



St. Thomas Community Association Meeting



Yolanda Wilson, President St. Thomas Community Association and Anthony Smith, Supervisor District 2

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

The St. Thomas Community Association met at their March 3, 2025, meeting at St. Thomas MB Church to hold quarterly meetings from here on out, in an effort to hold elected officials more accountable. Their president, Yolanda Wilson called for the vote, and it was overwhelmingly in favor of quarterly versus monthly meetings. The association's secretary, Monica Lee, was also in attendance.

Supervisor Anthony Smith spoke first, after an opening prayer by St. Thomas MB Church Senior Pastor Darryl Magee. Smith provided an update on a number of issues and answered numerous questions before departing for two other meetings.

The issues that he mentioned included: A new data center coming to the former Delphi/Packard Building in Clinton with a \$750 million dollar fee-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement having been reached. The Board of Supervisors owns the new 5-story parking garage in Fondren, and new apartments will be coming there and leased from the county to generate revenue. Two solar farms are coming, one in Bolton and one in Clinton. Gulf South Pipeline Company is planning a new compressor station in Edwards to help address energy needs. Ongoing talks with municipalities are happen-

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ing about the Hinds County Detention Center, which currently houses 600 inmates from Jackson, "we need to generate more fees from the municipalities." St. Thomas Road will be striped soon. Sandy Bottom Bridge has been reopened after a short closure but will have to be closed again in two months for pilings to be replaced and receive state inspection. "We're installing cameras to keep the heavy loads off that bridge." St. Thomas Bridge, which has been closed for over seven years, "is in final planning stages and work will begin before the summer. It will cost \$1.5 million, and St. Thomas Road leading up to the bridges will be improved at the same time." While not certain how long the project will take, he stated he is "very confident the work will begin by this summer." He also indicated that a request has been made for \$6 million for Hinds County Roads.

At the St. Thomas Community Meeting on April 29, 2025, Supervisor Smith promised a sign announcing entering St. Thomas. When grilled about it at this meeting, eleven months later, he replied, "we're working on it." Also at the April 29, 2025, meeting he indicated that the St. Thomas Bridge would be "reopened this year." Now he is claiming work

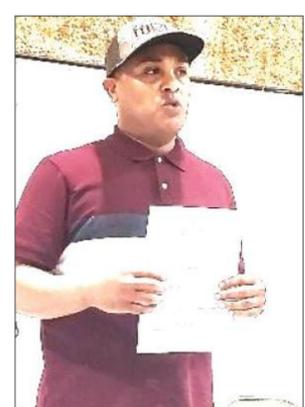
will begin by this summer. The funds for that bridge will come from a separate source. When residents complained about potholes, poor roads, and storm debris, he promised that he would be working on those issues. He indicated that he only has \$1.3 million to do work for the next two years, and that there are 600 miles of roads in Hinds County. He spoke about having to prioritize roads that school buses travel, to provide for the safety of the children. He assured residents that he cares about them and that he works hard for them every day.

This writer asked a lifelong resident what letter grade they would have given to the last District 2 Supervisor, David Archie, for overall results. The answer that came back was "F - that's why we voted him out." So what would it be for Tony Smith, a little over two years on the job, and after seeing several improvements in that time? This time the reply was, "F - I know he has gotten some things done but it's just not enough, so much more needs to be done and we are paying taxes."

Joey Perkins is the Hinds County Emergency Management Director. He provided an update and answered several questions around the 911 system and a Safe Room/Shelter. He shared the distinction between calls for emergencies being made from a house phone versus a cell phone, and



Joey Perkins, Hinds County Emergency Management Director.



Earl Clowers, District 2 Special Projects Officer. PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

that despite house phones being used less and less, the detailed information they provide about the caller's location is superior, despite the county having the very latest cellphone technology.

In response to a question, he indicated that there are funds available, called mitigation funds, if a location was designated and approved as a shelter, to purchase a generator for that location. Currently there are no Safe Rooms/Designated Shelters in Hinds County. He also spoke about the high threshold, \$1.5 million, established by FEMA and Congress, to address storm damage, and that typically that threshold is not met in an individual storm.

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Jackson's new police chief's salary still a concern

By Othor Cain
Contributing Writer

A simmering power struggle between the Jackson City Council and Mayor John Horhn has come to a head, not over qualifications, but over dollars and process.

In a 6-1 vote, the Council confirmed the mayor's selection of Dr. Rashall Brackney as Jackson's next police chief, clearing the way for her to take office April 1. While council members voiced confidence in her credentials and leadership background, the debate quickly shifted from public safety to fiscal authority.

At issue is the chief's salary.

The approved city budget allocates a little more than \$133,000 for the position. However, Mayor Horhn offered Dr. Brackney \$150,000, nearly \$17,000 above what had been budgeted. That decision, some council members argue, placed them in an uncomfortable and avoidable bind.

Under Jackson's governing structure, the City Council controls the purse strings of municipal government. Several members openly scorned the mayor during recent meetings, saying he failed to follow established protocol by not first seeking Council approval for the higher salary before extending the offer.

"This isn't about the chief," one council member emphasized. "It's about respecting the legislative authority of this body."

The tension was especially visible in Ward 2. Councilwoman Tina Clay wrestled



Brackney

publicly with the salary discrepancy during the confirmation hearings. Though she ultimately voted to confirm Brackney, Clay later signaled regret over how the process unfolded.

At a subsequent council meeting, Clay asked whether she could rescind her vote, saying she wanted to change it because the mayor had circumvented established procedure. Her request underscored the depth of frustration among some members who feel they were forced to choose between supporting a qualified police chief and defending the Council's fiscal authority.

Despite the discord, ... Brackney is scheduled to begin her tenure April 1. Before then, the Council will have to reconvene to address the salary adjustment formally. Whether members approve the \$150,000 figure or hold firm to the originally budget-

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David Archie's Day in Court

By Othor Cain
Contributing Writer

In the wake of a hotly contested 2023 election, former Hinds County Supervisor David Archie is now fighting for what he calls "the integrity of the ballot" in a courtroom showdown that could reshape local politics.

Archie, a long-time public servant in Hinds County, lost his bid for a second term to political

newcomer Anthony Smith. The defeat surprised some and validated concerns for others but all agree this contest has set the stage for a legal battle that has drawn sharp attention across the state.

Over two days of testimony in Hinds County Circuit Court, Archie's legal team laid out what they described as serious irregularities at the ballot box. Among their concerns: unsecured ballot bags, missing poll books, and what they alleged were failures in oversight and chain-of-custody procedures.

At the center of Archie's complaint are Zack Wallace, Hinds County Circuit Clerk, and the Hinds County Democratic Executive Committee. Archie con-

tends both entities were derelict in carrying out their statutory duties to safeguard the election process. His petition calls for a new election, a rare and consequential remedy often referred to as a "do-over."

Supporters of Archie argue the case is about more than one seat on the Board of Supervisors. "This is about voter confidence," one observer noted outside the courthouse. "Our community deserves to know that every ballot was handled properly."

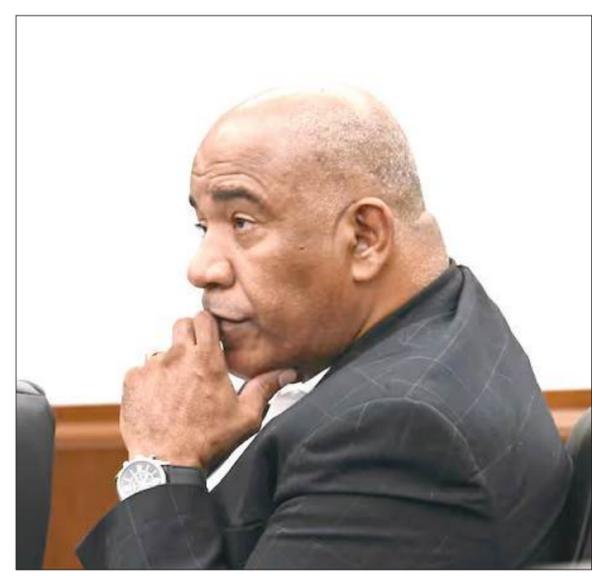
An attorney representing Anthony Smith pushed back, maintaining that the election was conducted lawfully and that the results reflect the will of the voters. They have argued that ad-

ministrative imperfections, if any occurred, do not rise to the level required to overturn a certified election.

Presiding over the case was Special Retired Judge Barry Ford, who listened to testimony from election workers, officials, and witnesses during the two-day hearing. Judge Ford is expected to issue a ruling in late March.

Ford's decision will not only determine the political future of David Archie but also send a broader message about election accountability and transparency in Mississippi's capital county.

As all involved await the court's ruling, one thing remains clear, Hinds County cannot afford any more election mishaps.



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ed amount could signal how this administration and Council will navigate power, protocol, and partnership moving forward. Council President Brian Grizzell suggested the mayor “should pay the difference out of his budget,” which would not require council approval.

For a city seeking stability in public safety and governance, the coming vote may prove just as consequential as the confirmation itself.

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Earl Clowers is the Special Projects Officer for District 2 and seemed to be the speaker most appreciated by the roughly 40 residents in attendance. He now has eight years’ experience as an SPO, and it showed. He handed out Work Order forms and provided his cell phone number to the gathering. He stated that it’s one thing to make a complaint or submit a Work Order, but he promised to do individual follow-up to ensure the work is completed, usually through the Office of the Public Works Director, and promised to provide project updates or honesty if the job just cannot be accomplished and why. One resident suggested out loud that Clowers should run for Supervi-

sor. Clowers came across as sincere, performance driven, and transparent.

St. Thomas may be small, but they are steeped in history and have a big heart. They are striving to hold themselves and elected officials accountable because they see clearly that other districts are getting plenty of improvements. A community clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2026. Roll-Off dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot on the westside of St. Thomas MB Church. Volunteers are needed. The clean-up will run from 8AM until Noon.

After a storied civil rights career, Jesse Jackson was celebrated one last time in his home state of South Carolina

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson Sr. was honored Monday, March 2 in the state where he grew up under segregation with a hero’s memorial, his flag-draped casket under the Capitol’s rotunda and thousands of people circling the Statehouse grounds waiting to honor him.

A horse-drawn caisson brought Jackson’s body to the Capitol and white-gloved state troopers brought the casket inside, where Jackson was only the second Black person to lie in state.

The service started with a rousing version of the Black national anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” that reverberated through the Statehouse — a building that was partially destroyed in 1865 during the Civil War, which South Carolina started to keep slavery.

Before the doors opened to the public, politicians and other guests remembered a man who grew up in Greenville and, in 1960, led seven Black high school students into the whites-only library branch. They sat down, quietly read books and magazines, and were arrested. That’s when Jackson’s civil rights career began.

“Because of his efforts, I can sit where I am today,” said Democratic U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, who has served 33 years in Congress and first



Jesse Jackson is joined by his daughter, Santita, and son Jonathan, far right, and unidentified youngster at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, June 8, 1988 after falling in defeat to Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis in the California Democratic primary. AP PHOTO/JOHN DURICKA, FILE

met Jackson when they were on rival high school sports teams in segregated South Carolina. They forged a lifelong friendship through the civil rights struggle.

