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# Juneteenth: Thrusting toward progression, despite “Alternative Fact” President’s stance

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Juneteenth (Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day), is sometimes called America’s second Independence Day. On June 17, 2021, Congress officially designated Juneteenth as a federal holiday, and President Joe Biden signed it into law. Commemorating the end of slavery, Juneteenth is observed annually on June 19.

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. On June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger went to Galveston, TX and announced that all enslaved African Americans in TX were free. Approximately 250,000 enslaved African Americans gained freedom on that day in TX.

In 1866, the first celebration of Juneteenth was in TX. Afterwards, celebrations gradually occurred across the Southern United States. In 1980, it became a state holiday in TX. As time progressed, it was recognized in all U. S. states and the District of Columbia. The holiday salutes African American culture, achievements, and the enduring struggle for freedom and equality. Further, Juneteenth is acknowledged globally.

The Juneteenth flag – first celebrated in 1997 – was revised in 2000. Featuring red, white, and blue colors, thereby reflecting



Civil Rights Activist Opal Lee - Grandmother of Juneteenth.

the U. S. flag, the Juneteenth flag symbolizes that enslaved people were Americans. The flag’s center holds a white star which symbolizes TX and freedom for African Americans across the U. S. The

surrounding nova signifier represents new beginnings, and an arched line separates the blue and red halves, symbolizing a new horizon.

Though Lincoln didn’t live to

see Juneteenth, presidents have used the holiday to reflect on slavery’s end, honor African American history, and link the holiday to

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# Trudging forward in St. Thomas



Hinds County Assistant Road Manager Durrell Payne. Hinds County Sheriff Tyree Jones.

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

The St. Thomas Community Association met Tuesday, June 9, 2026, with twenty-six in attendance. Association President Yolanda Wilson called the meeting to order, and a member shared a prayer.

Wilson introduced a representative of the Hinds County Public Works Department, Mr. Durrell Payne, one of two Assistant Road Managers, and began by asking him the first question – why is Percy Davis Road and St Thomas Road down by the cemetery so neglected? Payne indicated that he and his team are doing the best they can with what they have. “There are “1,000 miles of roads in Hinds County, and roads go both ways so that’s really 2,000 miles and we have a workforce of sixty. When I started in 2005, we had 120-130.” He spoke about filling potholes, maintaining shoulders, and clearing ditches. He mentioned that sometimes there are equipment failures, and often getting called away from an in-progress job because of an emergency in another part of the county. “I wouldn’t say we’re neglecting, we’re doing the best we can do with what we’re working with. I wish you guys would just kind of bear with us and try to understand that emergencies come first, right? We are receiving 25-30 work orders a day.”



St Thomas Community Association President Yolanda Wilson.



Hinds County District 2 Supervisor Tony Smith.  
PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

Numerous questions came from the members – potholes, overhanging limbs, ditches so clogged that in heavy rain - water runs right across the road and into neighbors’ yards, unclogging culverts and drains. Payne addressed each question but left the listener wondering why the St. Thomas area is so understaffed and under resourced. It was noted by one member that “we all see improvements going on in other districts.”

Sheriff Tyree Jones must be the busiest elected official in Mississippi, yet he rarely misses a St. Thomas Community Association Meeting.

He spoke about an increasing number of cameras – up to 77 have been deployed – and when a 911 call comes in, the cameras in that area will activate through dispatch and geofence that area, helping law enforcement respond to the call for service. The Sheriff also reminded the members of the importance of the tax base, and how that directly relates to available resources and staffing at county departments like his and Public Works.

Jones encouraged all members to download Hinds County Sheriff’s Office App on their smartphones. He discussed recruiting strategies to draw more deputies to the county. He appealed to the community to have open communication, to share their needs with the Sheriff’s Office and promised to do his best to address those needs – including direct patrol if there is a situation that requires an increased presence. He mentioned that current statistics shows in rural areas of the county overall crime have declined. For the first week of

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# A JUNETEENTH TRIBUTE

## Remembering Rep. William R. “Bo” Brown: The Man who wore many hats

*A fighter who ‘stood tall,’ serving until the end*

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This Juneteenth, The Mississippi Link pauses to remember State Rep. William R. “Bo” Brown (District 70), whose journey reflected community uplift and freedom. Brown served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 2020 until his death June 8, 2026.

