPA Newswire Contributor

Amid the fight over potentially placing the National Guard in cities with diverse populations where Black mayors lead, the governors have the right to request the deployment of the National Guard.

According to the U.S. Code, Title 32, governors are the commanders-in-chief of the state or territory's militia. Maryland Governor Wes Moore reinforced this by saying, "I am the commander-in-chief!" Maryland's first Black governor said he would only allow presidential National Guard deployment if it is "mission critical" and "mission aligned."

Chicago's Governor, J.B. Pritzker, also resounded "no" to President Trump's threats to deploy the National Guard in Chicago. Title 32 states that Guard members are under the governor's command, but the federal government funds



their duties. However, in this moment of struggle for who controls National Guard deployment, there are concerns about National Guard funding.

Meanwhile, under Title 10, a president can call up the National Guard and put them under federal control, but this is typically done only in specific circumstances, such as suppressing rebellions. Washington, DC, which is not a state, is under a presidential dictate for the gun-toting National Guard

that is policing and cleaning up trash off the city streets. Trump's Justice Department now controls the D.C. police, as D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser says the police chief reports to her. On the West Coast, in Los Angeles, in June, President Trump deployed the National Guard to Los Angeles in response to anti immigration protests. "This is the federal seizure of power," according to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, who emphasizes that the Trump administration has federalized the National Guard, which has seized power from California Governor Gavin Newsom. She says the administration has "taken his ability to manage the National Guard." "The LAPD is definitely not in charge. The first Black woman mayor of the city told this reporter on the Substack show, The Tea With April. However, ICE, the National Guard, Border Patrol, and the Marines

"blend together" policing and arresting Mexicans, Koreans, Iranians, and Haitians in that city. The city of Los Angeles has 3.8 million people, and almost half the residents are Latino, the majority from Mexico.

Los Angeles, a city with a large minority population, has "parts of Los Angeles that are empty because people can't go to work." Bass says, "entire industries in the city of Los Angeles are totally dependent on migrant labor, like the garment district, ethnic restaurants, construction for the housing to rebuild after the fires in the area earlier this year." The mayor reminds us that there has been an instance when the public sees these arrests, some residents perceive it as "kidnappings." The mayor says there was a "bit of a confrontation with the public, ICE, and the LAPD.

Bass says, "It's a mess."

The cost of Trump's authoritarian agenda: **Black health** and rest



By Stacy M. Brown Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

In these punishing times under Donald Trump's authoritarian rule, even rest has become an act of resistance. For Black Americans and other marginalized groups shouldering the weight of Trump's harmful agenda, sleep is more than recovery—it is survival. As protections are stripped away and inequality deepens, the inability to secure restorative rest threatens both health and life itself.

Congressman Bennie Thompson has cautioned that Trump's actions—tearing down the Black Lives Matter Plaza, dismantling diversity programs, slashing HBCU funding, and erasing Black figures from government websites—are a direct attack on Black voices and history. Meanwhile, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) has tracked what it calls a "triple threat" to Black households: cuts to food assistance, reductions in Medicaid, and tariffs that destabilize Black-owned businesses. The result is constant financial stress that fuels exhaustion and erodes the chance for healthy sleep.

Science is clear. A review in Nature Reviews Endocrinology found that poor sleep and disrupted body clocks drive obesity and metabolic disease by throwing appetite hormones out of balance. A systematic review in Sleep Medicine Reviews linked sleep quality to self-control, showing how exhaustion weakens decisionmaking. Research in Metabolism: Clinical and Experimental showed that sleep loss increases hunger and insulin resistance, pushing people toward type 2 diabetes. Studies in Obesity confirmed the long-term links between chronic sleep deprivation, obesity, heart disease, and cancer. And neuroimaging research in the Journal of Neuroscience revealed that even one night without rest alters brain activity, making highcalorie foods more tempting. According to the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, lack of sleep is now a driver of global epidemics in obesity and diabetes. For Black communities, the collision between

political oppression and health vulnerability is stark. Trump's agenda forces families to choose between food, rent, and medical care. The CBPP reports that in 2023, more than 11 million Black people lived in households receiving food assistance, while 13 million relied on Medicaid or CHIP—programs now under direct attack. The loss of such lifelines doesn't just destabilize finances; it intensifies stress and insomnia, worsening long-term health outcomes.

"Black Americans have worked hard and sacrificed for generations. One man can't silence our voice or erase our legacy," Congressman Thompson said. Yet the erosion of sleep, the most basic pillar of health, shows how deeply Trump's policies cut into the foundation of Black well-being. In today's America, where authoritarian politics threatens both democracy and daily survival, the struggle for rest has become inseparable from the struggle for justice.

Thousands march on Wall Street demanding economic justice and equity

By Stacy M. Brown Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

Sixty-two years to the day after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, thousands poured into Lower Manhattan, linking arms and voices in what was billed as the largest demonstration of its kind since Donald Trump returned to the White House.

Led by Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network, the March on Wall Street drew national civil rights leaders, clergy, activists, and elected officials, all demanding economic justice, equity, and fair opportunity at a time when diversity, equity, and inclusion programs have been dismantled by the Trump administration. The march began at Foley Square, paused at the African Burial Ground National Monument, and wound its way down Broadway to Whitehall Street. Participants spanned generations and professions — labor unions, fraternities and sororities, educators, and teens — all united by the call to defend rights secured in the 1960s and to push back against what they see as the biggest transfer of wealth in U.S. history.

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, who was arrested earlier this year while protesting ICE, challenged fellow municipal leaders to act. "We are here because our ancestors demand that we be here, because the times demand that we be here, because every mayor in every city in America should be rising up right now as Donald Trump tries to send the National Guard into our communities — we are here as they create the biggest transference of wealth this country has ever seen," Baraka declared. The presence of Martin Luther King III and Andrea Waters King underscored the continuity of the movement. "It's extraordinarily significant, but in the back of my mind, I am thinking about



Boise Kimber and Ben Chavis

how sad this is, that 62 years after dad delivered that dream for our nation and world that we are in the position we are in," King said. "And the goal is to find ways to move this nation forward around economic inequality." King also posted on social media: "We were proud to join @NationalAction and my good friend, @TheRevAl, for the #MarchOnWallStreet. On the 62nd anniversary of the #MarchOnWashington and in the financial capital of the world, we marched for economic justice

and fair opportunities for ALL." Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, stood with Rev. Dr. Boise Kimber, president of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., marking the moment's deep historical ties. "It marked 62 years after the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and we continue to march, we continue to speak out, and we continue to demand freedom, justice, equality, and equity," Chavis said. "Thus, we join the Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network in the March on Wall Street. The Rev. Boise Kimber and I stood

together, shoulder to shoulder, at the March on Wall Street. I was pleased to represent the Black Press of America under the auspices of the NNPA. In the words of publisher-leader Frederick Douglass, 'Freedom is a constant struggle."

Rev. Dr. Christopher Davis, General Secretary at the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., drove home the financial realities confronting communities of faith. "I don't care the size of your church," Davis said. "Whether you have 10,000 members or 10 members, you can't do ministry without money, so we have to be concerned about the economic plight of the people that fill our pews." Among those addressing the crowd were Michael Eric Dyson, Benjamin Crump, Melanie Campbell, Maya Wiley, and others, each pointing to the urgency of resisting what they described as attacks on democracy, workers, and Black communities. "It means we continue the movement 62 years later, marching on Wall Street, raising the issues of income inequity, DEI, and the takeover of cities with Black mayors. The dream is alive," Sharpton told

The Tariffs and the daily cost of living have finally caught up with us

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D. President Emeritus Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



There is one thing about living a long time. It is the simple fact that you will have seen a lot. You would have

experienced some highlights and some low lights, too. We are in a prime position to offer our opinion about the triumphs and the travails of life.

During the past several months there has been much to have an opinion about in this world. The news headlines change almost by the hour. Cable news networks have breaking news which has become the new normal because it happens so frequently.

Tariffs have become an everyday topic of discussion in the public square. The new administration started telling us about the benefits of tariffs during their first few weeks in office.