Thousands line up to pay respect to Jackson

Jackson died Feb. 17 at age 84. He had a rare neurological disorder that affected his mobility and ability to speak in his later years.

When the Statehouse doors opened to the public, a line seven blocks long

was waiting. People walked up to the second floor and were given a moment to pray or take a picture before a trooper in a dress uniform politely asked them to keep moving.

Behind Jackson’s casket, with his back turned, was a statue of former U.S. Vice President John C. Calhoun, a zealous defender of slavery.

The South Carolina services are part of two weeks of events. It began with Jackson’s body lying in repose last week at his Rainbow PUSH Coalition’s

Chicago headquarters.

After South Carolina, Jackson will be returned to Chicago for a large celebration of life gathering at a megachurch and the final homegoing services at the Rainbow PUSH headquarters. Plans for a service in Washington, D.C., to honor him have been postponed.

Jackson’s family asked that he lie in honor at the United States Capitol Rotunda. House Speaker Mike Johnson’s office declined the request because the space is typically reserved for former presidents, the military and select officials.

“In some respects, South Carolina makes more sense than Washington, D.C.,” said Jackson’s son Jesse Jackson Jr., thanking the people of the state for embracing his father as he pushed to make it a better place.

Jackson fought for the poor

Nationally and internationally, Jesse Jackson Sr. advocated for the poor and underrepresented for voting rights, job opportunities, education and health care. He scored diplomatic victories with world leaders.

Through his Rainbow PUSH Coalition, he channeled cries for Black pride and self-determination into corporate boardrooms, pressuring executives to make America a more open and equitable society. He was the Civil Rights Movement’s torchbearer after the Rev.

Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination, and would run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988.

George Curtis drove nearly three hours from Greensboro, North Carolina. He is a North Carolina A&T University graduate, like Jackson, and that connection led them to meet several times. Curtis wore his hat with Jackson’s name on it in support of one of his favorite causes. On the side, it said, “Keep hope alive. Vote!”

“He was a great guy. His legacy will live on. But everybody has to vote. The way things are going, you have to vote,” Curtis said.

Jackson was present in 2015 when the South Carolina House voted to finally remove the Confederate flag from the Capitol grounds. Several were placed there during the 1960s in opposition to the federal government’s push for integration.

South Carolina’s longest-serving legislator found Jackson in the celebration. Democratic Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter said he pulled her aside.

“It’s great to take down the Confederate flag. But what about the Confederate agenda,” Cobb-Hunter recalled him saying. “What I want people to remember is there is still much work to do.”

Mayor says Jackson ‘freed us all’

Associated Press writer Sophia Tareen in Chicago contributed to this report.

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Jackson Association of Black Journalists Hosts Black History Event

“The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them,” Ida B. Wells

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

On Friday, February 27, 2026, the Jackson Association of Black Journalists (JABJ) gathered their members, friends, and guests in the Craig H. Neilsen Auditorium at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum for a Black History Month program of special distinction – a conversation with Mississippi native son and trailblazer Justice Reuben V. Anderson.

After opening remarks by Ross Adams, an investigative reporter and anchor at WAPT Channel 16 news, Jimmie Gates, who spent nearly 40 years at The Clarion Ledger, mostly as a Government and Courts reporter, prior to his retirement, took the microphone to introduce the man who simply needs no introduction, especially in Mississippi, and certainly not at the Civil Rights Museum. Gates began the conversation with Justice Anderson by recalling his early years as a journalist in Jackson and being told – ‘if you want to know something, you need to speak with Reuben Anderson, he knows Mississippi and he’s spent years making the community better.’ Gates said he likened it to the EF Hutton television commercial from the 70’s and 80’s – “when



L-R: Jimmie E. Gates. Justice Reuben V. Anderson. PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

EF Hutton speaks, people listen. And that’s the way it is with Reuben Anderson, and it’s been that way for a very long time.”

Anderson began by acknowledging he had already made his last speech, but that he was happy to be here, indicating that the Civil Rights Museum was one of his favorite places in Mississippi, “we’ve been dealing with each other since the 1970’s.” Anderson said he had been friends with Former Governor William Winter, and made it clear that the idea for the museum was Winter’s. He also shared that without the support of Former Governor Haley Barbour, it would have been impossible to raise the money for the museum. “Haley went to the Legislature and got \$100 million – only Haley could have done

that. We have the only state-run Civil Rights Museum in America.”

He shared about his alma mater, Tougaloo College, as being a mecca during the Civil Rights Movement, and how so many of the items and artifacts in the museum today had originated at Tougaloo, been shifted to a gymnasium, then eventually to a climate-controlled building that could ensure their preservation. “William Winter was on the Board of Directors of the Department of Archives and History for fifty-two years. Today he is in heaven and thrilled because he called this museum the largest schoolhouse in Mississippi.”

When Gates asked Anderson to share about his early life, another history lesson began. Born



Conversation with Mississippi trailblazer
Reuben V. Anderson

on Dalton Street, raised near the roundabout at Pearl and Prentiss, his father was a bricklayer and owner of a juke-joint, his mother became ill with tuberculosis and had to go to the sanatorium in Magee, typical for treatment in that era. His two older brothers stayed with the father, and he stayed with an aunt, who lived just a few blocks from his best childhood friend, Jack Young, the son of the premier civil rights attorney in Mississippi. “Mr. Young took an interest in me. He was a prince of a man. I wanted to be like him. I wanted to be a civil rights lawyer. He told me he wanted me to do two things, go to Tougaloo and go to Ole Miss Law School.”

Justice Anderson’s story, the ups and downs, and opportunities are truly the things legends are made of – and even today, in retirement, he remains the longest serving African American attorney in Mississippi. The dean of the School of Law at Ole Miss,

Joshua Morse III, integrated the school at a tumultuous time in Mississippi history, and called Anderson in Baton Rouge where he had started his law studies, and invited him back to Mississippi. He went on to graduate from Ole Miss Law School in 1967, the first graduate to look like him.

He went on to form the first interracial law firm in Mississippi – on Farish Street – Anderson, Banks, Nichols, and Leventhal. He then became the first African American city judge in Jackson, then on to the county, then to the circuit court, and then was invited to a meeting with Governor William Allain, who appointed him as the first African American Justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court, in 1985. “I stayed on the Court for six years, it was an extremely tough job...so I decided if I was going to have to work that hard, I was going to get paid, so I left and got me a job.”

Justice Anderson is passionate

about golfing, Blues music, and his family. Unlike many, he and his family never left Jackson. He has served on Boards for national and multinational companies. He founded a Pre-Law Program within the Reuben V. Anderson Institute for Social Justice at Tougaloo College, when he was just fifty years old. He was intricately involved with Dr. Aaron Shirley in repurposing the old Jackson Mall into the partnership with University of Mississippi Medical Center and Tougaloo College to create the Jackson Medical Mall, serving untold numbers of community members over the decades. After being asked by Lieutenant Governor Hosemann to be part of the nine-member Commission to redesign the Mississippi State Flag in 2020, he was quickly selected by those members to serve as their chairman.

A trailblazer - born in Jackson, Mississippi September 16, 1942. Sharing his story with Black journalists during Black History Month in the largest classroom in Mississippi, a classroom that he helped to create and lead. It gets no better. True to form as an attorney, when the hour was up - the hour was up! What an incredible hour it was.

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St. Thomas MB Church Celebrates Pastor's 18th Anniversary

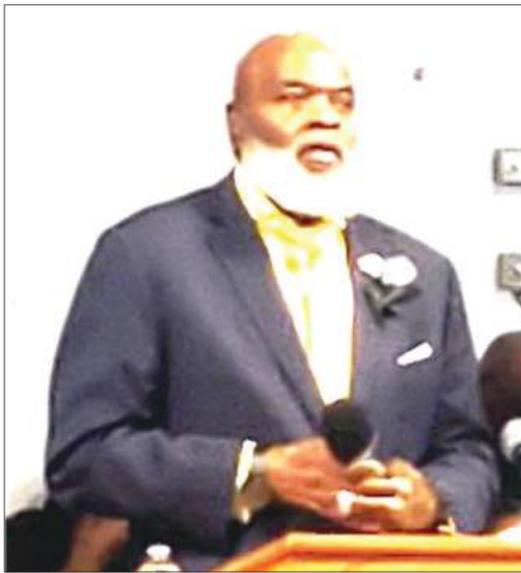
The theme - Leading from responsibility to reward – could not have been more fitting

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

They say that all of Bolton Mississippi is just 1.5 square miles, with a declining population of about 440 souls. The St Thomas community, within Bolton - smaller than that. But if you made your way to the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church at 4699 St. Thomas Road, in Bolton on Sunday, March 1, 2026, you just wouldn't believe it. The St. Thomas Church was full to the brim on this day, a day to mark another pastoral anniversary for Reverend Darryl L. Magee, Sr. and Lady Debbie Magee. Plenty of pastors make it to eighteen years, but this is no ordinary pastor, and there is nothing ordinary about the church he leads and the community they serve.



Senior Pastor Darryl L. Magee, Sr. and Lady Debbie Magee.



Guest Speaker Reverend Johnny Smith, Jr.



Pianist/Organist and Choir Director for the St. Thomas Mass Choir, Johnny Bogan.

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Reverend Magee was installed as Senior Pastor at St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church March 2, 2008. Prior to that he served as Assistant to the Senior Pastor, Reverend Dr. Horrace L. Buckley, at none other than the legendary Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson. When Magee came to St. Thomas, it was immediately following the retirement of another giant who had served as Pastor there for 41 years, the Reverend Hillman T. Frazier.

At St. Thomas, faith can be seen in action. They are doers. They are helpers. They host community meetings, they help those in need, they provide visits to shut-in's, they provide rides to appointments and to worship services, they involve and lift the children. Everyone has a role and everyone steps up. This list of ministries is endless. The theme for the pastoral anniversary was "Leading from responsibility to reward." In his prepared remarks printed in the program, Magee said in part, "I look forward to the coming years being ones in which we again continue to grow in our knowledge of God, His holiness, and love for one another



Members of The St. Thomas Mass Choir pose following the service.



Youth Ministry members singing

PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

while reaching across the street, down the street, and around the world with the proclamation of the gospel...We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

This is the very same Pastor that collapsed at the Mississippi Capitol just under two years ago. What was he doing there? He and other clergy were pleading with legislators to expand Medicaid. A medical condition led to surgery, but he was back in the pulpit two months later. There is no such mercy in the Mississippi Legislature. We remain one of only ten states not to expand Medicaid. To see him on the 18th anniversary of his pastorate, he was strong, healthy, and thankful.

Deacon Johnny and Sister

Kennan Singleton escorted Pastor and Lady Magee into the sanctuary. Sister Hope Pearson served as emcee for the celebration. Ministers Charles Ward and Victor Keyes provided opening worship. Sister Carla Carey had to follow the choir before providing the welcome and occasion - we'll get back to that choir! A lengthy list of parishioners; ministry and auxiliary members, the Hinds County Baptist Association of Churches, the Senator from District 27, and son of Magee's predecessor, Hillman Terome Frazier, and others provided heartfelt tributes and presentations.