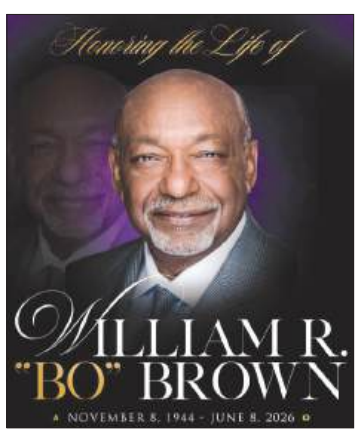
**The Public Servant Who Stood Tall**

Brown was one of 13 sponsors of HB 494, a bill referred to the Mississippi House Rules Committee Jan. 13, 2023, to designate Juneteenth as a legal holiday in Mississippi. Unfortunately, it died in committee.

“We are going to push it again,” Rep. Earle S. Banks, the bill’s primary sponsor, told The Mississippi Link.

“Bo felt strongly about supporting that bill,” Banks said, adding that he, Bo and other colleagues understood that Mississippi was built on the backs of Blacks during and after slavery.

Many said Brown took pride in advocating for his constituents. “I will never forget the last time I saw Bo was on April 15, 2026, in the Legislature, the last day of the session, known as Sine Die,” Banks said. “Although he physi-



State Representative William R. “Bo” Brown

cally appeared weak, Bo stood up tall that day. You could still hear the seriousness and intensity in his voice and the sharpness of his mind as he questioned the presenter.”

During Brown’s funeral service, former Jackson Mayor Har-

vey Johnson described him as “the true public servant.” Johnson met Bo more than 60 years ago at Tennessee State University, where they were athletes. He also recalled Brown’s work as a city councilman beginning in 1997. “Bo was my friend, but he would always let me know what was on his mind,” Johnson said.

**More Than One Title: The Many Hats of Bo Brown**

A gentleman tall in stature, Brown’s life cannot be measured by one title alone. He was an educator, coach, broadcaster, sports writer, insurance professional, government program specialist, church leader, fighter for voters’ rights, family man and friend. (See Brown’s obituary online at <https://heyzine.com/flip->

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## Choose to Grow National Youth Leadership Summit celebrates their past, present and future

Special to The Mississippi Link

The Juanita Sims Doty Foundation recently hosted the 14th Annual Choose to Grow National Youth Leadership Summit, bringing together students, families, mentors, partners, and community supporters for a weekend focused on this year's theme, "Bytes and Bucks", and the students' accomplishments.

Over the past fourteen years, the Choose to Grow program has supported more than 5,000 students across twelve states. This year's summit served as an opportunity for the entire Choose to Grow family to gather in community, celebrate one another, and reflect on a year of dedication, growth, and sacrifice. Throughout the weekend, participants learned, celebrated, connected, and honored the accomplishments of students, mentors, teachers, and community partners.

The summit began with the unveiling of the new Choose to Grow app, designed to strengthen communication, increase engagement, and provide new opportunities to enhance the afterschool experience.

By the conclusion of the weekend, 111 individuals had signed up for the app which had 5,371 post views, demonstrating strong engagement and enthusiasm for the platform.



On Saturday, attendees participated in concurrent workshops focused on technology and financial literacy, aligning with the summit's "Bytes and Bucks" theme. Students also enjoyed a Sneaker Ball and received sneakers through the generous sponsorship of the Omega Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the National Pan-Hellenic Council of North Mississippi.

The summit also celebrated the achievements of students and mentors who have contributed to the success of the program throughout the year. All Ambassadors and GEMs participating in the program were recognized, and the foundation unveiled its eighth student publication, I!CAN Imagine: Choose to Grow A-TEAAM and ESTEEM Young Authors.

Special recognitions in-

cluded the peer-selected Medgar Evers Ambassador of the Year, the Myrlie Evers GEM of the Year, and Mentor of the Year awards presented to mentors representing each partner organization serving Choose to Grow A-TEAAM and ESTEEM students.

The foundation also honored Dr. David Marion, CEO of Marion Counseling, with the 2026 Health Equity Ambassador, Advocate, and Leader Award and Dr. Nashlie Sephus, CEO of Bean Path with the 2026 Drum Major for Social Justice Award.

The summit was further enriched by the presence of distinguished guests and valued partners who joined the Choose to Grow family in celebrating youth achievement and leadership. The guest list included many of the Choose to Grow

sponsors and long-time partners, the Top Ladies of Distinction A-TEAAM sites from across the country, two of its past presidents, Lady Audre Lawton and Lady Peggy Lewis LeCompte, and the current National President, Lady Eddie Lee Marsh, to Mississippi for this special occasion. Attendees were also honored by the presence of Jackson Mayor John Horhn, Choose to Grow Ambassador and First Lady of Jackson Lydia Gail Horhn, and Ms. Reena Evers-Everette, whose participation helped inspire students and families throughout the weekend.