History tells us differently. Economists have said tariffs hurt the economy and cause prices to rise. Despite what they say, the new administration continues to mouth the

Well, the results of the tariff debate are in, and tariffs do hurt the American economy. That's just the tale of the tape.

CBS News reports, "A federal appeals court said that many of the sweeping tariffs imposed by President Trump

on dozens of countries earlier this year are not legally permissible."

Despite what the courts are saying, prices are continuing to rise. Walmart CEO, Doug McMillon said, "We've continued to see our costs increase each week which we expect will continue into the third and fourth quarters." Home Depot CEO, Ted Decker believes economic uncertainty is the number one reason consumers are postponing big scale projects.

The Democrats are weighing in on the tariffs and the pain they are causing. Rep. Hillary Scholten of Michigan said, "The problem is not the tariffs generally. It's the way Trump is doing them. Trump's tariffs are bad, and the American peo-

ple are suffering. It's a pretty easy message."

Rep. Chris Deluzio of Pennsylvania said, "Democrats are pretty uniform, if not entirely uniform in making the case that what's happening right now is really dangerous."

Both states are important as the mid-term elections are getting closer. It is my opinion that the Democrats must win these states as they try to regain the advantage in the House of Representatives.

Democrats according to those in the know say that they are splintered with no clear direction. We will have to see what happens with them. Right now, they are on a train bound for nowhere.

In the meantime, polls show

challenging economic issues. Those wanting to purchase a car or a house are finding it arduous because of high interest rates. Going to the grocery store has become an unpleasant experience as goods have

increased over the past few

most Americans are faced with

Americans are in an economic vice. Policies, laws and executive orders have us tense and apprehensive. Will we be able to get out of this spin cycle which is negative and nasty?

Recently, the leaders of two countries met to discuss the possibility of a friendship because of this economic roller

Chinese leader, Xi Jinping and India's Narendra Modi met in Tianjin China. Xi told Modi, "The world is swept by oncein-a- century transformations. The international situation is both fluid and chaotic." Modi said, "India was committed to taking their countries' relations forward on the basis of mutual trust and respect. The interests of 2.8 billion people in both our countries are tied to cooperation."

This will be an interesting development if it plays out because these countries haven't always been on friendly terms. It can't be overstated that tariffs are causing an unwanted sinkhole in today's world. Remember Marvin Gaye when he sang the lyrics, "panic is spreading, God knows where we're heading".

Democracy's Solution: Prayer, **Protest and Votes**

By Dr. John Warren Publisher, San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



While the daily media has us focusing on the dismantling of America's institutions, healthcare and services both here and abroad, we see that the issue is not

solely Trump, as much as it is those who sit silently and allow his breaking every law and oath he swore to "protect and defend" as President of the United States. The Members of Congress, both the House and the Senate, also took the same Oath of Office as the President, when elected. Clearly their refusal to act as required under the separation of powers provided in the Constitution, makes them complicit with the President in the usurping powers, breaking of laws and the placing of unqualified and destructive people in positions of power being used against the American people.

The solution to all this is prayer. Prayer for and by a Nation that was founded on christian principles; a people who really meant it when we put "In God We Trust"

on our currency; a people whose very pledge of alliance" speaks of being "One Nation Under God". We as a nation need to go beyond the National Day of Prayer, which has become a ritual. We need to pull out our bibles, dust them off and read 2 Chronicles 7: 14 which says: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will

I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their

We don't need organized daily prayer groups, although that could be powerful if the people are earnest and serious with their prayers. We just need individuals to start praying against the evil of those in power remembering Ephe-

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sians 6: 12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

It was prayer that got us through the civil rights struggle. It is prayer that should fuel our protest marches each day against this administration, and against those men and women who swore allegiance to protect and defend the constitution of the United States. It is prayer that will lead us to their replacements in the weeks ahead, but we must not be afraid to speak truth to

As our Black newspapers print truth as in this editorial, you the reader must not be afraid to respond to this call to prayer as an action against the assault on us and our values. Protect the papers that are not afraid to print this truth. Pray first, then protest and vote. We have so little time and so much

Now I See

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.



I was in the fifth grade when I discovered my eye vision struggle. I remember squinching my eyes to see the board and I would often ask my peers to share their notes with me because

unknowingly to my nine- and ten-yearold peers- I could not see. Additionally, my teacher noticed my inability to follow along with her as I sat in the mid-section of the classroom, so she advised me to move closer to the front of the class. Although, I moved to the front of the class -my vision was still a little foggy.

I eventually went home and informed our mother about my vision issues, and she immediately scheduled an eve appointment with one of the most renowned Optometrist, the late, Dr. Dewey Handy. Handy was patient, gentle, and caring and he reassured us that he was going to go out of his way to determine what was transpiring regarding my vision. Well, after about a twenty-to-thirtyminute eye examination; he discovered that I was nearsighted. Handy informed us that eyeglasses would help me tremendously. I was so excited that I didn't have a major vision issue but at the same time was nervous about wearing eyeglasses – yikes. I thought about all the noise (now it is called bullying) centered around my peers who wore eyeglasses - they were frequently referred to as four eyes, nerds, etc. Anyways, in my deep thoughts as nine- or ten-yearold – Handy's assistant literally had to call my name several times to get my attention so that I could choose and get measured for my eyeglasses. I chose my eyeglasses from a limited section of options (some of you know what the limited section represents) and was told that my new eyeglasses would be ready within the next two weeks - we didn't have the Eye Mart Express option as we do today where your glasses can be ready within an hour.

Handy's office soon notified us that my eyeglasses were ready for pick up. My parents immediately took me to get my new eyeglasses. The assistant put my eyeglasses on me, made the necessary adjustments, and I remember exclaiming loudly and proudly, now I see. Like my fifth-grade self many spouses are squinching, cannot see or choose not to see who God has blessed them with.

Why spouses cannot see or choose not to see, understand, and appreciate the spouse God gave them?

Many spouses are blind for the following reasons:

-selfishness

-family/friends are all in your ears with junk about your spouse

-not content

- expect a perfect spouse - this one really gets me - why do spouses expect perfection, but they aren't perfect themselves? -don't meet your physical attraction re-

-doesn't meet your financial appetite

-too stuck on someone from the past -comparing/contrasting spouse/relation-

ship to others -Doesn't meet family, friends, social me-

dia attraction criteria

-found a counterfeit - turf like Sister

-conditional love

You are blessed if you have a spouse that does the following:

-Has a real loving relationship with God -loves you for YOU

-helps you grow mentally, emotional-

ly, spiritually, etc.

-holds you accountable -Communicates - enjoy talking to you re-

gardless of the time, day, etc. -pray for you

-cleans, cook, or at least make sure you eat -want to create a home and not just a house -want to spend quality time with you

-works hard – trying to provide for you or help sustain your finances -forgives/often asks for forgiveness

-hold themselves accountable for their ac-

-is a support system

-wants to enjoy life

-good/present parent

-longsuffering/patient/willing to give you another chance

-faithful despite of...

- willing to be intimate with you any and every time - where there is no touch – the marriage will perish

-not materialistic

-have decided to remain married to you despite your trauma and drama etc. although perhaps they should have ... a long time ago

-have messed up but is trying to make up for it (only time will tell!)