Pastor Johnny Smith, Jr. from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, served as guest speaker for the

event. His remarks focused on 1 Peter 5:1-4. From the New King James Version, it reads, "The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away."

Mrs. Erma Wilson said she attended Mt. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Bolton as a young girl, but for most of her

life St. Thomas has been her church home. Her answer to the question "why" was straight to the point - "it's friendly here. The messages from the Pastor are good. Everyone is just so friendly." Just then a girl popped up, Erma's great granddaughter. When asked for her name, she asked, "my whole name with my middle name?" I nodded and reached for my pen as she spelled out every letter for me, "Faith Lashay Stamps." When I asked the eight-year old why she likes St. Thomas Church her answer was just as to the point as her great grandmother, "I like to worship God. I like to hear everyone sing."

And speaking of singing. The St. Thomas choir, with some twenty-eight members on hand

for the event, is a powerhouse. Small community - Big Sound. This choir is off the charts! In fact, taking second seat to no one, they are now referred to as the St. Thomas Mass Choir. You heard right. And the Youth Ministry Choir brought it big too, turning to the Pastor saying, "This is for you, Pastor," before they broke into song with Woke Up This Mornin (with my mind stayed on Jesus). Straight from the heavens, under the leadership of Youth Minister Victor Keys and Youth Director Cathedral Woodruff.

St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church has Sunday School at 9AM, Worship at 10:30AM, and Bible Class every Wednesday at Noon and 6PM.

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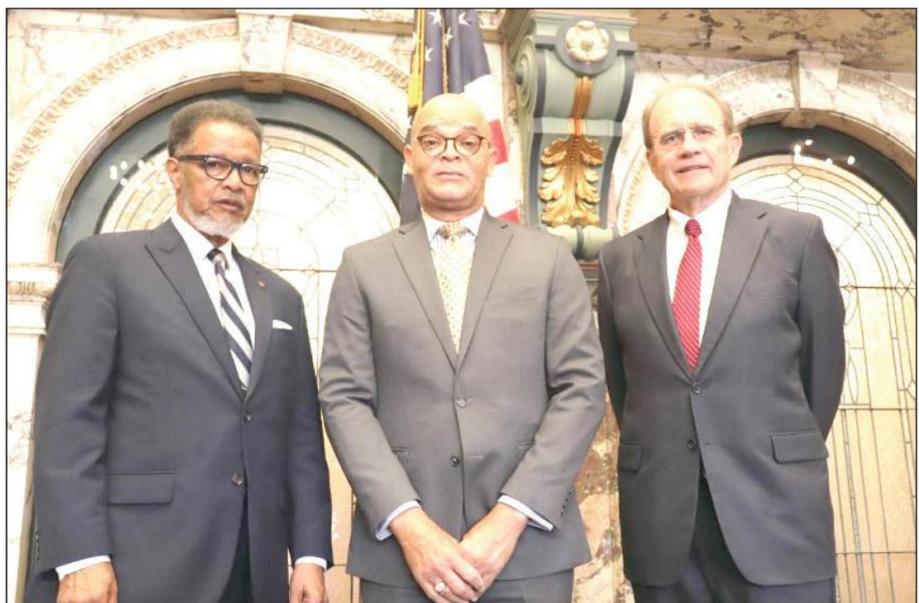
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Reverend Vincent Russell delivered an opening prayer to the Mississippi Senate



(L-T) Senator Sollie B. Norwood, Pastor Vincent Russell and Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann Reverend Vincent Russell, Pastor of Greater Fairview Baptist Church in Jackson, delivered an opening prayer to the Mississippi Senate on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the invitation of Senator Sollie B. Norwood, who led the Pledge of Allegiance before Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann guided lawmakers through the day's agenda.

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Read Across America being celebrated throughout schools and libraries

Mayor John Horhn presented a proclamation recognizing March 2–6, 2026, as Read Across Jackson Week in Jackson



Reverend John Wicks reading to the 2nd grade class at New Hope Elementary Christian School.

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The National Education Association initiated Read Across America Day March 2, 1998, coinciding with the birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodore Seuss Geisel beloved author of books like The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham.) However, Read Across America Day is about much more than any one particular author, no matter how beloved. It is a celebration of literacy, especially among young people. In 2018, Read Across America Day became Read Across America Week and in 2026 educational institutions all across Mississippi participated with various events.

Mayor John Horhn recently presented an official city proclamation recognizing March 2–6, 2026, as Read Across Jackson Week in Jackson. The procla-

mation encourages residents, families, and community organizations to support reading with children throughout the year.

The Jackson/Hinds Library System has gotten in on the fun, with read-aloud events everyday Monday - Friday at various library locations. On the premiere day, Monday March 2, volunteers from the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club were on hand at the Medgar Evers Library decked out in Cat-in-the-Hat hats to read to a group of excited children. Similar exciting events were scheduled throughout the rest of the week at the literary community gathering library, located at 4215 Medgar Evers Blvd.

Also getting in on the fun was New Hope Christian Elementary with special invited guests reading to classes. Then the next sentence is Amongst the guest-



Students at Medgar Evers Library listening to story read by Alberta Smith.

reading to classes at 10:00 am on Monday. Amongst the guests were Rev. John A. Wicks, Jr., pastor of Mount Nebo Baptist Church reading to Ms. Kayla Dodd's second grade class; Attorney Leyser Hayes reading to Ms. Reonna Russell's fourth grade class and Jackie Hampton, publisher of The Mississippi Link reading to Ms. Phebia Jackson's fifth grade class. The students were very attentive and excited while listening to their invited readers. They all seemed to love the stories which were chosen especially for their listening ears. Hampton chose to read an African American folktale titled "The Cabbage Inspector," which was a trickster tale. The students learned that 'trickster tales' have deep roots in African storytelling traditions. They were brought to American by enslaved Africans

who used them to teach, entertain, and survive in a world of oppression. Emma Harris, who is an after-schoolteacher at New Hope Christian school said the students she encountered were incredibly happy to have special guests reading to them. One of the students in the fifth grade who happened to be a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, became excited when Harris escorted Pastor Wicks to her class after he finished reading to the second-grade class to which he was assigned. It almost brought her to tears, when she learned he stopped by her class to say hello.

As stated in the mayor's proclamation, Jackson Public Schools (JPS) students will participate throughout the week in special readalouds, celebrity readers' visits, and other events designed to build strong reading skills and



Jackie Hampton, Publisher reading to 5th grade class at New Hope Elementary Christian School.



Attorney Leyser Hayes (center) posing with 4th grade class after reading to them.

a love of books. JPS will be partnering with Tougaloo College to host a Read Across Jackson event for PreK scholars, featuring books, literacy stations, and guest readers, including a member of the Jackson Fire Department. This event highlights the community's commitment to supporting early literacy and providing engaging experiences for Jackson's youngest learners.

"Early literacy shapes everything that comes after it," said Horhn. "When our children learn to read, they begin to see

new possibilities for themselves and for our city. I am proud that Jackson Public Schools, Tougaloo College, and our community partners are working together to create meaningful reading experiences for students." across Jackson. Read Across Jackson Week shows our children that books matter, that their education matters, and that their community believes in them." The mayor will also participate by reading at John Hopkins Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. on March 6th.

Ask Tim a Question? Business, Finances, Money, or Taxes

By Tim C. Lee
CEO & Founder of TCL Financial & Tax Services



Question: Tim, I bought a new car last year, and I also financed it. Can I write the car off on my tax return for 2025?

Answer: One of the new tax law changes that is in President Donald J. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act is called, "No Tax On Car Loan Interest Deduction."

This particular deduction is for taxpayers who purchased a qualified vehicle in Tax Year 2025.

The vehicle must either be a car, minivan, motorcycle, pickup truck, sport utility vehicle (SUV), or van with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than \$14,000 pounds.

Additional qualifications for the No Tax On Car Loan Interest Deduction are:

- At the time of purchase, the vehicle must be new, not used
- The vehicle must have been purchased for personal use, not business
- The vehicle underwent final assembly in the United States of America

For this deduction, you can claim up to \$10,000 of the interest you paid last year to the lender on your Tax Year 2025 tax return.

Keep in mind, you can not claim the monthly car payments, lease payments, or the full purchase price of the vehicle. Again, you can only claim the interest you paid to the lender on your tax return.

The No Tax On Car Loan Interest Deduction phases out for individual taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income

(MAGI) over \$100,000, and \$200,000 for married filing jointly taxpayers.

Taxpayers filing the married filing separately filing status do not qualify for this particular deduction.

To claim the No Tax On Car Loan Interest Deduction, you must provide the vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle on your tax return.

This deduction is also available for both itemizing and non-itemizing taxpayers.

Another good thing about the No Tax On Car Loan Interest Deduction, it is not only allowed for qualifying, new vehicles purchased in Tax Year 2025, but also for qualifying, new vehicles purchased in Tax Years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

In addition, this deduction is not limited to only being claimed for the tax year you bought your qualifying, new vehicle.

The No Tax On Car Loan Interest Deduction is available for Tax Years 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028, so you can deduct your interest paid to the lender in each tax year following the year you made the purchase.

I must say, and you must admit, this is "One Big Beautiful Deduction" that taxpayers who qualify, should take advantage of!

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Trump's MAGA allies are creating Executive Order Plan to steal the 2026 Midterms

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

A group of MAGA pro-Trump activists, who say they are working in coordination with the White House, are circulating a 17-page draft executive order that would claim without evidence that China interfered with the 2020 presidential election. Donald Trump lost the 2020 presidential to President Joe Biden by over 7 million votes. Since Trump lost to Biden in 2020, he has repeatedly claimed that the election was "stolen" without evidence. The report of a group of "Trump allies" preparing an executive order to give Trump power over elections was first reported by The Washington Post.

The lies around the right-wing campaign that pushed falsehoods that the 2020 election was stolen was trafficked through right-wing media, particularly Fox News. Fox News



was then sued for defamation for the claims by Dominion Voting Systems. Fox lost the case and had to settle for the largest defamation amount on record of \$787.5 million in April 2023.

The document that could lead to an executive order proposes using the claim that China inter-

fered with the 2020 elections as grounds to "declare a national emergency." The move would be an unprecedented step that would grant Trump new authority over the voting systems in the U.S.

The story in The Washington Post arrives as Trump increas-

ingly signals that he may take actions that would alter the result of the 2026 midterms. The Republicans are widely expected to lose as their approval ratings plummet as a result of a failing economy under Trump. Over 50 members of Congress have announced they will retire

this year and not return in 2027.

The Trump Department of Justice, which now has a large image of Trump on the side of it, "sued five new states Thursday [Feb. 26, 2026] demanding access to their unredacted voter rolls — escalating a campaign that has been rejected by multiple federal courts and faces resistance from Republican-led states as well," according to Democracy Docket, a group that works to protect voting rights.

Trump claimed back in late 2020, the last year of his first term, that he had the authority to issue an executive order related to mail-in voting for the 2020 elections — which he would then lose. But the Constitution states that control of elections lies with the states. As the GOP works to place hurdles in front of voting, Democrats worked to make voting easier.