The weekend concluded with the induction of students into the Choose to Grow A-TEAAM and ESTEEM Alumni Association. Mississippi NAACP State President of Youth and College Divisions,

Mr. George Jones IV, presented membership cards to the new alumni. Participants also gathered for a powerful fellowship experience featuring dynamic speaker Pastor Le'Zaire Reese of Atlanta, Georgia.

The summit closed with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to supporting young people as they continue to grow, lead, and make a positive impact in their communities.

JSD Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Karla McCullough shared with The Mississippi Link, "Dr. Doty and I could not have been more pleased to see a culmination of the year's events bring together such an amazing celebration of our past, our present, and our future in three days. We are grateful to have such an amazing JSDF Board, staff, volun-

teers, sponsors, and friends. With this dynamic combination and the power of our youth, we know the future is safe."

When asked about how she felt about the weekend of events Dr. Juanita Sims Doty said, "Our Ambassadors, Gems, Parents and Mentors from all of our sites commented that the weekend was awesome, wonderful, amazing, and fun! Our goal was met as we provided interactive sessions where they learned new information, had fun, and left with Hope!"

Doty said one parent sent her a message through their newly launched 'Choose to Grow App' saying she was a single parent trying to do all she could for her daughter. "She thanked us for an "awesome weekend" and said "You all gave me hope!"

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national unity and progress. In his 2002 Juneteenth message, President George H. W. Bush sent greetings to those celebrating the holiday. He claimed, "The day is a fitting time to celebrate freedom from slavery and for all Americans to reflect on the rich contributions of African Americans to our Nation. As we celebrate Juneteenth on June 19, I encourage all Americans to reaffirm their commitment to achieving equal justice and opportunity for all citizens." Bush emphasized that June 9, 1865 was significant in that the Emancipation Proclamation's promise of freedom was finally realized in TX, more than two years after its issuance.

On June 19, 2015, President Barack Obama reminded America that the fight for freedom must continue because racism and bigotry, hate and intolerance, are alive worldwide. From The White House office of the Secretary, we find Obama's message: "Just as the slaves of Galveston knew that emancipation is only the first step toward true freedom, just as those who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge 50 years ago knew their march was far from finished, our work remains undone. For as long as people still hate each other for nothing more than the color of their skin – and so long as it remains far too easy for dangerous people to get their hands on a gun – we cannot honestly say that our country is living up to its highest ideals." Obama continued that Juneteenth affirms that America can change because "tomorrow is a day to keep marching."

In 2021, President Joe Biden brought the "Grandmother of June-

teenth," Opal Lee, to the White House and penned his signature regarding the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He noted that Juneteenth was a day to remember "the long, hard night of slavery and subjugation" and a day to commit to healing and equality while simultaneously reminding the country of its "original sin." Beyond this, Biden (1) noted that Juneteenth was a continuation of closing the racial gap, boosting Black business ownership, and expanding educational and economic opportunities; and (2) in 2024, hosted a Juneteenth and summit at the White House to celebrate Black excellence, highlight policy gains, and emphasize that Black History is American history – a report by the American Presidency Project.

Before Juneteenth became a holiday, President Donald Trump acknowledged it. He even called it "very famous." Time Magazine noted that on June 19, 2018, Trump stated, "This historic moment would not have been possible without the courage and sacrifice of the nearly 200,000 former enslaved and free African Americans who fought for liberty alongside more than 2 million Union servicemen. These brave individuals fought to defend the God-given rights of those unjustly held in bondage."

From 2018 to 2024, Trump honored Juneteenth. However, last year, he digressed in mutation with no public remarks or social media posts regarding the federal holiday. According to White House officials, he neither signed a proclamation nor held public events. MSNBC com-

mentators and contributors characterized Trump's 2025 termination of federal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs as a dangerous rollback of civil rights. They argued that the administration's push for "merit" serves as a pretext to weaken protections for marginalized communities and enables structural inequities to deepen. Further, dismantling civil rights through executive orders that effectively revoked historic measures like those dating back to a 1965 order by President Lyndon Johnson – is a design to prohibit discrimination in federally funded projects. Targeting diverse hires: aggressive termination of DEI staffers and the scrubbing of related offices, is an effort to politically "cleanse" the federal government.

Since Trump vowed to end diversity, equity and inclusion in the government, the question is: "Will Juneteenth, remain on the federal calendar?" Rolling back the hands of time, he has deleted Juneteenth and Martin Luther King Jr. Day from the National Park Service's list of free days. What appears to be an alternative fact, is his birthday (June 14) that he added to the list.

On WFAA YouTube, Jan. 21, 2025, In an open letter to Trump, Lee invited him to "come walk with me" and "lead this march that says we are together. Spending years of campaigning for Juneteenth, Lee wanted him to know that she thought he should use his power to make a difference. Subsequently, the outspoken president became a muted no show.