-willing to pursue Marriage Counseling,

In conclusion, I know many emotionally blind spouses who no longer have their spouses and are very regretful to this day. Many of you are too blind to see who God has given you. You have been blessed not with a perfect spouse but a spouse who is genuine and loves you unconditionally. If you have a spouse like this – please do not be a fool - fight for him/her and go out your way to show and express your love for them to avoid hearing your spouse one day declare, "Now I See!"

speaking engagements (Motivational, Ministering, Marriage Counseling, Marriage Workshops, Marriage Seminars, Marriage Conferences, etc.) on: Instagram: letsstay2gether4ever (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email:letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4301

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Steven Johnson dba Endless Summer Real Estate and Investments has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District for the property located at 4821 Old Byram Rd. (Parcel 872-100-12) to allow for the construction of approximately thirty-seven (37) duplex homes in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land being situated in the West $rac{1}{2}$ of section 6, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, city of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described

Commence at the northeast corner of South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the north $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 6, T4N-R1E, and run thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 27.8 feet to a set $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin at a fence corner on the West right-ofway line of Old Byram Rd (As now laid out and improved); Said point further being the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; From said point of beginning continue thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 56 seconds West along a meandering wire fence for a distance of 471.00 feet to a found ½" iron pin in a fence line; leaving said fence line, run thence North 28 degrees 33 minutes 48 seconds east for a distance of 107.66 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin in the centerline of a drainage ditch; Run thence along said centerline of drainage ditch the following bearings and distance: North 18 degrees 04 minutes 19 seconds east for a distance of 114.26 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 06 degrees 00 minutes 02 seconds east for a distance of 181.70 feet to a found $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin; Run thence North 08 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds east for a distance of 198.19 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin; Run thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 242.28 feet to a set ½" iron pin; Run thence North 16 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds east for a distance of 284.46 feet to a set $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin; thence North 12 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East 76.95 feet to a set 1/2 " iron pin in a fence line; Run thence north (South per record description) 89 degrees 37 minutes 13 seconds east along a meandering wire fence for a distance of 270.15 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin at a fence corner on the aforesaid West right of way line of old Byram Rd; run thence South 00 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West along west right of way line of Old Byram Road and along a meandering wire fence for a distance of 1,167.77 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 9.60 acres, more or less.

A parcel of land being situated in the West ½ of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described

Commence at the Northeast corner of South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T4N, R1E, and run thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 27.8 feet to a set ½" iron pin at a fence corner on the West right-of-way line of Old Byram Road (as now laid out and improved); said point further being the Point of Beginning; continue thence South 89 degrees 56 Minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 471.00 feet to a found ½" iron pin in a fence line; leaving said fence line, run thence North 28 degrees 33 minutes 48 seconds East for a distance of 107.66 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin in the centerline of a drainage ditch; run thence along said centerline of a drainage ditch North 18 degrees 04 Minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 114.26 feet to a found 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 06 degrees 00 minutes 02 seconds East for a distance of 181.70 feet to a found ½" iron pin; run thence North 08 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds East for a distance of 198.19 feet to a found $\frac{1}{2}$ ' iron pin; run thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 94.49 feet; run thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 349.49 feet; run thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 52 seconds West along said present Western right-of-way line of Old Byram Road for a distance of 673.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 5.89 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENRAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2025.

WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of August 2025.

Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi

/s/Ester L Ainsworth

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Advertisement For Bids AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM City Project No. RFP#2025-02

Sealed proposal will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, September 23, 2025, firm fixed price basis to provide and implement an automatic farebox and ticketing system for its fixed route, paratransit, and future micro-transit pilot services. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide, integrate, test, and implement the desired system, supporting software and hardware, which will provide the required functionality. The system shall be built on a proven and secure operating system, database, and application software. The Contractor shall provide support services and train the appropriate City and transit operations contractor personnel to use and maintain the system from a user and system maintenance standpoint. Contractors may submit proposals for "equivalent" solutions from alternative manufacturers, and it is 100% the responsibility of the Contractor to prove that any alternate solutions fully meet or exceed the capabilities power end to end security solution. for the public transportation system in the City of Jackson (as specified) necessary for Request for proposal (RFP)#2025-02.

The term of the contract will be for ten (10) years.

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

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

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and en-

suring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initia-

tives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities The City of Jackson ensures that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as outlined in 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended, have the maximum opportunity to par-

ticipate in the performance of contracts. Therefore, it is imperative that you read the DBE Section and complete the necessary paperwork in its entirety. If there is any evidence or indication that two or more bidders are in collusion to restrict competition or are otherwise engaged in anti-competitive practices, the submission of all such bidders shall be rejected, and such evidence may be cause for disqualification of the participants in any future solicitation undertaken by the City of Jackson.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM, Request for Proposal (RFP)#2025-01.

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

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

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

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women business enaged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

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

Christine Welch Deputy Director Office of Transportation

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The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is soliciting proposals from quali-

fied proposers for the purpose of selecting a Service Provider with which to negotiate a contract for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services for the City of Jackson (as described in the RFP). Through this Request for Proposals, the City will select the disposal facility and method of disposal to ensure disposal capacity in accordance with the provisions of Mississippi law, particularly, the Solid Wastes Disposal Law of 1972, Section 17-17-1 et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Proposals will be received by the City of Jackson at the office of the Municipal Clerk City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, until 3:00 P.M. Local Time, September 30, 2025.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons conducting business with the City.

Proposals (one signed original plus five copies) shall be submitted in a sealed package and plainly marked on the outside of the package: "Proposal for Municipal Solic Waste Disposal Services. Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 by no later than 3:00 p.m. Local Time, on September 30, 2025. Interested firms may obtain a copy of the detailed Request for Proposals at no charge from the City's Website at http://www. jacksonms.gov/bids or from:

Lakesha Weathers, Solid Waste Manager City of Jackson Department of Public Works Warren Hood Building 200 South President Street Jackson MS 39201 lweathers@iacksonms.gov

You may also obtain a copy of the RFP and submit your proposals electronically through Central Bidding.

For electronic submissions, proposals may be submitted through Central Bidding https://www.centralauctionhouse.com. Electronic submissions shall be the complete original (non-redacted) version of the proposal including all attachments in a search able format, preferably in Microsoft Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF®) and labeled accordingly.

Selection of a Service Provider for contract/agreement negotiations will be based or an objective evaluation of the following criteria: Service Provider's innovative approach to encourage and maintain a sustainable

Service Provider's experience, qualifications and references, including compliance history and ability to fulfill legal responsibilities in providing the services (25%)

Expertise of key personnel to be assigned to the contract (10%)

Service Provider's financial responsibility and capability to provide the requested services (20%)

Cost proposal (35%)

solid waste system (10%)

Following the evaluation of the proposals, the City's Evaluation Team may request the top-ranking firms(s) to make an oral presentation and/or be interviewed. If a determination is made that presentations are necessary, the requested Service Providers will be contacted to arrange a mutually acceptable date and time that will be promulgated by the Contract Administrator

The City reserves the right to reject all proposals without awarding a contract.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi on September 9, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall, 219 South President Street. Proposals will be received for lease purchase interest rate financing for the purchase of, public safety

Please submit two (2) copies of sealed proposals, marked; "RFP#94654-090925 Lease Purchase Financing Interest Rate Proposal." Proposals should be mailed to the following address

City of Jackson, Mississippi Attention: Municipal Clerk Department 219 South President Street Jackson, MS 39201

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www. jacksonms.gov, and can be obtained by contacting the City of Jackson, Mississippi as follows:

Department of Administration Attention: Courtney Bell 200 South President Street Jackson, MS 39201 (601) 960-2005

8/28/2025, 9/4/2025

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4302

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Whitney Matthews dba Moe's Charity Bingo has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a bingo parlor within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 3028 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 732-92), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 28, North Ridge Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof, which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 7 at Page 28, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/ hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH. SAFETY AND WELFARE THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENRAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2025.