In March 2021, President Biden signed an executive order

calling on federal agencies to expand voting access as part of the Biden Administration's effort "to promote and defend the right to vote for all Americans who are legally entitled to participate in elections."

Trump's focus is clearly on altering the November 2026 midterm elections. Trump's polling numbers and the elections and special elections that have taken place around the U.S. over the last year clearly indicate that Republicans are about to be hit by a blue wave of Democratic victories.

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From Congress to Corporate America: NNPA Spotlights Visionaries in New Video Series

NNPA Newswire

For the next six weeks and beyond the "Leadership Matters" video series will be repeatedly broadcast on the National Newspaper Publishers Association, (NNPA) www.BlackPressUSA and on numerous NNPA member publishers' social media channels across the nation in addition to being highlighted in NNPA print and digital publications.

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Maryland's Governor Wes Moore (left) joins National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. as part of the NNPA's "Leadership Matters" Video Series. Photo by DC Event

Amazon; and The Honorable Governor Wes Moore of Maryland.

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More than a Mission: Paying It Forward for the Future of Education



JoMeka Gray is one of just five educators nationwide to receive the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence from The NEA Foundation

By JoMeka Gray
Guest Writer

JoMeka Gray is a self-contained Kindergarten teacher at Kennedy-Powell STEM Elementary School in Temple, TX. She is also one of the five educators who received the 2026 Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence from The NEA Foundation.

Growing up in a rural community, I experienced firsthand the barriers that can limit a child's potential. The lack of broadband internet, access to high-quality instructional materials, or simply the chance to be truly seen and valued, especially when your name or culture doesn't fit the mold. That only fueled my drive to be the educator I wish I had, to represent and remove barriers for others like me.

As an educator, my mission has always been clear: to ensure every student, regardless of background, ZIP code, or circumstance, has access to a high-quality education. Over the years, that mission has deepened into a full-scale advocacy effort for underrepresented populations. A movement that champions opportunity for students often left behind: military-connected youth, children living in poverty, students with emotional and behavioral needs, and those students historically underrepresented in STEM fields. I see my work as an act of justice, and I know what it is like to rise anyway.

It Takes a Village

To advance that mission, I founded Kennedy-Powell Elementary Stars-Helping-Stars, a campus-based initiative that unites families, staff, and community partners to pay it forward by supporting students in need. As a National Board-Certified teacher, I knew the work had to go beyond my classroom. Through this program, we launched projects that addressed both academic growth and human connection:

- Students used STEM skills to create and sell recycled products, raising funds to donate holiday gift cards to their homeless peers.
- Families volunteered as tutors, stepping in where academic support at home was limited. As a result, our campus saw measurable growth in Texas Accountability scores between 2024 and 2025.
- Currently, I collaborate with other educators and community members to "pay it forward" through a monthly Breakfast Club, where students build relationships with local mentors in a safe, affirming space. These moments give students a sense of belonging and mentors a way to

reflect on their impact.

What began as a small act of support has grown into a sustainable, community-driven model that meets students where they are—academically, emotionally, and socially—both in and beyond the classroom.

Mentee to Mentor: Passing the Torch to Next Generation of Educators

I believe in paying forward, not just within the walls of my school or community, but across the profession. Over the years, I've mentored first-year teachers, student teachers, and National Board Certification candidates nationally. Helping educators navigate their early careers and refine their practice has been one of the most rewarding parts of my journey. I take pride in knowing that these are the teachers who will carry the torch forward. Through structured mentorship, reflective practice, and collaborative planning, I've watched them grow from uncertain beginners to confident educators shaping lives. I do this work because I remember what it meant to be mentored by myself. The encouragement, wisdom, and accountability my mentor teachers offered shaped not only my practice but my belief in what's possible. Their impact still echoes in my classroom today, in how I reflect, how I lead, and how I support others. By paying forward, I'm honoring their legacy and helping ensure the cycle of support continues for the next generation of educators.

What I Needed Then, I Advocate for Now

I have faced many barriers, as both a student and a teacher, and made it my mission to pay it forward by opening doors for others. I know what it feels like to be unseen, on both sides of the classroom. Opportunity shouldn't depend on your zip code, your income, or how others perceive your background. It is why I encourage students to connect beyond their world such as zooming with classrooms in Italy. It is why I have championed access to quality instructional materials for all Texas students that are adapted for our high population of Spanish-speaking students. It is why I have advocated for strong teacher training, so every educator is prepared, no matter their path.

Every student deserves a strong education. Every teacher deserves real support. And every school deserves a system built for all. When we pay it forward in education, we don't just change one life; we ignite a ripple that can transform generations.

JSU prepares students for life after college with a career expo

By Kelli Sharpe
Jackson State University

Jackson State University (JSU) is helping students get the best return on their college education by finding them employment. JSU hosted the 2026 Spring Career Expo on Feb. 26, at the Walter Payton Center. Over 300 students attended, giving them direct access to representatives from 77 private and public-sector employers.

"Preparing students for life beyond graduation is a responsibility we take seriously at Jackson State University," said Interim President Denise Jones Gregory. "The Spring Career Expo strengthens the connection between classroom learning and meaningful employment by bringing our students face to face with opportunity."

In the lead-up to the Spring Career Expo, employer partners were instrumental in preparing students. Representatives from Lockheed Martin, Cooperative Energy, Continental Tires, Regions Bank, Southern Company and Georgia Pacific participated in the Career Expo Prep Day to help students fine-tune their resumes and enhance their interview skills.

"For many of us, this is where the rubber meets the road," shared Chloe Nash, a senior Psychology major who participated in the prep day. "We invest four years into our education, and now we have to show that we are ready for meaningful employment. Whether in HR or another field, every organization has a place for psychology. I am excited to see where these businesses, connections and opportunities lead me."

LaShanda Jordan, Ph.D., executive director of Student and Career Services and the JSU Career Service Center, emphasized the significance of these employer partnerships. "The value that our employer partners bring to the preparatory



Jackson State University hosted several events to help students with interviewing skills and resume writing to secure employment.

events is immeasurable, as they directly influence the employability of our students. The Career Expo is a vital component of the college experience, providing essential networking opportunities."

Jordan said 40 students registered for the prep day event to ensure they were well-prepared for the career fair. Additionally, the College of Business helped business majors gain a competitive edge in the job market through a specialized career fair. The Center for Academic and Professional Success (CAPS) sponsored an event just for business students, scheduled ahead of the Spring Career Expo.

"Career readiness events are extremely important to students in the College of Business," said Shelia Porterfield, Ph.D., associate dean with the JSU College of Business. "They are designed to help prepare students for their entry into the business world and CAPS does this by engaging students in a host of career readiness activities, including professional development courses."

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics has cited technology and data, healthcare, business and finance and specialized roles as high-demand jobs for 2026 graduates. These fields include information security analysts, software engineers, medi-

cal and health services managers, financial analysts, research analysts, and teachers.

According to ZipRecruiter Economic Research, employers are increasingly requiring four-year degrees, with over 70% of companies requiring them for entry-level positions in 2025. In 2024, it was only 55%.

For more information about the 2026 Spring Career Expo and the JSU Career Services Center, please visit JSU Career Services or call 601.979.2477.

Jackson State University, founded in 1877, is a historically black, high-research activity university located in Jackson, the capital city of Mississippi. Jackson State's nurturing academic environment challenges individuals to change lives through teaching, research, and service. Officially designated as Mississippi's Urban University, Jackson State continues to enhance the state, nation, and world through comprehensive economic development, healthcare, technological, and educational initiatives. The only public university in the Jackson metropolitan area, Jackson State is located near downtown, with four satellite locations. For more information, visit www.jsu.edu or call 601-979-2121.

Hinds CC Vicksburg Campus inducts Alpha Omega Chapter PTK members

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Hinds Community College Vicksburg-Warren Campus inducted new members of the Alpha Omega Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on Feb. 20, 2026.

The newly inducted members include Kemiah Minor, Annie Tucker Hossely, Keiriahana Johnson, Caiya Nettle, Kira Melton, Joniya Scroggins, Sydney Cooley, Maddie Snow, Xaria Williams, Mary Beth Schuler, Delicia Carter, Draper Aldridge, Azalia Lockett, Damion Boyd, Christopher Hartley, Derrick Devote, Quinley Daniels and Zhyya Carson.



(L-R Front Row) Vicksburg residents: Kemiah Minor, Annie Tucker Hossely, Keiriahana Johnson, Caiya Nettle, Kira Melton, Joniya Scroggins, Sydney Cooley, Maddie Snow, Xaria Williams and Mary Beth Schuler; (L-R Back Row) Delicia Carter of Columbus, Ga., Draper Aldridge of Vicksburg, Azalia Lockett of Memphis, Damion Boyd of Port Gibson and Vicksburg residents Christopher Hartley, Derrick Devote, Quinley Daniels and Zhyya Carson.

Home Alone: Bleeding and Wounds

By Vince Faust MA
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

A bad wound can happen anywhere, at home, on the job, in the yard or on the street. One moment you're going about your day, and the next you're staring at a deep cut, a gash or an injury that is bleeding far more than you expected. Severe bleeding is frightening and for good reason. Uncontrolled blood loss can become lifethreatening in minutes. But knowing what to do in those first critical moments can save your life.

Medical experts emphasize that the most important action is simple: stop the bleeding as quickly as possible. The American Red Cross states that lifethreatening bleeding is identified by the amount and flow of blood, especially when blood is pooling, flowing continuously or spurting from the wound. The Mayo Clinic reinforces that severe bleeding requires immediate first aid and rapid emergency response.

Do you know what to do if you suffer a severe wound with significant blood loss and how to protect yourself if you are alone until help arrives?

Not all bleeding is the same. A small cut may look dramatic but pose little danger. A deep wound, however, can cause rapid blood loss.

According to the Red Cross, bleeding may be lifethreatening when:

- A large volume of blood is present, roughly half the amount in a soda can
- Blood is flowing continuously
- Blood is spurting, which may indicate arterial bleeding
- The person shows signs of shock, such as pale skin, rapid breathing or



confusion

The Mayo Clinic adds that deep wounds, injuries with embedded objects or wounds that won't stop bleeding require immediate emergency care.

If you have these signs, treat the situation as lifethreatening.

Step One: Before anything call 911 immediately or your local emergency number. The Mayo Clinic stresses that emergency services should be contacted right away for deep wounds or any bleeding you cannot control quickly.

If you are alone do so immediately, even before applying pressure.

Step Two: Protect Yourself and Expose the Wound

If possible, wash or sanitize your hands. The Mayo Clinic recommends using disposable gloves or protective

equipment if available to reduce infection risk.

Next:

- Remove or cut away clothing covering the wound
- Look for the source of bleeding. Check to see if there are more than one injury
- Remove obvious debris, but do not remove deeply embedded objects, which can worsen bleeding

If an object is stuck in the wound, do not pull it out. Instead, apply pressure around it.

Step Three: Apply Direct Pressure The Most Important Step

The Red Cross emphasizes that the single most important action is to get pressure on the wound immediately.