# Brown

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To The Mississippi Link family, he held a special place as a sports writer from 2008 to 2012. His storytelling voice and sports insight helped document athletic talent, competitive spirit and community pride within Jackson, statewide and beyond. He loved covering SWAC football.

As a longtime New York Life insurance professional, Brown built a clientele who viewed him as one who educated families about protection, dignity, legacy and financial security.

"There are many people who come and go in our lives; a few touches us in ways that change us forever, making us better from knowing them. William 'Bo' Brown was that person," said Alvin Franklin, agent, New York Life. "He believed having life insurance is to have

dignity insurance." Franklin now handles Brown's clients.

### Faith, Family and the Will to Fight

During Brown's memorial service, a resounding expression was how much he loved his family and church. Brown served faithfully as head trustee of New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

His son-in-law Cedric Thornton shared that even when doctors wanted Brown to make decisions about his health, Brown was reported as saying, "We're going to fight!"

"When the why is clear, the fight becomes easy," Thornton said, indicating that Brown's why was his family. His daughter Dawn Thornton stressed that their father always taught them to "get back up!"

### Community Voices Remember Bo

"I met Bo at the Downtown YMCA over 30 years ago. Great man of

God who loved his state and the City of Jackson...as city councilman he would occasionally visit to keep us informed." – Rev. Dr. Audrey Lynne Hall, senior pastor, Holy Temple M.B. Church

"I knew Bo when he was a councilman for the City of Jackson. I was a photojournalist for WLBT. He was well respected. He enjoyed talking about sports, especially Alcorn State football...He loved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc." – Don Span, assistant professor, Jackson State University

"In the final days of the 2026 legislative session, I asked Representative Brown how he would like to be remembered. Without hesitation, he told me, 'as a man whose deep care and love for people ignited his passion to serve them.' That is exactly how I will remember him." – Rep. Zakiya Summers, Brown's desk mate in the House Chamber

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June there was one business burglary, 4 felony arrests, and 20 misdemeanor arrests. He also shared an update on the new jail, indicating good progress is being made. The new Hinds County Detention Center can't come quick enough. There are currently 922 pre-trial detainees in the Raymond Detention Center, per Jones. That facility was designed to hold 600.

District 2 Supervisor Tony Smith arrived near the conclusion of the meeting and jumped right in. He reported that the signs announcing arrival in St. Thomas are ready and that he just needs a final decision on the actual placement. He spoke briefly about dumping, a major priority for him. One resident spoke about the condition of St. Thomas Road and how recently AMR took two hours to respond when her father fell and broke his hip, then when they arrived, they didn't have the right medicine onboard, then drove the wrong way when leaving, which led them to the long-closed Bakers Creek Bridge, further