WITNESS my signature this 29TH day of August 2025

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





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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4303

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Charlotte Reeves DBA Movie Garden Studios has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District, C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District; C-2 (Limited) Commercial District: C-3 (General) Commercial District. & I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented District to allow for a mixed-use real estate development for the properties located at 605 Clifton St. (Parcel 170-12) and 21 Parcels: 170-4, 170-18, 170-19-1, 170-20, 170-21, 170-21-4, 170-21-5, 170-24, 169-3, 169-4, 169-5, 169-11, 169-120, 170-76,169-112, 142-24, 142-40, 170-12, 141-4, 141-5, 142-58 and 170-32, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel No. 170-12

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 9 OF HOOKER SURVEY, ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 252, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BY METES AND BOUNDS:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET WHICH IS 20 FEET SOUTH OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE Y. & M. V. RAILROAD TRACKS, ALSO KNOWN AS "LIT-TLE J: AS SAID STREET AND AS SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ARE LAID OUT, IMPROVED AND EXISTING, AND FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SAID RAILROAD TRACKS A DISTANCE OF 795 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT; THENCE TURN SOUTH AND RUN A DISTANCE OF 359.9 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET IN SAID CITY OF JACKSON, THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 76.9 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 127.5 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 371 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 52 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST A DIS TANCE OF 209 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND PURCHASED BY GRANTOR HEREIN FROM W.O. JONES BY WARRANTY DEED DATED DECEMBER 21, 1972 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 2076 AT PAGE 581 IN THE RECORDS OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK; THENCE TURN SOUTH AND RUN PARALLEL WITH CLIFTON STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL PURCHASED FROM W. O. JONES; THENCE TURN EAST AND RUN PARALLEL WITH HOOKER STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 136 FEET; MORE OR LESS TO THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET, THENCE TURN NORTH AND RUN ALONG THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 243.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 9 OF HOOKER SURVEY, ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON. MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 252. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BY METES AND BOUNDS:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET WHICH IS 20 FEET SOUTH OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE Y. & M. V. RAILROAD TRACTS. ALSO KNOW AS "LIT TLE J" AS SAID STREET AND AS SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ARE LAID OUT. IMPROVED AND EXISTING; RUN THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SAID RAILROAD TRACKS A DISTANCE OF 795 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT, THENCE TURN SOUTH AND RUN A DISTANCE OF 359.9 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET IN SAID CITY OF JACKSON; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 76.9 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 127.5 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST A LONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 371 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 52 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST A DISTANCE OF 209 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND PURCHASED BY GRANTOR HEREIN FROM W. O. JONES BY WARRANTY DEED DATED DECEMBER 21, 1972 AND RE-CORDED IN BOOK 2076 AT PAGE 581 IN THE RECORDS OF THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE TURN SOUTH AND RUN PARALLEL WITH CLIFTON STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.5, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL PURCHASED FROM W. O. JONES, THENCE TURN EAST AND RUN PARALLEL WITH HOOKER STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 136 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET, THENCE TURN NORTH AND RUN ALONG THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 98.5 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST AND PARALLEL WITH HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 170 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO CLIFTON STREET A DISTANCE OF 32 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST TO THE

POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel No. 170-4

LOT 10 LESS 10 FEET OFF THE NORTH SIDE. AND LOT 11. R.J. SEARCY SUBDIVISION. A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIP-

Parcel No. 170-18

A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HOOKER STREET AND BEGIN-NING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID HOOKER STREET 260 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF HOOKER STREET AND CLIFTON STREET; FROM THIS POINT RUN NORTH PARALLEL WITH CLIFTON STREET 171 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY OF W.G. RAINES; THENCE RUN WEST 85 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 171 FEET TO HOOKER STREET; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF HOOKER STREET 85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH: THE RIGHT TO THE DRIVEWAY LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF SAID LOT BEING 12 FEET WIDE OPENING OUT INTO HOOKER STREET AND RUNNING BACK 100 FEET, THE SAME TO BE ALWAYS OPEN AND CLEAR FROM O B S T R U C T I O N A N D T O REMAIN THE COMONPROPERTY FOR THEUSE OF ALL PARTIES WHO MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER BE THE OWNERS OF EITHER THE E ½ OR W ½ OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT, BEING PART OF LOTS 6 AND 9, HOOKER SURVEY.

Parcel No. 170-19-1

THAT CERTAIN LOT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HOOKER AVENUE. HAVING A FRONTAGE OF FIFTY (50) FEFT ON SAID AVENUE WITH A DEPTH OF ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY (170) FEET PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOTS EIGHT (8) AND TWENTY-THREE (23) AND TEN (10) FEET OFF THE WEST SIDE OF LOTS NINE (9) AND TWENTY-TWO (22) AND TEN (10) FEET OFF THE EAST SIDE OF LOTS SEVEN (7) AND TWENTY-FOUR (24), ALL IN BLOCK "F" OF CRISLER SUBDIVISION (AMENDED) ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AT JACKSON IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 74 THEREOF; AND THIS BEING THE SAME PROP ERTY THAT WAS CONVEYED TO THE GRANTORS HEREIN BY DEED FROM MRS. LOUISE MARY MCLAUGHLIN STRONG, SAID DEED DATED JULY 15, 1943, AND BEING OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 369, PAGE 501, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, REFERENCE TO WHICH DEED IS MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. ALSO KNOWN AS 628 HOOKER STREET, JACKSON, MS.

COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF GALLATIN STREET WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET, AS BOTH STREETS ARE NOW LAID OUT. IMPROVED AND USED IN THIS CITY. RUN THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 613.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 89 FEET; TURNING THENCE TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 08 M I N U T E S AND RUN T H E N C E S O U T H E R LY A D I S TA N C E O F 560 FEET TO THE PRESENT CENTER OF CAMP CREEK: RUN THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE MID THREAD OF CAMP CREEK A DISTANCE OF 89.15 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS 554.8 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE LOT HEREIN CONVEYED A DISTANCE OF 554.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEGIN AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE (193) FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, HOOKER SURVEY, RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET 174.5 FEET; THENCE RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF HOOK-ER STREET 65.6 FEET: THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 174.5 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET 67 FEET WEST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET 67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF LOTS 6 AND 9 HOOKER SURVEY IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ACCORDING TO A RECORD THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK A AT PAGE 252 OF THE RECORDS OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

BEGIN AT A POINT OF THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, HOOKER SURVEY, RUN WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET FIFTY SEVEN FEET: THENCE RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF CLIFTON STREET ONE HUN-DRED AND SEVENTY FOUR AND ONE-HALF FEET; THENCE RUN IN AN EASTERLY DIREC-TION PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET FIFTY SEVEN FEET; THENCE run in a southerly direction parallel to the west line of clifton street ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FOUR AND ONE-HALF FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGGING: BEING A PART OF LOTS 6 AND 9 OF HOOKER SURVEY IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSIS-SIPPI, ACCORDING TO A RECORD THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK A AT PAGE 252 OF THE RE-CORDS IN THE CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

LOT 3, SMITH ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 110, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOOKER AVENUE 141 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHWEST PROPERTY LINE CORNER OF HOOKER AVENUE AND SOUTH GALLATIN STREET, AS THE SAME IS NOW FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF JACKSON, AND MARKED BY THE BACK LINES O F T H E C O N C R E T E S I D E WA L K AT SAID C O R N E R AND RUNNING W E S T A L O N G SAID HOOKER AVENUE, 200 FEET (MORE OR LESS. AND EXTENDING SOUTHWARD FROM SAID HOOKER AVENUE AT AN ANGLE APPROXI MATELY NINETY DEGREES BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES TO THE CENTER OF THE CREEK, OR ROCKY BRANCH, THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID LOT BEING DETERMINED BY THE MEANDER OF SAID BRANCH, THIS LOT BEING A PART OF LOT 13 OF THE HOOKER SURVEY IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, COUNTY

LOT 3, BLOCK 1. SCOTLAND HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT

OF HINDS, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK B AT PAGE 13, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

BEGINNING AT A POINT SEVEN HUNDRED TENT AND ONE-HALF (710 1/2) FEET WEST OF WHERE THE WEST LINE OF GALLATIN STREET INTERSECTS THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOK ER STREET, RUNNING THENCE WEST EIGHT (80) FEET, THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY (160) FEET, THENCE EAST EIGHTY (80) FEET, THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY (160) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THE SAME BEING A LOT FRONTING EIGHTY (80) FEET ON HOOKER STREET AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY (160) FEET; SAID TRACT OF LAND IS THE SAME INHERITED BY MRS. WILLIE SMITH COOK AS THE SOLE HEIR OF HER SISTER, MISS DOLLIE SMITH, DECEASED, AND IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS NO. 523 HOOKER STREET IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

LOT 1, SMITH ADDN., FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TAX

Parcel No 170-21

LOTS 2, 3 AND 4 SMITH ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP ORPLAT THERE-OF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON. MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 110, REFERENCE TO WHICH HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION

Parcel No. 170-21-4

LOT 5, SMITH ADDN., FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 170-21-5

LOT 6 LESS 10 FT W/S SMITH ADDN, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 170-24

A LOT FRONTING 120 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOOKER STREET AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 160 FEET, BEING A PART OF LOTS FOURTEEN (14) AND FIFTEEN (15) OF THE ORIGINAL HOOKER SURVEY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, ACCORD ING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SURVEY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOOKER STREET 60 FEET EAST OF THE

NORTHEAST CORNER OF MRS. E.H. GREEN'S LOT. WHICH POINT IS ALSO THE NORTH-

EAST CORNER OF A LOT DEEDED FROM A.H. LONGINO TO MRS. M.E. GOODE, DATED SEP TEMBER 14, 1908; RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET 120 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A LOT DEEDED FROM A.H. LONGINO TO THOMAS AND LILLIAN REDDINGTON ON NOVEMBER 6, 1912; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH-ERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE REDDINGTON LOT 160 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID REDDINGTON LOT: RUNNING THENCE WEST-ERLY PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET 120 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID GOODE LOT; RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID GOODE LOT 160 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE PROPERTY BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE

SOUTH SIDE OF HOOKER STREET 60 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE E.H. GREEN HOMESTEAD SURVEY, A PLAT WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK $3\,$ AT PAGE 3, AND GOING THENCE EAST ON HOOKER STREET, 120 FEET; THENCE SOUTH AT RIGHT ANGLE 160 FEET: THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGELS PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET 120 FEET; THENCE NORTH AT RIGHT ANGLES 160 FEET TO THE

AND BEING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MILLAPS COLLEGE BY JULIE WITH-ERS RING AND ANN WITHERS MCNEILL BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 16. 1987. AND RE-CORDED IN BOOK 1418, PAGE 697-699, LAND DEED RECORDS OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSIS-SIPPI, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Parcel No. 169-3

LOT 3, BLOCK 1, SCOTLAND HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK B AT PAGE 13, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION

Parcel No. 169-4

LOT 4, BLOCK 1, SCOTLAND HEIGHTS, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MIS-SISSIPPI.

Parcel No. 169-5

LOT 5, BLK. 1, SCOTLAND HEIGHTS, PARCEL # 169-5, HOOKER ST., HINDS COUNTY, MIS-SISSIPPI

Parcel No. 169-11

LOT 1, BLK 2, SCOTLAND HEIGHTS & 1/2 ALLEY S OF & ADJ PARCEL # 169-11, HINDS COUN-TY, MISSISSIPPI

BEG AT PT ON N/S HOOKER ST 30.5 FT W OF MINERVA ST W 52.9 FT N 170 FT E 79.4 FT S 104 FT W 30.5 FT S 66 FT TO BEG POT LOTS 12, 17, 18 & 19 & ALL LOTS 14, 15 & 16 BLK F CRISLERS, PARCEL # 169.20, HOOKER ST., JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 170-76

23 1/3 FT E/S LOT 48 & 23 1/3 FT W/S LOT 49, VIRDENS SUBN OF HOOKER SY, FIRST JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 169-112

71 FT S/S Y & M VR R X 99 FT N & SE OF ST & 66 FT S/S Y & M V R R X 99 FT N & SW OF ST IN SEC 9 5 1E, PARCEL # 16-112, RAILROAD AVE, SEC, 9, T5N, RANGE 1 EAST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 142-24

LOT 24. BURNS SUB OF LOT 58 SWJ. FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT. HINDS COUNTY. MISSIS-

Parcel No. 142-40

N ½ LOTS 1 & 2, BLK B, BROUGHER SUBN, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 141-4

LOT 4. BLK A. BROUGHER SUBN. FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT. HINDS COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI

Parcel No. 141-5

LOT 5, BLK A, BROUGHER SUBN, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPP

PARCEL I: LOT ONE (1), LESS SEVENTY (70) FEET OFF THE SOUTH END THEREOF, OF

Parcel No. 142-58

BLOCK "E" OF MRS. M.L. BROUGHER'S SUBDIVISION. ACCORDING TO THE MAP THERE-OF WHICH IS RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 225 THEREOF, REFERENCE TO WHICH PARCEL II: THE EAST HALF (E 1/2) OF LOT TWO (2), BLOCK "E" MRS. M.L. BROUGHER'S SUB-

DIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACK-SON, MISSISSIPPI, SURVEYOR'S RECORD "A" AT PAGE 207 AMENDED IN SURVEYOR'S RE-CORD BOOK "A" AT PAGE 255, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

PARCEL III: PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CODA DAVIS BY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 486 AT PAGE 90 THEREOF OF THE RECORDS OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED THEREIN AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

PROPERTY LOCATED ON CLIFTON STREET IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, COM-MENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CLIFTON STREET AND EARL STREET AND RUNNING SOUTH ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE O F C L I F TO N S T R E E T A DIS-TANCE OF 100 F E E T AND 4 INCHES, T O T H E POINT OF BEGINNING, RUNNING THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET. THENCE SOUTH 70 FEET. THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 79 FEET TO THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF CLIFTON STREET, THENCE A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THIS BEING A PART OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK E OF BELL'S SURVEY OF M.F. BROUGHER'S SUBDIVISION, LOTS 59 AND 60, DANIEL SURVEY OF WEST JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET A DISTANCE OF 782.6 FEET MEASURED WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF GALLATIN STREET. AS BOTH STREETS ARE NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND WHICH POINT IS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SMITH PROPERTY; RUN THENCE WESTERLY 79.4 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF HOOKER STREET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES RUN SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 386 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE PRESENT CHANNEL OF CAMP CREEK, THENCE WITH THE MEANDERINGS OF THE PRESENT CHANNEL OF CAMP CREEK TURN TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 29 DEGREES 04 MINUTES RUN SOUTHEAST ERLY 39 FEET; THENCE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 41 DEGRÉES 12 MINUTES RUN SOUTHERLY 70 FEET: THENCE TURNING TO THE LEFT. THROUGH AN ÄNGLE OF 57 DEGREES RUN SOUTHEASTERLY 60 FEET; THENCE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 97 DEGREES RUN NORTHEASTERLY 65 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE PRESENT CHANNEL OF CAMP CREEK; THENCE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 39 DEGREES LEAVE SAID CREEK RUN NORTHERLY FOR A DISTANCE OF 481 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LOT FRONTING 79.4 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOOKER STREET, IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,

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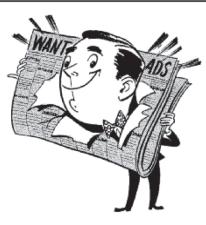
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Who's Your Daddy... check your DNA

By Shewanda Riley



years, For some of my guilty pleasures were the judge reality shows like Judge Mathis

and Judge Lauren Lakes' Paternity Court. My reasons for liking those shows varied but I must admit that I loved watching the drama of the paternity tests and their results. I don't really watch them at all now partially because it was perplexing to me how much information about their personal lives people were willing to share on television. I was also surprised at how hearing the words "You are not the father.... or you are the father" could bring such joy or pain. And it all came down to three letters: DNA. In some cases, it was obvious through physical appearance who was the

father. In other instances, it

took DNA to prove it.

DNA or deoxyribonucleic acid are the intriguing molecules that prove paternity on these shows. DNA determines the physical characteristics that we inherit from our parents like eye color, height, and body type. Unless you are a twin, you have a unique DNA that no one else on the earth shares. DNA stores information, can pass traits from generation to generation and, most importantly, answers questions about who you are in small pieces of hair, nails, skin, sweat, tears, and blood, etc. It's only been through the use of modern scientific advances that we've learned how useful DNA can be. In some cases, it has set the wrongly convicted free from prison sentences.

For some, our actions and behaviors may make us and others question our spiritual DNA as we do not exemplify Christ. However, our Spiritual DNA involves looking at our (Destiny, Needs, and Authority) and answering questions about who we are in our spiritual lives. Job 23:14 clarifies, "So he will do to me whatever he has planned. He controls my destiny." Have you allowed someone else to determine your destiny? Are you walking in your destiny and do you recognize God's plan for your life?