Here's how:

1. Use a clean cloth, gauze or even your hand if nothing else is available.
2. Press firmly and continuously on the wound.
3. Maintain pressure for at least 10–15 minutes without checking to see if the bleeding has stopped.

If the cloth becomes soaked, do not remove it, simply add more layers on top. Removing the cloth can disrupt clotting.

Direct pressure is the fastest and most effective way to slow blood loss.

Step Four: Elevate the Wound If Possible

If the wound is on an arm or leg and if doing so does not cause further injury, gently raise the limb above heart level. This can help slow bleeding by reducing blood flow to the area. This step should never replace direct pressure, it is an additional measure.

Step Five: Use a Tourniquet Only When Absolutely Necessary

Tourniquets are a powerful tool, but they must be used correctly. The Red Cross recommends using a tourniquet only for severe, lifethreatening bleeding when direct pressure is not enough or when the wound involves an arm or leg.

If you have a commercial tourniquet:

- Place it 2–3 inches above the wound
- Tighten until bleeding stops
- Note the time it was applied

If you do not have a commercial tourniquet, the Mayo Clinic advises against improvised tourniquets unless you have no other option, as they can cause additional injury if used incorrectly.

Tourniquets are a last resort but in the right situation, they can save a life.

Step Six: Do Not Remove Embedded Objects

If a knife, piece of metal or other object is lodged in the wound, leave it in place. The Mayo Clinic warns that removing an embedded object can increase bleeding and cause further damage.

Instead:

- Apply pressure around the object
- Use clean cloths or gauze to stabilize it

- Keep the area as still as possible

Step Seven: Stay Still and Calm Until Help Arrives

Movement increases bleeding. After applying pressure, try to remain as still as possible.

After Emergency Care: What Happens Next

Once emergency responders arrive, they will take over bleeding control, assess for shock and transport you to a

hospital. Severe wounds may require stitches, surgery or antibiotics.

Even after treatment, watch for signs of infection:

- Redness
- Swelling
- Warmth
- Fever
- Pus or foul odor

Seek medical care if these symptoms appear.

How To Prepare Before an Emergency Happens

No one expects a severe wound, but preparation can save your life.

Build a basic firstaid kit with:

- Sterile gauze
- Clean cloths
- Medical gloves
- Adhesive bandages
- A commercial tourniquet
- Antiseptic wipes
- Medical tape

Learn first aid

The Red Cross offers firstaid training that teaches bleeding control, CPR and emergency response. These skills can make the difference between life and death.

If you are ever unsure whether bleeding is severe, treat it as an emergency. It is always safer to call 911.

In a crisis, these actions can keep a bad situation from becoming a fatal one. When seconds matter, knowing what to do makes all the difference.

You're Not Alone, Even When You're Home Alone.

One Mother at a time: Ole Miss Pharmacy assists Maternal Health Effort

Program expands access to prenatal services in underserved Mississippi communities

By Marisa C. Atkinson and Natalie Ehrhardt

Mississippi is experiencing a maternal and infant health crisis, and the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy and its alumni are stepping in to help resolve it one patient at a time.

Lindsey Rayborn, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, is working with Ole Miss alumna Amy Catherine Love Baggett, owner of Love's Pharmacy on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, to pilot a community pharmacy-based maternal health program called Medications Optimizing Maternal Safety, or MOMS.

The organizers hope to improve outcomes for mothers and babies in one of the nation's most underserved states.

"Community pharmacists bring knowledge, accessibility and trusted patient relationships that uniquely position them to support pregnant women that can change outcomes for mothers and babies across Mississippi," said Donna Strum, dean of the pharmacy school.

The program operates through the Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network of Mississippi, or CPESN Mississippi, a group of independent pharmacies focused on advanced patient care services beyond prescription dispensing.

"Community pharmacies are many times the front door to local health care infrastructure," Baggett said. "Patients see their doctors, on average, three to five times per year, but they see their pharmacist, on average, 35 times per year."

Mississippi ranks first nationally in the percentage of individuals living in maternal health care deserts, 23.6%. The state also has the highest infant mortality rate in the country at 9.7 deaths per 1,000 live births. Both prompted the Mississippi Department of Health to declare infant mortality a public health emergency in August 2025.

To help improve these statistics, community pharmacies are implementing the MOMS program to provide expectant mothers with free monthly prenatal vitamins, iron supplements and low-dose aspirin, when appropriate. The



medications are packaged to promote routine use and are available by home delivery.

"Pharmacy teams conducted monthly check-ins that include screenings for non-medical drivers of health, along with trimester-specific assessments for vaccination needs, mental health and blood pressure," Rayborn said.

The teams include pharmacy-based community health workers, who collaborate with federally qualified health centers, county health departments, local providers and community organizations to coordinate care.

"We are proud to see Dr. Baggett, Dr. Rayborn and colleagues across the CPESN network implementing this program to make a meaningful difference for patients in our communities," Strum said.

The pharmacists and community health workers also address barriers that patients may experience.

"The most common barriers I've seen are transportation and inconsistent access to lines of communication, such as a working cell phone," Baggett said. "We have overcome this by sending CHWs out with the deliveries to complete the screenings in-home when we know they will be there."

The MOMS pilot launched in August 2025 with three pharmacies on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and serves 43 pregnant patients.

Participants have enrolled as early as five weeks gestation, with services continuing throughout pregnancy and

beyond. The education and services that patients receive have included vaccine gap closures, initiation of aspirin therapy and education on fetal movement, safe sleep and car seat safety.

Rayborn also serves as a CPESN Mississippi network facilitator, where she has helped to assess early findings from the three pilot locations. The initiative is preparing to expand to 17 more pharmacies statewide.

She will also mentor other pharmacies as they launch the maternal health service model, which is designed to position community pharmacies as both providers of maternal health services and care coordinators in areas where traditional obstetric care is limited or unavailable.

"While this is incredibly disheartening to know how many Mississippians may struggle to have access to the obstetric care they need, I am glad to be a part of a team who is trying to do something about it," Rayborn said.

"Considering 88.9% of the U.S. population lives within 5 miles of a community pharmacy, CPESN Mississippi has been working with public health stakeholders across the state to address these significant health disparities."

The program is helping one mother at a time to quell the maternal health crisis.

"The first expecting mother enrolled is due any day now," Baggett said. "It is so rewarding to see her excited and prepared for this journey into motherhood knowing we have been able to be a small part of it."

Why older adults should focus on eye health now

Statepoint

As you age, it's important to keep an eye on your vision. While some vision changes can be expected over time, others may signal something more serious, such as cataracts, glaucoma or age-related macular degeneration (AMD), which can result in vision loss, blurred vision and glare.

According to one study, one-third of all cases of cataracts, open-angle glaucoma and early AMD occur in those 80 years old or older.

"Older adults with diabetes are especially at risk of developing eye-related issues over time, including cataracts and glaucoma, as well as diabetic retinopathy," said Dr. Grant Tarbox, senior executive medical director with HealthSpring, which offers Medicare plans across the country.

In fact, more than half of people with diabetes eventually develop diabetic retinopathy, according to the National Eye Institute. This is a serious condition that can cause blindness if left untreated.

Vision screening recommendations for older adults vary by organization based on health status and medical history. Nevertheless, if you have a vision benefit in your insurance plan, it's a good idea to take advantage of it in 2026.

While Original Medicare doesn't cover a routine annual vision exam, most Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, such as those offered by HealthSpring, do provide additional vision benefits, including annual screenings. These plans may even provide you with an incentive for getting an annual vision exam. To avoid surprise payments, always visit an optometrist or ophthalmologist in your network.

Many eye diseases don't present symptoms in the early stages, making screenings important. When conditions are caught and treated early, disease progression can be slowed. Both Original Medicare and MA plans generally cover treatment for various eye diseases. Beneficiaries may have to pay coinsurance or copays, depending on their coverage. Additionally, a Medicare Part D plan,



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which is often included in an MA plan, generally covers eye drops and other vision-related prescriptions.

"You should always ask your eye doctor to share information about your vision health with your primary care physician, including any prescriptions ordered, to better coordinate care," said Tarbox.

In addition to screenings, you can support healthy eyes with lifestyle tweaks. Tarbox added that the same habits that benefit your overall health are also good for your eye health. This includes eating well, maintaining a healthy weight, washing your hands, not smoking, and taking medications as prescribed.

Additionally, because of the heightened risk of diabetic retinopathy, people with diabetes should undergo comprehensive annual eye exams and keep their A1C (a measurement of blood sugar), blood pressure and cholesterol levels under control.

For information on HealthSpring's Medicare plans, visit www.healthspring.com.

"Although we can take our eyes for granted, having good vision is a critical part of maintaining our independence as we age," Tarbox said. "Good vision can help prevent a number of adverse events, including falls or car accidents, allows us to manage our health and home, and even helps us connect with others."

Hezekiah Watkins – Mississippi’s youngest Freedom Rider – honored during a Reception and a Street Marker Press Conference

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

Hezekiah Watkins, an iconic civil rights activist, neighborhood leader, and businessman has spent decades sharing his 1961 Civil Rights Movement experiences with children, youth, and adults. He was 13 when he and another boy rode their bikes from a church ground in Jackson to Lamar Street and landed at the Greyhound Bus Station downtown. They were curious and wanted to see the Freedom Riders who had come to Jackson.

As fate would have it, Watkins was pushed into the “White Only” waiting section at the bus station. He told New Horizon Church International parishioners and guests at a reception following morning worship in his honor that a policeman questioned him. “I said I was from Milwaukee, Wis. He assumed I was a Freedom Rider.” Hence, the 13-year-old was sent to death row at Parchman Penitentiary for five days, a directive that inflicted trauma and changed his life.

Watkins, arrested 109 times throughout Miss., indicated that had he not been pushed into the Greyhound Bus Station, he never would have seen Fannie Lou Hamer testify at the 1964 Democratic National Convention. He never would have witnessed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Hamer discuss the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP). He never would have been mentored by activist James Bevel. More than likely, he never would have supported Victoria Gray in



Civil Rights Activist Hezekiah Watkins is lifted up in prayer by Bishop Henry Joseph, Senior Pastor, New Horizon Church International.

her run for the U.S. Senate under the MFDP. He would not have had opportunity to engage in activities with activist and fellow Freedom Rider Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. Further, this writer surmises that Watkins would not be informing tourists at the Civil Rights Museum in Jackson about his resistance to social injustice for the good of all humankind.

During the question/answer session, Watkins expressed concerns for today’s youth. Many, he said, “are just running wild and have no direction. When we have parents who want to be a child’s friend, then that creates a problem. It’s hard trying to school some of these kids...The best time we had was under Black Lives Matter.” Following the question/answer session, NHCI’s Senior Pastor Bishop Henry Joseph, surrounded by the prayer team, prayed for Watkins and gave God the glory for his works.

Juanita Donaldson and her grandson Royal Roper attended

the event. “Even though he was afraid, God was still with him. To hear that he had been arrested over 100 times [was heart-breaking]. The Bible teaches us how God uses children to bring about a change. [My mind went back to Moses in the basket],” she voiced while referencing Watkins’ struggles and perseverance. The next day, Monday, March 2, 2026, Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes presented a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in deference to Watkins. A section of Dalton Street from Dr. Robert Smith Parkway to Central Street was renamed to Mr. Hezekiah Watkins during a news conference. The unveiled marker denotes the struggles the legend encountered for racial equality and human dignity.