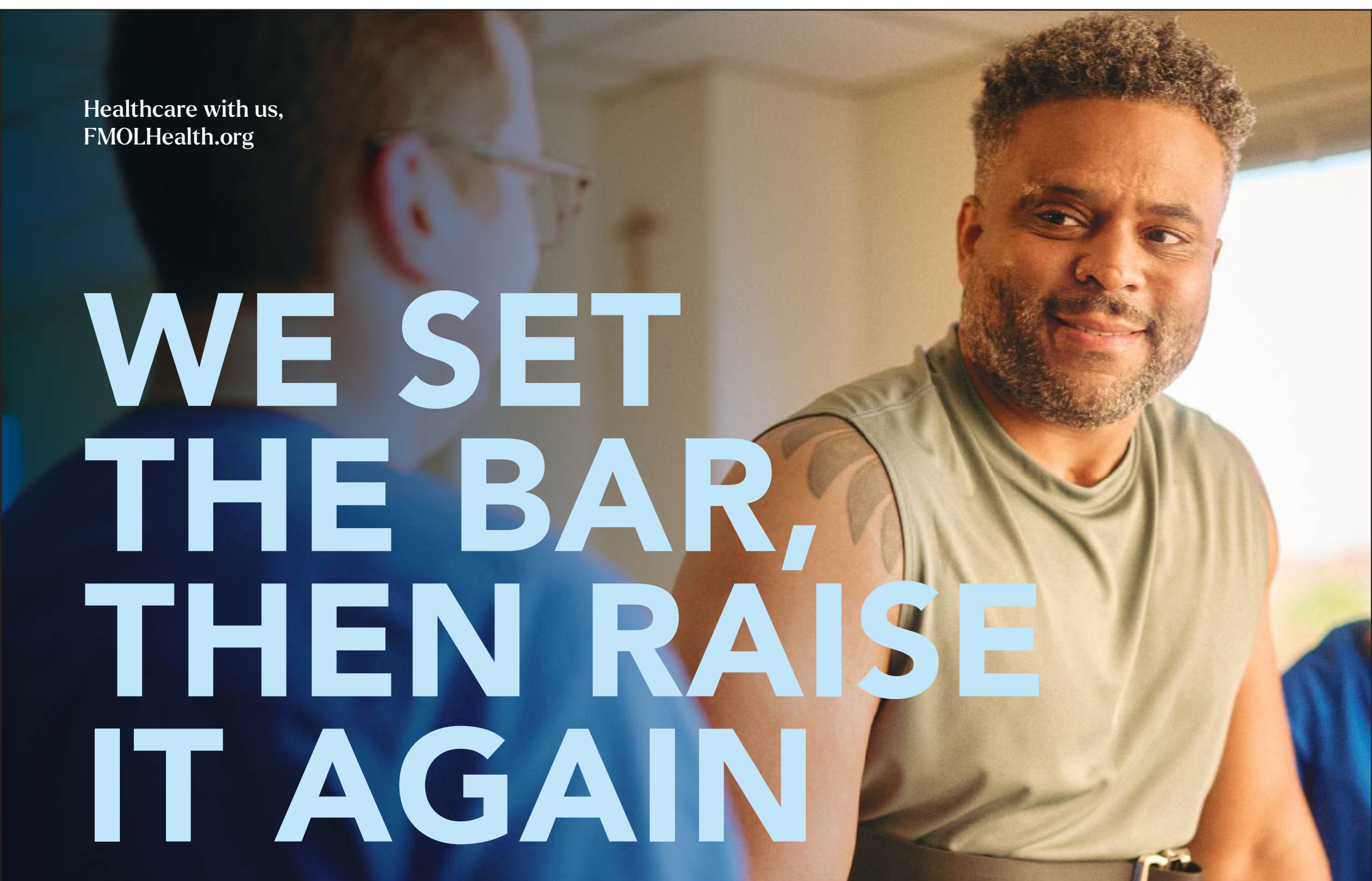
delaying medical treatment. He indicated the AMR contract is being reviewed regularly, yet ultimately there are only two providers in central Mississippi. He gave out his county cell phone number. He reported there is progress on the St. Thomas Road Bridges and encouraged calling George Lewis for the latest update.

Former District 2 Supervisor David Archie attended the meeting and asked permission to address the body but was turned down by the St. Thomas Community Association President. He was able to interact and pass out push-cards once the meeting ended.

Following Supervisor Smith's advice, this writer paid a visit to the Public Works Central Office at 900 East Main Street, Raymond MS, and met the Hinds County Director of Public Works, George Lewis. The ask was simple, tell me something that I can share with the readers of The Mississippi Link newspaper about the long-promised bridge repairs on St. Thomas Road. The next day, Lewis provided

the following update by phone. "The County Engineer has already submitted the design for the two bridges at Bakers Creek to the Mississippi Office of State Aid Road Construction. They are reviewing the plans to determine when they can advertise for bids. From concurrence by State Aid to bidding could take a month."

There are three bridges in total that need to be repaired/replaced. The two closer to the intersection of St. Thomas Road with Airplane Road (where St. Thomas Road ends) are the responsibility of the state. The bridge leading up to the other two is the responsibility of Hinds County. Lewis stated, "the county is ready to repair the first bridge and install a culvert. That will take a month at the most and will cost approximately \$100,000. There's a good chance all work will be completed by the end of this year." These bridges have been closed, requiring a six-mile detour for residents, for over seven years, per past reporting by WLBT's Roslyn Anderson.



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# BOOK REVIEW: TRANSCENDENT: A MEMOIR

BY LAVERNE COX  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

Okay, let's just say it: you're tired of lies.

They come from above, behind, from either shoulder. They're repeated, laid out in a line, told as if they're true but they're not. You wish people would stop lying to you. As in the new memoir "Transcendent" by Laverne Cox, you wish you could tell the truth about yourself.

Sissy.

If the bullies in the neighborhood weren't constantly calling

Laverne Cox that name, then Cox's mother was. "Sissy," was just one word, though; the others were worse. The boys would say those things while they beat Cox, when they could catch her. Her mother screamed them at her gentle child who didn't like "boy" activities.

Even at eight years old, says Cox, "I was a prim and proper lady."

Despite the verbal abuse about her perceived feminine behavior and a furtive, failed attempt at conversion therapy, Cox's mother sent her and her brother to the

Alabama School of Fine Arts, where Cox learned to dance. It was a lifeline for her, and the talent gained there helped Cox get into college in Indiana.