Knowing your spiritual DNA also involves asking whose authority you are under. Who do you have authority over and how do you handle it? Have you given your authority away through sin and disobedience? And if you did, how do you get it back? We have to recognize where our authority comes from and what it is to be used for. Romans 1:5 says, "Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what

God has done for them, so

that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name."

Knowing your spiritual DNA can change your life. It can tell everyone who your spiritual parents are and what traits and behaviors you'll be passing on to others. Here are some powerful words preached by my late spiritual father Rev. Dr. Jerome E. McNeil that I often think about and apply in my life -"Don't let what is happening around you distract you from what is happening in you. The miracle isn't walking on water but who you are walking with."

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth-based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email her at preservedbypurpose@gmail. com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda



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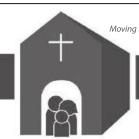
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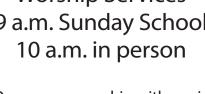
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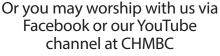


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Eye on Wellness: Tips to keep your vision in focus

By Vince Faust Tips to Be Fit

Our eyes are among the most extraordinary organs in the human body. They allow us to see the world in vivid detail, connect emotionally through expressions and navigate our environment with confidence. Yet, despite their importance, eye health is often overlooked until problems arise. Whether you're an athlete, an older adult or someone simply trying to maintain wellness, caring for your eyes is essential not just for vision, but for overall quality of life.

Our eyes are complex sensory organs that convert light into electrical signals, which are interpreted by the brain as images. Here's a quick breakdown of its key components:

Cornea: The transparent outer layer that helps focus light.

Lens: Adjusts shape to fine-tune focus, especially for near and far objects.

Retina: Contains photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) that detect light and color

Optic Nerve: Transmits visual information from the retina to the brain.

Macula: A small central area of the

retina responsible for sharp, detailed vision.

Each part plays a vital role in the vi-

sual process. But like any finely tuned system, the eyes are vulnerable to wear, disease and environmental stressors.

Common threats to eye health

Understanding what can harm your eyes is the first step toward protecting them. Here are some of the most common threats:

1. Digital eye strain-prolonged screen time can lead to symptoms like dryness, blurred vision and headaches. This condition, also known as computer vision syndrome, affects people of all ages.

2. UV Radiation-Ultraviolet rays from the sun can damage the cornea and lens, increasing the risk of cataracts and macular degeneration.

3. Poor Nutrition-A diet lacking in key nutrients especially antioxidants can accelerate age-related vision loss.

4. Chronic Conditions-Diseases like diabetes and hypertension can damage blood vessels in the eyes, leading to dia-

betic retinopathy or hypertensive reti-

5. Aging-Presbyopia (difficulty focusing on close objects), cataracts and macular degeneration become more common with age.

6. Neglecting Eye Exams

nopathy.

Many eye diseases progress silently. Regular checkups can catch issues early, often before symptoms appear.

Eye care isn't just about avoiding problems it's about actively nurturing your vision. Here's how:

1. Eat for Eye Health

Nutrition plays a powerful role in maintaining vision. Focus on foods rich in:

Vitamin A: Found in carrots, sweet potatoes and leafy greens; essential for night vision.

Vitamin C & E: Antioxidants that protect against oxidative damage (berries, citrus nuts)

Lutein & Zeaxanthin: Found in spinach, kale and corn; help filter harmful

Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Support retinal

ti- health and reduce dry eye symptoms (salmon, flaxseed).

Think of your plate as a palette for protection—colorful, diverse and nutrient-dense.

2. Practice the 20-20-20 Rule

To reduce digital eye strain:

Every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

This simple habit helps relax the eye muscles and reduce fatigue.

muscles and reduce fatigue.

3. Wear Sunglasses with UV Protec-

Choose sunglasses that block 100% of UVA and UVB rays. Bonus points if they wrap around your face to shield pe-

ripheral light.
4. Stay Hydrated

Dry eyes can result from dehydration. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially in air-conditioned or heated environments.

5. Get Enough Sleep

Sleep allows your eyes to rest and repair. Poor sleep can lead to twitching, dryness, and blurred vision.

6. Keep Lenses and Screens Clean

Dirty glasses or screens can strain

your eyes. Clean them regularly to re-

duce glare and improve clarity.

7. Schedule Regular Eye Exams

Even if your vision seems fine, routine checkups can detect early signs of glaucoma, cataracts and other conditions. Adults over 40 should be especially vigilant

As we age, our eyes undergo natural changes. But aging doesn't mean inevitable decline. Here's how older adults can protect their vision:

Monitor for Cataracts: Clouding of the lens can be treated with surgery if needed.

Watch for Macular Degeneration:

Early detection and lifestyle changes can slow progression.

Manage Chronic Conditions: Control

blood sugar and blood pressure to prevent retinal damage.

Use Adequate Lighting: Bright, nonglare lighting helps reduce strain and prevent falls.

Stay Active: Regular exercise improves circulation, which benefits eye

health.

Empowerment through education is key. Older adults deserve clear, actionable guidance to maintain independence and vitality.

Children's eyes develop rapidly, and early care sets the stage for lifelong vision. Tips for younger populations include:

Limit Screen Time: Encourage out-door play to reduce myopia risk.

Ensure Proper Lighting: Dim or harsh lighting can strain developing eyes.

Teach Hygiene: Avoid rubbing eyes and share proper contact lens care if applicable.

Schedule Pediatric Eye Exams: Detect issues like lazy eye or refractive errors early.

Vision impacts learning, confidence and social development. Investing in eye care for youth is a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Our eyes do more than see, they connect us to beauty, emotion and meaning. They witness the smiles of loved ones, the colors of nature and the words that inspire change. Caring for them is not just a medical task it's a form of self-respect and empowerment.

Whether you're reading this as a health advocate, a caregiver or someone seeking personal wellness, remember your eye care is a daily practice. It's in the choices you make at the grocery store, the breaks you take from your screen and the appointments you keep with your optometrist. Your eyes are not just tools, they're storytellers, guides and guardians of your experience. Treat them with care, and they'll reward you with a lifetime of clarity, connection and wonder.

Let your vision be a metaphor for your life clear, focused, and full of possibility. Before starting any health or fitness

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Institute staff members visit U.S. Office of Health and Human Services

Mississippi Link Newswire

Maternal and Child Health staff, Latasha Rice and Trekendria Barnes, represented the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health during a site visit at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in Rockville, Maryland.

The visit was part of the Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) grant program. This grant supports the Institute's work to improve maternal health out-

comes while expanding access to care in rural areas. During the site visit, Rice and Barnes engaged with fellow HHS grantees, shared best practices, and explored strategies to help reduce infant mortality in underserved communities. The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health currently implements the RMOMS program with three clinical sites in the Mississippi Delta.

For more information regarding the Institute's Maternal and Child Health programs,

contact Latasha Rice at Irice@

advancingminorityhealth.org.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was established in 2019 to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged and underserved minority populations in Mississippi through the development of collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders and the implementation of evidence-based public health interventions with a particular focus on health equity.



Institute staff members Latasha Rice, Program Manager; and TreKendria Barnes, epidemiologist, recently participated in a site visit with the United States Department of Health and Human Services

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Jackson's Thunder:

The 2025 HBCU Battle of the Bands

By Othor Cain Guest Writer

Sunday, August 31, the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium pulsed with life. As the afternoon sun softened, gates opened at 4:00pm, and the show kicked off at 6:00pm. For the people of Jackson, the event was more than showmanship, it was a homecoming of culture and commerce. The city's hotels, restaurants, and shops brimmed with visitors, fueling a local economic boom and spotlighting Jackson as the new host of an undeniably electric tradition. The event featured a stellar

line up of bands including:

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- ing Pride Band • Talladega College – Great
- Tornado Band • University of Arkansas at
- Pine Bluff Musical Machine of the Mid South The stadium rumbled with

cheers as formations shifted like living mosaics, every beat a heartbeat of heritage. The atmosphere crackled with competition, but more so with celebra-

For the first time in the history of the event, it was broadcasted live and free on the Urban Edge Network, reaching far beyond Mississippi to honor HBCU marching culture across the globe. It was the proud cadence of HBCU excellence.