Though decades have vanished, memories still linger. “The trauma still lives inside, but I don’t let that deter me from anything that I want to do or say. I hope young kids can just come

by and see the name on the sign and ask, ‘Who is this guy? What did he do? Why is his name up there?’ and can get educated through the sign,” Watkins stated with optimism.

Watkins is a strong advocate for upward mobility of youth. Governing Jackson Youthville, he encourages youth leadership and inspires youth to engage in workforce development. Nineteen-year-old Terry Evans who has been in Jackson Youthville since January 27th of this year was asked independent of the group to comment: “Jackson Youthville helped me get out the street with my drug addiction. The teachers are caring and always check on me. The youth are the most wonderful people I’ve ever met, and they helped me change. I’m happy that we are all family.”

Mayor John A. Horhn and a number of family and friends spoke glowingly of Watkins. (In January, Horhn honored Watkins

with a plaque of apology for the social injustice inflicted upon him by the State of Mississippi). The mayor asserted that Watkins “should never have been treated as a criminal for walking into a bus station in his own city. Jackson is a better city because he chose to tell the truth, to teach our young people, and to keep believing in the possibility of a more just Mississippi.”

Stokes asserted that he was humbled that Watkins was reaping his legend while he yet lives. “This young man did not just sell products [at the store, Corner Food Market that he owned and operated on Dalton Street]. He was here in the community. There needs to be a museum for this Watkins family,” he added.

“I really appreciate Mr. Watkins. He has been a trailblazer to this community, and I appreciate his work. We need to have some of the young folks to take up the battle,” stated former Hinds County Board of Supervisor

George Smith.

Several persons endorsed the honoree as a special link to their endeavors. Director of Community Engagement Dr. Heather Denne’ commented that the JSU family was thankful to be Watkins’ partner. Her warm words made it clear that he was part of the JSU family.

Mrs. Chris Tanner Watkins gave a brief history of the works of Hezekiah Watkins, her husband and family. She mentioned his dedication to civil rights and his devotion to the community. She thanked the honoree for aspiring their children to be community-minded and servants of God.

Reacting to all that had been said, Watkins thanked Mrs. Watkins for her support. He then noted that he was more than blessed to have all who came to honor him. He concluded, “You all mean a lot.”

Dennis Dahmer, Sr. delivers message at Samuel L. Bailey Annual Heritage Scholarship Banquet

By Gail Gettis
Contributing Writer

February brings reflection and celebration of heritage for African-Americans in Mississippi because of the legacies surrounding the civil rights movement. Several central figures in the movement lived in our communities. Samuel L. Bailey was one of those brave activists who was a longtime and faithful member of College Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, where his legacy is honored annually. Bailey was instrumental in campaigns for promoting Black voter registration, and co-plaintiff in the lawsuit Bailey vs. Patterson and the State of Mississippi to desegregate public transportation.

On the last day of Black History Month, the 2026 Annual Heritage Banquet and Samuel L. Bailey Scholarship Program was held at College Hill. The youngest son of prominent activist Vernon F. Dahmer, Sr., Dennis Dahmer, Sr., addressed close to 200 attendees. He honors his father, Vernon Dahmer, Sr. who died in 1966 as a result of his efforts to get Black people to vote. As a young child, Dennis remembers when their family home and grocery store were firebombed by the Ku



Debra McGee, (left) and Pastor Chauncy Jordan (far right) with scholarship and stipend awardees.

Klux Klan. Vernon Dahmer, Sr. died of asphyxiation after running through flames shooting out of different windows inside the burning house to protect his family from Klansmen outside.

The annual banquet, which provides funding for the scholarships, began with singing of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” followed by an old time traditional Baptist church hymn. Attendees were treated to traditional African-American foods prepared and enjoyed for generations. After tasty cuisine the illustrative speaker spoke earnestly to the audience.

A native Mississippian, Dennis Dahmer, Sr., grew up in The Kelly Settlement com-

munity, north of Hattiesburg along the Forrest and Jones County line. At that time the area was still part of the Georgia territory and American frontier. Ancestors of the Dahmer family who settled the area in the early 1800s consisted of enslaved and free people, Native American, Irish and German descendants. This family’s multi-racial makeup led to many conflicts with racists of that time. For the young Dahmer it became a way of life to recognize racism, but not to accept it.

Dahmer attended North Forrest High School in 1970 as Black students integrated the school by court order. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi (Hat-

tiesburg), and later graduated from Jackson State University in 1976 with a B.S. in Biology. He began a career in technical and laboratory sales in the U.S. and abroad. In 1988 Dahmer started his own business specializing in bio-research laboratory equipment and instrumentation sales.

Dahmer said that whenever asked what he will speak about, he answers “voting,” in a tone that implies that it should be a given. He is committed to carrying on the legacies of activists like his father, Medgar Evers, and Samuel Bailey by encouraging Blacks to vote for power. He emphasized that everyone can discuss political thoughts and ideas, but “If you don’t vote, you don’t count,” he



Dennis Dahmer, Sr. speaker

said.

The last but far from the least important portion of the program was the presentation of five recipients of Samuel L. Bailey “Ordinary Man” Scholarship Fund and Shirley Bailey Johnson Book Stipends. The Bailey family in conjunction with College Hill Church and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) established the program to commemorate an ordinary man who did extraordinary things. Funds raised through the banquet assist undergraduate students with attaining higher education.

The Scholarship Committee presented Blake Hansberry and Joshua Johnson with top

monetary awards, respectively. The Shirley Bailey Johnson Book Stipends were presented by Valencia McDuffy and Ebony Johnson, Bailey’s granddaughters. They traveled from Florida to personally present the book stipends to Madison Harris, Kristen Day and Aiden Knox. For impartial results, outside judges evaluate and select awardees based on written essays highlighting commitment to church, community and education.

Committee Chair Debra McGee thanked Dahmer for sharing his personal experiences, past and current challenges, and the charge for each of us to help get Blacks out to vote at this pivotal point in our history.





BOOK REVIEW: BOOKS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

The history books seem to be full of men.

Galileo, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Jesse Jackson, Franklin Roosevelt, the list goes on. So this month, put a few women on your radar by reading these great Women's History Month books...

Soon, your mind may turn to gardening and greenery and "When Trees Testify" by Beronda L. Montgomery (Henry Holt, \$27.99) is a great place to start.

Written by a renowned bi-

ologist, this book explains how African Americans have made their mark on the world of botany, and vice versa. Trees, especially, have been essential in Black history, and Montgomery writes specifically about seven of them, plus the cotton shrub. This is a great book for historians, of course, but also for gardeners, homeowners, and anyone who appreciates a tree.

Everything has to start somewhere, and in "Riding Into History" by Amy Nathan with Sarah Keys Evans (Duke University Press, \$29.95), you'll read the

story of Women's Army Corps PFC Sarah Keys, who was trying to take a bus home from her post at Fort Dix, New Jersey when she was arrested for disorderly conduct for doing what Rosa Parks would do some three years later. Her actions, says Nathan, still resonate today. This is an important story to read, one that's not often told when talking about the Civil Rights Movement. (Out March 24).

Another little-told story in women's history that you'll like knowing is that of Sylvia Moy, so find "It's No Wonder: The

Life and Times of Motown's Legendary Songwriter Sylvia Moy" by Margena A. Christian (DaCapo, \$30).

You'll want to dust off your favorite vinyl when you read this book about the woman who wrote songs for Stevie Wonder, The Isley Brothers, Martha and the Vandellas, and the Temptations. She was the first woman to become an in-house Motown producer-songwriter, and she had to fight to keep that place. You'll like this incredible, til-

now-hidden story, especially if you're a fan of old-school tunes

from back in the day. And finally, if you've ever had a mother, then "Black. Single. Mother." by Jamilah Lemieux (Roc Lit, \$32.00) is a book that'll make you want to thank her.

This is a wide but intimate examination of being a single mom that happens to be Black - the ups and downs, the myths, the nasty comments and the absolute joys. It's about what it's like to raise kids without their father around, and why respect and love from the rest of society is long overdue. Written

through interviews with more than twenty single Black moms, this is a strong look at a topic that's rarely examined in such a wide, open-hearted way. (out March 10)

And if these books aren't enough, then head to your favorite bookstore or library and ask for more. The staff there can help you find whatever you need to read for Women's History Month, in almost any category and for almost any age group. All you gotta do it ask - because, isn't it time that women take their place in history, too?




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Jackson MS Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Hosts 2026 Sweetheart and Gents Ball



By Dr. Jerlen Canada
Guest Writer

The Jackson MS Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. hosted its biennial Sweetheart and Gents Ball on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Jackson Convention Complex. This year's elegant celebration carried the theme, "Royal Bloom: A Gilded Garden Affair."

Twenty-one participants representing schools throughout the Metro Jackson area were

featured in the event. In preparation for the ball, participants spent five months engaged in leadership workshops, community service activities, and numerous dance rehearsals.

The evening included the formal presentation of each participant, accompanied by their parents and escorts. Highlights of the night included a father and daughter dance, a mother and son dance, and the traditional waltz performed by the

participants and their escorts.

Addison Tatum, daughter of Attorneys Joe and Gwen Tatum, was named the 2026 Sweetheart. Kristopher Gaylor, son of Attorney Tony Gaylor and Dr. Kristena Gaylor, was named the 2026 Gent.

Among the Gents, Jacob Kidd, son of Judge Winston and Dr. Adriane Kidd, was named 1st Runner-Up. Marvin Sanders, Jr., son of Attorneys Marvin and Gayla Sanders,

was named 2nd Runner-Up.

Among the Sweethearts, Julia Thompson, daughter of Attorney Winston J. Thompson III and Dr. Michelle Gibson-Thompson, was named 1st Runner-Up. Kadence Dunson, daughter of Mr. Dequarius Dunson and Dr. Stacia Dunson, was named 2nd Runner-Up.

Special awards were also presented during the evening. Kristopher Gaylor and Abigail Myles received the Presidential

Leadership Award. Anna Martin and Marvin Sanders, Jr. received the Scholastic Achievement Award. Julia Thompson and Dylan Tobias received the Chair Leadership Award. Jacob Kidd and Brookelyn Johnson were awarded the title of Mr. & Miss Congeniality.

The event was led by members of the Jackson MS Chapter, with Senator Kamesha Mumford serving as chairperson. Mrs. Tiffany Johnson and

Attorney Monica Allen served as co-chairs, and Attorney Zandrea Ware is the chair-elect for the next Sweetheart and Gents Ball, which is scheduled for 2028 and will again feature junior and senior high school students from across the Metro Jackson area.

The Jackson MS Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is led by President Mona Arnold McBride and Vice President Teneisha Wynter.