From there, Cox expected to find fame and fortune in New York City.

And yet, the abuse she suffered as a child held Cox back, and the words "There is something wrong with me" became a daily mantra.

"I didn't know how to say it," Cox says. "I'm a girl."

There were therapy sessions to get to that point, as Cox learned

the language and skills needed to speak the truth. Landing a sense of style helped, as did her brother's support, a handful of friends, and happy, scent-infused memories of her mother's make-up table.

At each step, Cox says, "I was expressing myself, I was also allowing myself to edge closer to my girlhood."

Let's start here: "Transcendent" is a difficult read – not for style, but for substance.


From her earliest memory of being sexually abused as a toddler; to verbal and physical abuse

from many sources; to what, judging by photo captions, seems perhaps like forgiveness, author Laverne Cox glosses over nothing. Be ready, in other words, for pages and pages of memories that, like a roller-coaster, will make you cringe and want to hide your eyes, although doing so would be a mistake. The best part of this memoir is in its overall.


As this book progresses, Cox's story does, too. We see a child who knows a truth but has no words for it. The child becomes a teen with a bursting sense of self,

then a young adult who craves love as she's stretching her wings. By the time Cox advances to writing about her career and the abuse is (mostly) over, readers will breathe a well-deserved sigh of relief. Whew, you've winced through a harrowing tale to reach a satisfying but not complete update.

Fans of Cox's work will want "Transcendent," as will anyone who's transitioned, is thinking about it, or loves someone who has. It's a rough read, but a necessary one, then, and that's no lie.



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## “Recognizing God’s Call and the 2026 College Hill Honoree Who Answers”



(L-R) College Hill Pastor, Rev. Chauncy L. Jordan, Sr., Man of the Year Recipient, Deacon Reginald D. Knight, and Layman’s Ministry president, Dr. Timothy W. Rush, Sr.



Men’s Day speaker was Deacon Maurice Thompson, Priestly Chapel Baptist Church



Family and Friends of the Man of the Year: Seated (L-R) Barbara K. McNair & Mary Bryant. Standing (L-R) Madeleine Porter, John Hall, Jr. Lillian Knight, Lenita Knight, Reginald Knight, Ashley Knight, Clifton Bryant, Sr. and Terra Hall.

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“Called to Labor: Advancing God’s Kingdom Together” was not only the theme used for the Men’s Day Celebration at College Hill M. B. Church, but also the mission of the West Jackson house of worship as the love and purpose of the congregation continues to grow.

The College Hill Annual Men’s Day Program, held Sunday, June 14, 2026, brought together men, families, and servants of God to worship, fellowship, and promote spiritual growth, while also recognizing the church’s 2026 Man of the Year, Deacon Reginald Knight.

The program presider, Christian Vance, opened the program jokingly sharing that he was serving in his position at the urging of his father, Minister Ken-

neth Vance, but later added that it was a pleasure to serve God during this special time of fellowship and throughout his daily walk. The speaker for the worship service was Deacon Maurice Thompson, a member of Priestly Chapel M. B. Church in Canton.

Before the speaker shared his message, Deacon Knight was officially recognized as this year’s Man of the Year recipient. Expressions of Knight’s deeds and service were shared by several young men of the church: Justin Coleman, Kameron Harris, and Isaiah Rush; each recalling how the deacon often filled a void at different moments in their lives. Harris shared that he’d not had a father present in his life, but Deacon Knight had become that man to him and for that, he would love him forever.

Lillian and Ashley Knight, daughters of Knight and his wife, Lenita, stood behind the podium to proclaim love for their father and appreciation for the wisdom that he consistently shares with them. Longtime friend, Charles Jackson, noted that Knight had become more than a friend. He was now his brother.

Knight, a member of College Hill since 1998, is a devoted and faithful member of several ministries at College Hill. He serves as vice chair of the Deacons Ministry, Sunday School teacher, Couples Ministry leader, a member of the Laymen and Male Chorus, (self-appointed) Executive Director of the Media Production Ministry, and grill master extraordinaire for all church cook-outs/picnics. He is a previous recipient of the College Hill Most Valuable Player Award.

Rev. Chauncy Jordan, pastor of the church, and Dr. Timothy Rush, president of the Laymen’s Ministry; both agreed in statements that Deacon Knight is a dedicated, dependable, and faithful friend and brother.

When Knight stood at the podium to bring his remarks, he thanked his community and family for being such integral parts of what makes him the man he is. He reminded everyone that you don’t have to be college educated to be a learned man but to seek knowledge and wisdom will come.