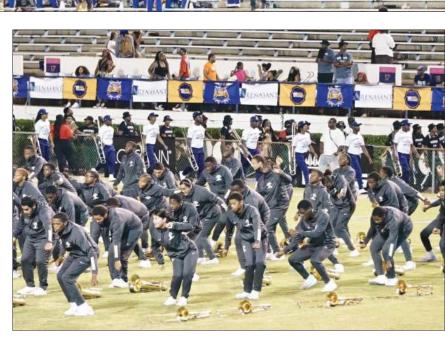






















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The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools is excited to announce this year's cohort of Global Citizenship Project (GCP) scholars! Throughout the year, scholars will meet virtually once a month on Saturdays with their peers in Ghana to explore each other's countries, cultures, systems of governance, and the global issues that connect them.

In March 2026, JPS scholars will have the incredible opportunity to travel to Ghana and meet their Ghanaian peers in person.

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The Jackson Public School's (JPS) Global Citizenship Project presents an incredible opportunity for eleventh-grade scholars to travel to a partner school in Accra, Ghana.

"Experience Thee Magic of JSU": Jackson State welcomes new tigers for 2025 Fall Move-In Day

By Jatavian Walker

Jackson State University Communications

Jackson State University (JSU) welcomed over 1,300 incoming freshmen and transfer students to campus for the 2025 fall semester. Students officially arrived during move-in day, held Saturday, Aug. 9, as part of this year's theme: "Experience Thee Magic of JSU."

"We're honored to welcome our newest Tigers to Jackson State," said Interim JSU President Denise Jones Gregory, Ph.D. "There are so many positive things happening at Jackson State, including our new programs in artificial intelligence and mechanical engineering, and we're grateful for the energy and interest we're seeing from prospective students."

New Tigers began their journey in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center at the university's One Stop Shop. The convenient registration experience provided students with direct access to offices including admissions, housing, business, financial aid, auxiliary services and academic advising.

"The early planning and cross-collaborative efforts of each entity of the campus helped to ensure a seamless plan that catered to the customer, our students and their experience," said Dr. Jonas Vanderbilt, vice president of student affairs. "With a sprinkle of the JSU magic we have all come to love and adore here at THEE I love, the new tigers are equipped to begin their journey as we make memories for them and get them to the finish line in 2029."

After students completed their registration, they were greeted by JSU service ambassadors and volun-





teers who made the move-in process efficient and smooth. Naya Chadwick, a senior social work major, is a first-year ambassador and said she values the chance to help new students adjust to campus life — their

new home away from home.

"Volunteering is just something that I value and prioritize, especially in my major as a social worker," said Chadwick. "We have many students who want to help and serve our campus and community. As service ambassadors, we help keep everything organized and make sure everyone knows where to go, where to be and what time."

Kyrie Naylor, a computer science major from Meridian, Mississippi, is a second-generation JSU student. He is part of the Aristocrats STEM and Health Sciences Program, which helps STEM majors navigate their academic load while attending the university.

"I hope to earn my degree and make an impact," said Naylor. "I like getting to know people and listening when something is wrong or they need someone to talk to."

Hearing Naylor's words prompted an emotional response from his mother, Porschia Christien, who left him with a few more gems of wisdom as he begins his next chapter.

"Push forward, no matter what oh,

"Push forward, no matter what obstacles come," said Christien. "What's meant for you will be for you. Put 100 percent behind whatever you're doing, and it will all come together."

Egypt Purnell, psychology major from Starkville, Mississippi, transferred to JSU from Alcorn State University. She said her decision was motivated by her ambition to one day pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology.

"There is a clinical psychology doctorate here, so it'll be an easy transition into graduate studies," said Purnell. "I have already been in college and know what to expect. That is one perk of being a transfer student."

JSU's 2025 Welcome Week ran from August 10 -16 and concluded with the highly anticipated event"The Merge."

Alcorn student Laila Barnes to study abroad in Scotland

ASU News

Laila Barnes, a senior majoring in biomedical engineering technology from Hattiesburg, Miss., is studying abroad at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the fall 2025 semester. She will attend the university through an opportunity provided by the Alcorn State University Office of Global Programs.

Heriot-Watt University is known for its strong reputation in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, business, psychology, and languages.

Through its Study Abroad program for visiting international students, Laila will have the opportunity to earn credits toward her degree while immersing herself in Scotland's culture and campus life at Heriot-Watt University. For students to participate, they must first be nominated by their home university and then complete the application pro-

"I am excited to begin my academic

journey in Edinburgh, Scotland," said Barnes. "Studying abroad has been a long-held dream of mine, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to pursue it."

This life-changing experience is something she does not take for granted, crediting others for supporting her along the way.

"I want to thank my family, friends,

and sponsors, as well as Alcorn, for providing me with the tools and support I need to take this step with confidence," Barnes added. "A special thank you goes to Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Lowe for their unwavering support and guidance, helping to turn this dream into a reality. They say the sky's the limit, but I believe that with faith, anything is possible."

Dr. Johnson, director of the Alcorn State University Office of Global Programs, said he is thrilled for Barnes to have this experience. His office plays a huge role in creating diverse cultural

opportunities for Alcorn students on and off campus

"I am excited that Laila Barnes is taking full advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a semester abroad at the prestigious Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, this fall," Johnson said. "The Office of Global Programs remains committed to enabling study abroad opportunities for our students and faculty."

Dr. Jeremiah Billa, chair of the Department of Advanced Technologies, shared that Barnes is an excellent and outgoing student. He is confident she will do well during her time in Scotland.

"Laila Barnes is an excellent and very outgoing student," Billa said. "She often visits my office seeking internship opportunities, professional development activities, and study abroad programs. I am highly excited for Ms. Barnes for this opportunity to pursue a few courses at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland."



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By Terri Schlichenmeyer Columnist

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Okay, fun's over.

Summer is done, school's back in session, fall is here, and it's time to get serious. And guess what? You can still do that, and enjoy reading these great history books...

First off, think about your ancestors and all they did. Now read, "The Black Family Who Built America: The McKissacks, Two Centuries of Daring Pioneers" by Cheryl McKissack Daniel with Nick Chiles (Black Privilege Publishing / Atria, \$28.99). The story starts

in West Africa, when Moses McKissack was captured and enslaved in North Carolina. He became a craftsman and passed his talents down to his children. Ultimately, this inheritance became a powerhouse business of builders and tradespeople who collectively left their mark on some of America's most iconic buildings, churches, and more. Readers who love architecture will especially love this book.

And if you enjoy that kind of story, then you'll want "Black Genius: Essays on an American Legacy" by Tre Johnson (Dutton, \$30).

Throughout history, Black Americans have been resilient and adaptive, and have always found ways to celebrate their culture. In this book, Johnson calls attention to the sometimes-unnoticed "brilliance" of Black leaders in stories that are personal, profound, and inspirational. Readers will rejoice.

More brilliance is found in "Positive Obsession: The Life and Times of Octavia E. Butler" by Susana M. Morris (Amistad, \$29.99). The great writer has been gone nearly two decades, but this look at her life will bring her genius back

to the forefront. Morris shows how Butler's work was shaped, and from where her stories sprang. There were always important lessons inside her tales, and they are more relevant now than ever. Read this biography, then go back and enjoy Butler's work anew.

Here's an essential read about someone whose life and death embodied change: "Tell Her Story: Eleanor Bumpurs & The Police Killing that Galvanized New York City" by LaShawn Harris (Beacon Press, \$35) is the story of a much-loved neighborhood grandmother,

and her murder in her own home by white police officers. Harris lived across the street from Bumpurs, and he knew her well when he was a child. This is a personal account of her life and her death, and how it spawned a movement. Yes, this book might make you want to stand up and act.

And finally, try "The Strangers: Five Extraordinary Black Men and the Worlds That Made Them" by Ekow Eshun (Harper, \$25).