The Jackson MS Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Presents the Biennial

2026 Sweetheart & Gents BALL

 Sweetheart Kadence Alise Dunson	 Sweetheart EllaSofia Brou Fraser	 Sweetheart Brookelyn Blanche Johnson	 Sweetheart Reagan Danielle Johnson
 Sweetheart Mackenzie Reese Maberry	 Sweetheart Anna Grace Martin	 Sweetheart Georgia Marie Mason	 Sweetheart Taylor Gabrielle Harper
 Sweetheart Abigail Elizabeth Myles	 Sweetheart Aliya Monae Smith	 Sweetheart Addison Grace Tatum	 Sweetheart Julia Rene Thompson
 Sweetheart Chloe Zahra Turner	 Sweetheart Makenzie Deanna Ward	 Sweetheart Calesse Cymone White	 Gent Kristopher John Gaylor
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 Gent Dylan Briceson Tobias			

Bright lights and a national stage featured Johnson C. Smith University coaches and players at the 2026 Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl

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



The bright lights from Johnson C. Smith University came across the field at the 2026 Allstate Legacy Bowl in New Orleans Louisiana. When many of the fans saw the JCSU coaches and players, they started chanting, “the champs are here! The champs are here!”

They were excited about the Golden Bulls that were represented at the game on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Being at this year’s Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl was the crowning chapter to a successful season. Johnson C. Smith University is the reigning CIAA Football

Champions.

JCSU is a longstanding member of the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) which is the oldest African American athletic conference in America. This conference is the standard bearer that others want to replicate and be like. The championship won by JCSU carries its privileges and opportunities, too.

Maurice Flowers, two-time CIAA Coach of the Year, led a group of JCSU coaches and players onto the field representing Team Gaither. Coach Flowers was the co-coach along with Chennis Berry of South Carolina State University.

Providing hands-on instruction and guidance were JCSU coaches, Freddie Brown Jr., Kevin Thompson, Ryan Heaston, James

Lott and Barry Tripp. Each coach used his expertise to enhance players’ preparation and performance.

As practice unfolded during the week, you could see players and coaches bonding over the common goal of getting better. Their football knowledge paid dividends as the players went into the game ready to compete.

Johnson C. Smith University players on Team Gaither were quarterback Kelvin Durham, wide receiver Deandre Proctor and safety Daryl “TJ” Taybron. Throughout last season, they were instrumental in getting JCSU to the championship podium.

Each played at an all-star level throughout the Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl. Kelvin Durham showcased his passing ability as he connected

with Golden Bulls teammate, Deandre Proctor for a touchdown pass in the second half. “TJ” Taybron was playing at an elite level and was a big part of the defense for Team Gaither.

This Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl will always be remembered by the players and coaches of Johnson C. Smith University. The national stage was their oasis on this February day.

The game was televised by the NFL Network and was watched by countless numbers of fans, alumni and students as they tuned in to see our guys on the field.

Coaches and players had the opportunity to talk with NFL scouts. Players had the unique advantage of working out in front of NFL personnel. I am pretty sure that’s something they will never

forget. I can only imagine what was going through their minds when they heard the words, “it’s your turn” or “you’re next”.

Another part of this experience was participating in the Annual Career Fair. It gave players from both Team Gaither and Team Robinson a chance to meet prospective employers. Some were probably offered jobs and internships.

What is impressive about Coach Maurice Flowers and his stellar coaching staff is that they prepare their players for life after football. The term, student-athlete is reflective of how players carry themselves each day on campus.

Their scholarship acquired over the course of their JCSU careers made it easy for them to connect with

companies and corporations. As the days go by, we’ll hear more about their post-football opportunities.

The coaches and players representing Johnson C. Smith University were ambassadors for our beloved school. They acquitted themselves well. They were able to share the rich academic and athletic history of our school. They talked proudly about it and made history of their own by being a part of this historic game. The players have bright futures, and the coaches are building dreams for them by their tutelage.

Their memories of the Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl will have no end. Coaches and players alike will be inextricably bound forever. They will always hold high the Gold and Blue.

The Democratic Mayor who’s getting Black men right

By Kevin Harris and Richard McDaniel



More than one in four Black men voted for Donald Trump in 2024. Democrats can either spend the next four years wondering why, or they can look at what Mayor Randall Woodfin is doing in Birmingham and get to work.

Woodfin’s new Black male initiative builds directly on the success of Birmingham Promise, his administration’s scholarship program that helps fund tuition for Birmingham graduates attending college or credential programs. Birmingham Promise was not built on slogans or symbolic gestures. It was built on a clear premise to remove concrete financial barriers, create structured pathways to opportunity, and trust that Black men can rise faster when the system stops pushing them down.

That philosophy is now being expanded through Woodfin’s Black Male initiative to engage one of the most economically marginalized and politically overlooked groups in the country. The initiative centers on workforce training, paid pathways, mentorship, and wraparound supports, recognizing the real constraints that working-class Black men face, including unstable employment, limited access to credentials, and limited professional networks. This is not about DEI as some conservative critics will claim. Woodfin is simply doing what any good Mayor should and investing in the necessary infrastructure to ensure the city is positioned for growth. Critics don’t fear this truth. What they fear is the political power that can be unlocked when Black men move from disengagement to engagement because concrete action is taken to improve their

lives.

For decades, African Americans have supported Democratic presidential candidates by overwhelming margins. In 2024, Black voters over-all backed Kamala Harris by roughly four to one, with about 78 percent supporting her and 18 percent supporting Donald Trump. But national exit polls and post-election analyses show that this level of support has softened among Black men. In 2024, Trump’s share of the Black vote roughly doubled from 2020 levels, and more than one-quarter of Black men supported him at the polls, a significant shift from prior years.

These trends are striking not because Black men have become a solidly Republican group because they have not. The problem for Democrats is that even small shifts can affect outcomes in key states and congressional districts where every eligible Black vote is needed just to squeak out a victory. And this movement among Black men did not occur in a vacuum. Black men are a part of the dissatisfied working-class who feel their economic grievances go unaddressed by the Democratic Party.

Woodfin’s approach cuts through that dissatisfaction. Programs like Birmingham Promise and the Black male initiative send a clear message that the government can still work for people who punch clocks, raise families, and live paycheck to paycheck. Mayor Woodfin understands that when a young Black man sees tuition covered, job training paid for, or a direct pipeline into a career that supports a family, politics stops being abstract. It becomes personal, and with that comes more motivation to show up for the party that is showing up fighting for them.

This is exactly where Democrats should be leaning nationally. Working-class Black men do not want another commission about our struggles or vague promises of future

opportunity. Black men want apprenticeships tied to real jobs. Black men want tuition-free access to credentials that lead to wages, not debt. Black men want direct investment in the places they already live, learn, and work. Black men want the politicians we vote for to understand the distinct labor market penalties, higher unemployment volatility, and fewer second chances confronting Black men every day. Black men want elected officials with the courage to do what Mayor Woodfin has done and say plainly that ignoring the realities of Black men does not create fairness but instead entrenches inequality.

Mayor Woodfin’s policies work because they are simple, transparent, outcome-driven, and address directly what Black men need to see from Democrats.

When Democrats invest in working-class Black men, they are not “taking a risk.” The real risk is leaving behind the thousands of disengaged Black men in key battleground states who would vote Democrat because we fear that speaking to Black men directly will alienate some white rural and suburban voters who left the party decades ago and aren’t returning anytime soon. If a program like the Black Male Initiative bothers them, they aren’t voting Democrat. End of story.

The Black male voters Democrats need in states like Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Michigan aren’t asking for much. They’re asking for what Woodfin already gave Birmingham. The party that figures that out first wins. The one that doesn’t will spend another election night looking for answers that were never that hard to find.

Kevin Harris and Richard McDaniel are veteran Democratic strategists with over 100 political campaigns between them, including the past five presidential elections and several congressional races. They co-host “Maroon Bison Presents: The Southern Comfort Podcast.”

What if it rained all day and every day?

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Tips for a Good Marriage



I love the rain! Every aspect of rain amazes me. In fact, it never fails unless it is extremely cold that my husband and I do the following: we open our curtains in the family room to observe the rain, we open our bedroom windows (no worries – we have window screens) especially during the night to hear God’s Work and we sit on our porch to listen and capture the beauty of the rain. Additionally, there are times that we sit on our porch during a storm, however, at the first sign of lightning/thunder, I am going in. On the other hand, my husband tends to be more tolerable until the roaring of thunder shakes him out of his Rocking Chair. Why do we love the rain so much – it’s simple – it is peaceful, comforting, therapy for the mind and soul, relaxing, romantic, and rejuvenating.

There are various benefits of rain which include the following: helps crops grow, cleans the air, provides water supply for refilling rivers, lakes, reduces the temperature, can do more physical activities because your body can stay cooler, and as described above it can trigger mental relaxation. Although, I love rain – I would not want it to rain every day because of the serious impacts. You don’t have to be a meteorologist, or farmer to know that if it rained all day and every day it would be catastrophic! Imagine what would happen if it rained all day and everyday – there would be ongoing flooding, destruction of infrastructure, destroyed agriculture, and much worse.

As continual rain would yield unprecedented destruction and devastation, so does a contentious wife to her husband and marriage. Now, you know I am a writer, so always be prepared for my possible twists and turns – get you some popcorn with extra but-

ter for this one.

Proverbs 27:15 states: A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Now ladies, before you throw your popcorn at me – I must be fair as I always write about Sister Cheeks who have destroyed many husbands and marriages but can wives possibly help push their husbands to Sister Cheeks? I am glad that I can dodge your salty popcorn.

Wives, this is not my opinion – this is God’s Word! Wives are you like continually rain to your husband?

What Are the Signs of a Contentious Wife? Contentious wives tend to consistently and persistently be as follows:

- Argumentative
- Combative
- Verbally Abusive
- Quick tempered
- Nag
- Repetitious
- Controlling
- Make every decision without consulting with husband
- Speaks for her husband as if he has no voice
- Always wants her way
- Ungrateful
- Nothing is never good enough
- ALWAYS complain
- Belittles husband’s efforts
- False accusations
- Intentionally withhold intimacy
- How Does a Contentious Wife Make a Husband Feel?
- Miserable
- Annoyed
- Lonely
- Irritated
- Aggravated
- Emotionally and mentally drained
- Angry
- Bitter
- Rather be at work or on the rooftop than to be in the house with a nagging wife – Proverbs 21:9

- Seek pleasures to cope like heavy consumption of alcohol
- Some cheat – I am not justifying husbands cheating but just like a husband can push his wife into another man’s arms, so can a wife push her

husband into another woman’s arms, like Sister Cheeks

- Regretful
- Cannot be his true self
- Pursue separation/divorce

Wives, what if it rained all day and every day? Wouldn’t you be miserable? Please understand how miserable your husband is from dealing with your rude, obnoxious, and toxic attitude all day and every day. True enough, wives can become contentious or more contentious with the help of their husbands not cherishing them, washing them with the Word, and living with them in an understanding way which hinders a husband’s prayers. However, some wives were contentious before they exclaimed, “I do.” Wives, if your toxic husband has helped caused or elevated your contentious behavior or if your contention derives from unresolved childhood trauma, previous relationships, broken father/daughter dynamics, etc. seek professional counseling, pray, forgive, indulge in self-care/healing/love, and if you all decide to remain married – make amends to each other daily.