The program speaker, Deacon Thompson, stood at the podium moments later to thank the College Hill family for all of the love he received since becoming affiliated with the congregation. He added that the camaraderie shown at the annual Men’s Day

Picnic held the day before (Saturday, June 13) was just the beginning of the brotherly love that he was experiencing. He brought humor to his opening by sharing that he knew he was in (Jackson State University – JSU) Tiger Country but we need not forget that the only devil you can’t pray out of a church is a Delta Devil (referencing his association with Mississippi Valley State University).

Thompson used the Men’s Day theme, taken from Matthew 9:37 – 38, as the guide for his presentation. He reminded everyone that our job is to work for God. Accompanied by his wife, Veronica, Thompson delivered a powerful message of service to each other and to the Lord.

Dr. Rush shared that the Men’s Day Program at College Hill, a celebration that has traditionally

taken place on Father’s Day, was well received by all in attendance. He said, “This is our second year of giving families the opportunity to share more of their week-end/day(s) with their fathers and father figures. So much preparation goes into a special program. Now we all have the opportunity to celebrate in love with little to no stress. Thank you, College Hill, for allowing us all to enjoy the day!”

Brother Terrence Hill, chair of the Men’s Day Committee, in his closing remarks recognized members of the committee and thanked them for their commitment to making everything a success. Along with the chair, committee members were Bernard Bridges, Willie Hill, Deacon LaVaughn Rankin, Timothy Rush, Sr., Vic Sexton, and Minister Kenneth Vance.

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# JET-A Salutes Graduating Class of 2026

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Six years ago, JET-A (Jackson Municipal Airport Authority's Education and Training Academy) began. High school students were introduced to the aviation industry via a week of training. Discovering highly regulated safety standards, students were exposed to aviation careers, opportunities, and airport operation. Subsequently, they witnessed firsthand activities related to the design, manufacturing, operation, maintenance, and regulation of aircraft.

Nearly 40 high school students from across the metro area graduated from the Academy, having been captivated by a week-long, exploration of aviation absorption on Friday, June 11, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony occurred at 100 Cross Street Building at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN). Aviation-focused learning enabled the graduates to engage in leadership development, teamwork, and hands-on experiences. Escalating from these elements was the optimal measure: "inspiring students



JET-A Class of 2026 Graduates & Leaders. PHOTOS BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT

to explore careers to keep the aviation industry soaring."

Keynote speaker Colonel (Ret.) Marvin Reed, a United States Marine Corps Veteran, stood as a testament of his stellar career. Skilled in U.S. Department of Defense, Operations Management, Military Aviation, etc., he had a strut in his feet that seemed to spark fire in the eyes of many while imposing a steadiness in his hands and a knowing smile on his lips as he spoke his truth. It was the way he spoke

what he spoke that made all the difference.

Reed instilled in the graduating class to not take on a complacent posture, but to embrace a "liberated mindset." While establishing identification, he asserted: "Some of my best mentors in aviation didn't look like me. I graduated from a Naval Academy and had connections with governors, senators, etc. But the most important thing I remember about the military was the day I graduated and saw my

parents who had dropped me off to begin my four-year-journey, and they only came on the day I graduated." He noted that being in a different atmosphere allowed him the opportunity to gain independence with a career focus.

In that regard, the speaker advised the graduates to "Keep moving forward while considering the aviation path." He indicated that the aviation graduates held the future in their hands. "You are the future leaders of our community, state, and nation. For

FAA certification, you can earn between \$100,000 to \$133,000 to \$134,000 in Jackson. That's something you ought to think about."

Reed grew up in Charleston, MS, known as the "Gateway of the Delta." He has served 32 years in the navy and military. He has been around the world twice.

The Awards and Pinning Ceremony consisted of certificates and pins given to each JET-A 2026 graduate. Following the awards, Valarie Garret, Com-

munity Engagement & Events Coordinator (JMAA) acknowledged the investors by indicating that they had created value to the development of aviation leaders. She thanked Colonel Reed for his help in preparing the students for aviation.

The event's Master of Ceremonies was Major Paul McKnight. Featured was a JET-A 2026 Cohort Video Presentation. A reception for graduates, family, friends, and leaders followed.



System representative tells aviation graduates, "The world is yours. My job is to expose all graduates. If you're exposed, you can be successful."

## Institute offers 'All-Male' yoga experience focused on Mental Wellness

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health will offer an all-male yoga experience designed to promote mental wellness, stress reduction and self-care among Black men across Mississippi. **Balanced Man: A Men's Mental Health Yoga Experience** will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 29, at Split Rebel Yoga Studio, 1048 Greymont St. in Jackson.

The free experience will provide men with a supportive environment to focus on their mental, emotional and physical well-being through yoga, mindfulness and movement. Participants will engage in guided exercises that blend yoga and Pilates techniques to improve flexibility, reduce stress and encourage overall wellness.