What do Black men have to do to stand out, to avoid being categorized as a lone member of a whole? In this book, Eshun looks at five Black men who did just that – and his representative choices will surprise you. Truly, each biographical profile is fascinating and impressive, and readers will want to think about their own list of "Extraordinary Black Men."

Want more? Then head to your favorite bookstore or library and ask for help finding the biography or history book you most want to read now. The staff there can show you books to teach, inspire, or that are just plain fun.



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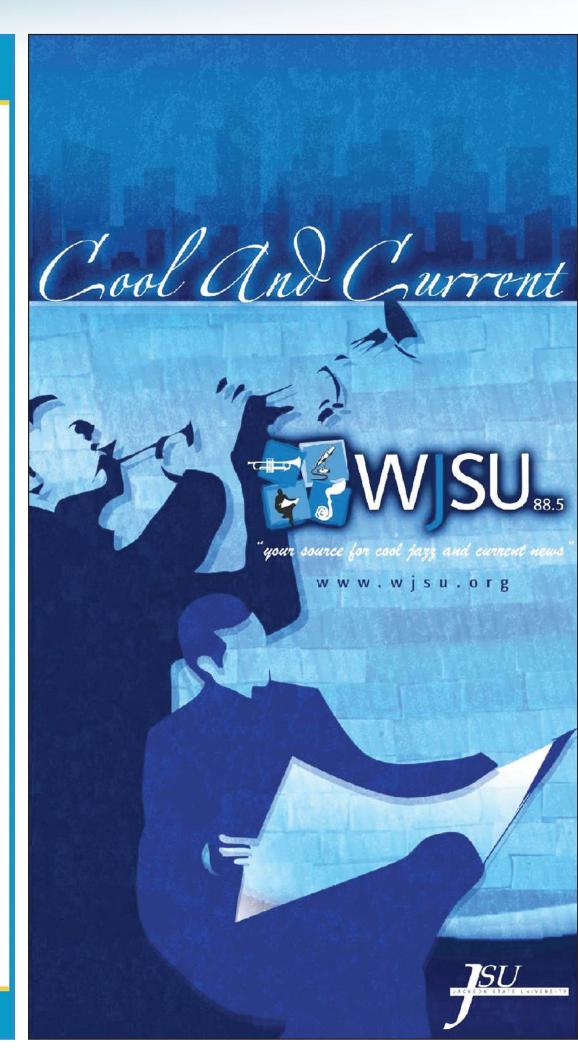
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JSU wins home opener

By Tim Ward Sports Writer

The reigning national champion Jackson State University Tigers started the 2025 season the same way they ended the 2024 season, capturing a trophy. Despite a slow start and trailing early on, Jackson State rallied and kept the lead for good in their 28-14 win over Hampton University. Head Coach TC Taylor was presented with the Hope Labor Day Classic Trophy. Joining Coach Taylor on the field was the offensive player of the game, redshirt sophomore running back, Ahmad Miller who gained 180 yards on 12 carries with 2 touchdowns. Senior defensive lineman, Quincy Ivory was named defensive player of the game. Ivory had 8 tackles, including 2 sacks and forced a fumble.

Hampton jumped out to an early touchdown lead in the first Quarterback Isaiah quarter. Freeman broke loose for a 63yard run before being caught inside the 5-yard line. A few plays later, running back, Jaa'Quan Snipes scored from 3 yards out. The extra point was good, Hampton lead Jackson State by 7. JSU would tie the game up with a 2-yard touchdown run by running back Emari Matthews. Early in the second quarter, senior running back, Donerio Davenport would score from 6 yards out. Jackson State almost scored right before halftime, but the clock expired before they could get a timeout. Running back Ahmad Miller took advantage of the Pirates' defense playing a prevent defense. The defense dropped back expecting Jackson State to throw a hailmary. Instead, the Tigers ran a draw play. Miller would scamper through the defense, falling short of the end zone just as the clock expired for the half. Jackson State lead 14 to 7.

3rd quarter action a stalemate. Neither offense would get into the end zone. Early in the 4th quarter, Quarterback Isaiah Freeman connected with wide receiver, MarShawn Ferguson Jr for a 30-yard touchdown. The game was then tied at 14. Quarterback Jacobian Morgan would take JSU down the field 82 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Ahmad Miller punched it in from 2 yards out. Hampton got the ball back with under 5 minutes to go. The Pirates were driving down the field. Quarterback Freeman over threw his intended receiver. The errant pass landed into the arms of defensive back, Khamauri Rogers. On the ensuing drive, first play of the drive, running back Ahmad Miller took the handoff and raced 76 yards for the touchdown. The crowd erupted. Almost a collective sigh of relief. Jackson State now lead 28 to 14.

Jackson State wins 28 to 14 in the Hope Labor Day Classic. A lot of things to iron out before their game next week in Hattiesburg. 1st game of the season and there were 10 penalties to show for it. Coach Taylor expressed disappointment with the team receiving that many penalties. Quarterback Jacobian Morgan finished the game with 15 of 30 with 147 passing yards. Joanes Fortillien caught 5 passes for 43 yards. JSU was a menace on the ground, rushing for 305 yards on 34 carries and 4 touchdowns. Defensively, the team held Hampton to 14 points despite playing more snaps than Taylor would've liked.

Next game for Jackson State is Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 pm. USM is coming off a 34 to 13 loss to Mississippi State. The Golden Eagles played well the first half of the game, but MSU rolled to an easy victory in the second half.



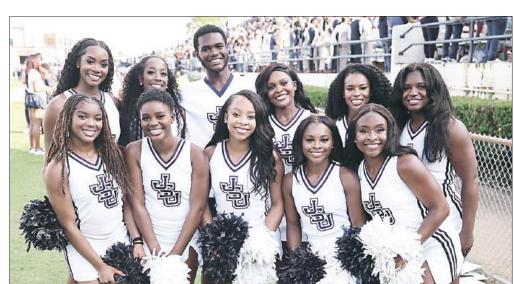
Quarterback Jacobian Morgan runs for a few yards



Running Back Ahmad Miller rushed for 180 yards



Defensive MVP Quincy Ivory Offensive MVP Ahmad Miller



JSU Cheerleaders



 $\label{thm:condition} \textbf{Head Coach TC Taylor and the national champions}$

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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Express Automotive Group and State Leaders Donate Clear Book Bags to Hinds County School District

To support student safety and meet district guidelines requiring clear book bags, Express Automotive Group, in partnership with Senator David Blount, Representative Ronnie Crudup Jr., and Representative Fabian Nelson, generously donated 288 clear book bags valued at \$1,800 to the Hinds County School District.

These book bags will be available for students in need, particularly those whose bags have become damaged or worn over time. Clear book bags play a crucial role in ensuring transparency and allowing for quick, proper inspections within school premises.

This donation addresses a significant need, especially as clear book bags can be difficult to find in stores at certain times of the year.

We sincerely thank Express Automotive Group and our legislative partners for their continued support and commitment to student safety and success.



Dr. Arthur Jones – Principal of Byram Middle School, Dr. Mitchell Shears – Superintendent of Hinds County School District, Senator David Blount, Mr. Kerry Shelby – Express Automotive Group, Mr. James Shaheen – Owner of Express Automotive Group, Representative – Fabian Nelson, Representative – Ronnie Crudup Jr., Tonie Crisler – Hinds County School District

Precoat Metal Donates School Supplies to Hinds County School District



The Hinds County School District gratefully acknowledges Precoat Metal for their generous donation of school supplies. These supplies will be distributed throughout the district to support students who may not have been able to purchase all the materials needed for the school year. We sincerely appreciate Precoat Metal's commitment to education and their support of our students' success.

Thank you for your generosity!

Keesler Federal Credit Union Donates Kindergarten Supplies to Hinds County School District

The Hinds County School District extends its heartfelt thanks to Keesler Federal Credit Union for their generous donation of kindergarten school supplies. These much-needed supplies will support classrooms across the district and help ensure our youngest learners are set up for success.

We sincerely appreciate Keesler Federal Credit Union's continued commitment to education and community support.

Thank you for making a difference!