In conclusion, marriage is not easy. It took me and my husband almost twenty years – as long as we have been married to understand how to do marriage God’s way and I thank God we are in a much better place today. We fight for marriage daily so that we can continue observing and listening to the rain together until death do us part.

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 29 day of January, 2026.

(SEAL) Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, D.C. 2/19/2026, 2/26/2026, 3/5/2026

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A pre-proposal meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 10:00 am in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson MS 39201. Interested Contractors will be able to ask question relating to the bid and submitting proposals.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

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Publication Dates: February 26 & March 5, 2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4321

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 Michael Andrews has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a wrecker recovery business within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 3228 Medgar Evers Blvd. (Parcel 409-24-1, 409-24 & 409-72), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 7,8,9, Block B, Shady Oaks, 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, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 102, reference to which is hereby made, less 10 feet off the Southwest side thereof.

AND ALSO

Lots 52 & 53, Block B, Shady Oaks, 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 4 at Page 102 thereof.

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, March 25, 2026, 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 of 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 GENERAL 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 MARCH 18, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of February 2026.

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

3/5/2026, 3/19/2026

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE JONES, DECEASED SADIE SABIR, PETITIONER

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO: 21-443-M

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALICE JONES, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BOBBY D. JONES UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNY LEE JONES

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Heirs at law of Alice Jones, Unknown Heirs at law of Bobby D. Jones, Unknown Heirs at law of Johnny Jones.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Sadie Sabir, Plaintiff(s), to determine the heirship of Alice Jones., Bobby D. Jones, Johnny Jones, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said SECOND AMENDED Motion for Determination of Heirship at 9:00a.m. on the 17th day of March 2026, in the Chancery courtroom of Hinds County Courthouse in Jackson Mississippi, located at 316 S. President Street Jackson, MS, 39201, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Motion.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Such should be served by mailing to Joseph A. Denson, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 5022, 1931 23rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi 39302, Telephone (601) 693-5400.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of Feb. 2026.

(SEAL) JOSEPH A. DENSON, M.B.N. 101910 DENSON AND ASSOCIATES, PLLC 1931 TWENTY-THIRD AVENUE POST OFFICE BOX 5022 MERIDIAN, MS 39302-5022 PHONE: 601-693-5400 FAX: 601-693-5983

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS M. WELLS

CAUSE NO. 25-473 M/4

LINDA ANN JONES, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 21st day of January, 2026, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, to Linda Ann Jones, the Executrix of the Estate of Gladys M. Wells, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 25th day of January, 2026.

BETHY A. MALLETT (MSB No. 8867), Attorney for Linda Ann Jones and the Estate of Gladys M. Wells

OF COUNSEL:

BETHY A. MALLETT BETTY A. MALLETT, PLLC P.O. Box 3422 Jackson, Mississippi 39207 Telephone: (601) 572-3955 Facsimile: (601) 608-7899

3/5/2026, 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4322

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 Shantwanette Austin has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a Commercial Daycare Center within a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District on property located at 3809 Britton Ave. (Parcel 430-93), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

75 FT OFF S/S LOT 24 NORTH VIEW ADDN PART 3

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, March 25, 2026, 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 of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of February 2026.

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

3/5/2026, 3/19/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4324

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 Angela Stamps has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure for living quarters within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 14, Block "G", Club Park Subdivision, Part 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page 17, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

AND ALSO a part of Lot 15, Block "G", Club Park Subdivision, Part 2, as recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 17 of Chancery Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bar marking the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 15, 33.0 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 128 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds and run Southwesterly, 345.71 feet to an iron bar on Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle; run thence Southeasterly, clockwise, along the arc of a curve in the Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle, 19.02 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 15; said curve having radius of 302.62 feet and a central angle of 03 degrees 36 minutes; run thence Northeastly along the Eastern boundary of Lot 15, 366.51 feet to the point of beginning

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 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 of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of February 2026.

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

3/5/2026, 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING ZONING CASE NO. 4323

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 Erin Jackson Earls has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District to PUD - Planned Unit Development District to allow for the construction and revitalization of residential units on property located at 1110 Prose Ave. (Parcel 164-23), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, and described as follows:

Lots One Hundred Twelve (112), One Hundred Thirteen (113), One Hundred Fourteen (114), One Hundred Fifteen (115), and One Hundred Sixteen (116), Handy Place, a subdivision in and to the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 3 at Page 74 thereof, 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, March 25, 2026, 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 of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of February 2026.

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

3/5/2026, 3/19/2026

LEGAL

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION

LOREE ANN WILLIAMS-MCCLURE PLAINTIFF
VS. **CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:25-cv-00891-DPJ-ASH**
ROSES d/b/a DEFENDANTS
VARIETY WHOLESALERS, INC.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PLAINTIFF'S DISCOVERY RESPONSES

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff, Loree Ann Williams-McClure, has this date served the following:

1. Plaintiff's Responses to First Set of Interrogatories.
2. Plaintiff's Responses to First Set of Request for Production of Documents.

The undersigned retains the original (s) of the above paper (s) as custodian thereof.

Respectfully submitted this the 27th day of February, 2026.

LOREE ANN WILLIAMS-MCCLURE
PLAINTIFF

BY: /s/ Frank C. Jones, III

Frank C. Jones, III, Esq.
FRANK C. JONES, III, LLC
1010 N. West Street
Jackson, MS 39202
Phone: (769) 251-0207
Fax: (601) 608-7872
Email: frankjones22h@comcast.net

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been forwarded to opposing counsel via hand-delivery, electronic means, U.S. Mail and/or facsimile to their usual place of business, to-wit:

Clint D. Vanderver, Esq.
Wells Marble & Hurst, PLLC
300 Concourse Boulevard, Suite 200
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(601) 605-6900
(601) 605-6901

This the 27th day of February, 2026.

BY: /s/ Frank C. Jones, III

3/5/2026, 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF ROGERS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANDREW ROGERS, JR., DECEASED CAUSE NO: 25-cv-01209

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Andrew Rogers, Jr., Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probaton and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 20th day of August, 2025.

Belinda Rogers
Belinda Rogers, Administrator

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF RANKIN

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Belinda Rogers Administrator for the Estate of Andrew Rogers, Jr., deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

This the 20th day of August, 2025.

NOTARY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

Damon Stevenson, Stevenson Legal Group, PLLC
1010 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39202
Telephone: (769) 251-0207, Facsimile: (601) 608-7872

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LEGAL

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OTELIAN WOODSON-BASS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2024-289 M/4

PETITIONER: WALTERINE UNDERWOOD

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OTELIAN WOODSON-BASS WILLIAMS, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Walterine Underwood Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Otelian Woodson-Bass Williams, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. o'clock a.m., on the 18th day of May 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Crystal Wise Martin, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the ____ day of February, 2026.

EDDIE JEAN CARR,
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY,
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New Strategies for Old Battle

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



I consider myself an experienced warrior in the fight against allergies. Having suffered from allergic reactions to pollen, dog and cat hair, ragweed, etc since I was in elementary school, I've gotten accustomed to sneezing, coughing, and blowing my nose throughout the spring and summer months. However, in 2017 I switched to a plant-based diet and the most amazing thing happened: I had years where I went through the shifts from fall, winter, and spring seasons without one sinus infection, upper respiratory challenge, or case of the sniffles. Having experienced at least one and, in some cases, all of these yearly for the last 30 years, I was ecstatic! Because of my body responding so positively

to the "clean" diet, I was even able to stop taking my daily allergy medicine altogether.

However, even though I'm currently not dealing with any allergy symptoms, I can still feel the changes in the season. Previously, I was able to sense the change in seasons based on how my body responded to things that were in the air. Even though allergy symptoms frustrated me, I actually came to see them as a good sign.

For example, allergy symptoms like sneezing, runny nose and watery eyes are our bodies' ways of protecting us from the "invaders" as some like to call allergy triggers like dust, pollen, or pet hair. Even though we don't see them our bodies' responses let us know that the allergy triggers are there. Allergies also are an unhealthy overreaction to things that are a part of our normal lives. Allergies warn us about unhealthy particles in the air much like the

Spirit of God will warn us of things/people who may harm us.

My past allergy fights remind me of how we sometimes miss it when God is trying to warn us and we fight against the Spirit of God. Many of us have the experience of walking into a place where we instantly didn't feel comfortable. That funny feeling, regardless of what we saw with our own eyes, was God communicating to us. These awkward moments are often God's way of protecting us from things, people and places that mean us no good.

I Corinthians 2:9-11 says, "However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him' but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For

who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the

man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

Spiritual discernment will often let us know the heart of God concerning changes in our lives. Some of these changes are ones that we spent many nights praying for. However, some of us overreact to the Spirit of God (and fight the change) or, worse, ignore what we sense but don't know how to respond to. One of the best lessons we can learn is to trust and willingly submit to the Spirit of God.

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Don't forget to vote

The March 10th Primary Election is just around the corner and Hinds County Circuit Clerk, Zack Wallace, wants every Hinds County citizen to have their say in the election.

If you are out of the county on Tuesday or are 65+, you may go to the Courthouse in Jackson or Raymond from 8am to 5pm

daily.

Final absentee voting is this Saturday, March 7th, from 8am to 12pm. If you have questions, please feel free to call 601-968-6628.

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SAMPLE Official Election Ballot
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Democratic FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

TO VOTE: YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL (●) COMPLETELY USING A BLACK OR BLUE PEN.
Do not use a red pen, felt tip pen or any type of pencil.
Do not cross out or erase - If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot.

<p style="text-align: center;">For United States Senate Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott Colom</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Albert R. Littell</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Priscilla W. Till</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For US House Of Representatives 4th Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Paul James Blackman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D. Ryan Grover</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Hulom III</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For US House Of Representatives 1st Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kelvin Buck</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cliff Johnson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For US House Of Representatives 2nd Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bennie G. Thompson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Evan Littleton Turnage</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pertis Herman Williams III</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For US House of Representatives 3rd Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael A. Chiaradio</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	

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SAMPLE Official Election Ballot
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Republican FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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<p style="text-align: center;">For United States Senate Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sarah Adlakha</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cindy Hyde-Smith</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For US House Of Representatives 1st Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Trent Kelly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For US House Of Representatives 2nd Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ron Eller</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin Wilson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For US House of Representatives 3rd Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Guest</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For US House Of Representatives 4th Congressional District Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Ezell</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sawyer Walters</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	

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HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

Queen's Tea Teen Summit

The young ladies of Terry High School and Raymond High School gathered for a royal experience!

Our inaugural Queen's Tea Teen Summit created a space where scholars could reflect and be reminded of their value and their voice. From powerful conversations to moments of sisterhood and celebration, our young queens showed up beautifully and left encouraged to walk boldly in who they are. It was truly a meaningful day filled with inspiration.

A heartfelt thank you to our phenomenal speakers:

- Carla Kirkland, The Kirkland Group
- Regina Lacking, Doing Life Well Coaching & Consulting
- Joliyah Daughtry, KSLA News 12 & Terry High School alum.

The wisdom and encouragement you poured into our young ladies made a lasting impact, and we are so grateful for the way you invested in them. We are proud of every scholar who participated.

Queens, we do not wait for the world to recognize our worth. We adjust our crowns, and we remind the world.