Men often face unique challenges that can affect mental health and well-being. Through the Men's Health Program, the Institute seeks to create opportunities for men to prioritize their health, develop healthy coping strategies and connect with resources that support long-term wellness.

"Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your physical health," said Warren Jones, MPH, with the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health. "This experience encourages men to slow down, focus on their well-being and recognize that self-care is

an important part of living a healthy life."

Balanced Man is sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health in collaboration with the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Behavioral Health Institute, Split Rebel Yoga Studio, the Black Men's Health Equity Council, JXN United, Beta Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Mu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

For more information, con-

tact Warren Jones, MPH, at 828-282-8315 or visit [www.minority-institute.org](http://www.minority-institute.org).

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

# Legacy of Madison offers immersive look at Natchez's under-told history

*New interpretive center highlights African American history, music legacy, and youth development*

The Mississippi Link Newswire

A long-vacant pink house on the corner of Madison and N. Dr. M.L. King streets has been reborn as The Legacy of Madison, a new tourism attraction and interpretive center dedicated to sharing the untold and under-told history of Natchez.

The site, located at 516 N. Dr. M.L. King St., is co-owned and managed by retired educator Bettye Bell and her daughter, Brittany Bell Surratt. The two said the new venture will provide a cultural and educational experience for residents and visitors.

It provides a quiet, welcoming environment where visitors can discuss Natchez history over coffee, tea, and traditional tea cakes, said Bettye. The experience also includes a full three-course meal.

"Natchez has a lot of untold and under-told history," said Brittany. "While Mississippi is often associated with the blues, Natchez has made significant contributions to jazz and hip-hop as well."

She said much attention has focused on antebellum homes and the Civil War, while African American history remains underrepresented.

"We want to tell those stories," Brittany said.

Bettye agreed. "We look forward to sharing how African Americans helped build Natchez and went on to make nationally



The pink house at the corner of N. Dr. M.L. King and Madison streets is now home to the Legacy of Madison, an interpretive center dedicated to sharing Natchez's untold and under-told history. Photo by Roscoe Barnes III

and internationally recognized contributions," she said.

Brittany's vision for the house stems from her love of history, literature, and travel. "I meet people from all around the world. When they visit Natchez, they've only learned one side of Natchez's history."

The mother-daughter team hopes to inspire local youth. "The historic property serves as both a tourism destination and a

training center designed to prepare local youth for careers in hospitality and tourism," Bettye said. "Young people can develop customer service, public speaking, cultural awareness, and leadership skills while gaining firsthand experience."

The team believes Natchez has important stories that deserve greater attention. Among those stories is the connection between rapper Nas and Natchez through

his father, world-renowned jazz musician Olu Dara Jones, who was born and raised in the city.

"That is an under-told story and key contribution to music history," Brittany said. She noted Natchez has deep-rooted music contributions to national music history that goes beyond the blues.

Another celebrity with Natchez ties is actress Yara Sayeh Shahidi, best known for her role

on the ABC sitcom, "Black-ish," Brittany said.

This site features four rooms that provide visitors with an immersive experience through story-telling, music, historical artifacts, and cultural displays.

The interpretive center highlights a range of notable figures, including Greg Iles, Hiram Rhodes Revels, John R. Lynch, Robert H. Wood, Richard Wright, Ellen Douglas, Alex-

ander O'Neal, Geeshie Wiley, Judge Lillie Blackmon Sanders, Judge Mary Lee Davis Toles, Dr. Albert Woods Dumas Sr., and others.

Themes include such topics as Reconstruction era leadership, African American political history, Natchez writers and authors, music legends, cultural contributors, educational trailblazers, and local "firsts" in leadership.

Each tour concludes with a Southern soul food experience inspired by traditions of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The house was built in the late Queen Anne style between 1901 and 1904, according to Mimi Miller, executive director emerita of the Historic Natchez Foundation.

Brittany purchased the house from Alvin Garrison, mayor of Ferriday. It was previously owned by Frederick David Todd, whose father, Dr. J.R. Todd Jr., was a respected community leader and historian known for his contributions to healthcare and civil rights.

Tours are available Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$55 for adults and \$25 for children ages six and older.

Group tours are available by reservation with a minimum of 12 people.

For more information, call 601-334-4104.



Bettye Bell, center, and her daughter, Brittany Bell Surratt, recently opened The Legacy of Madison to share Natchez's history. They are pictured with Brittany's daughter, Chozyn Channell Bell. Photo by Roscoe Barnes III

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## Beyond Left and Right: Why Colombia's election matters for Democracy across the Americas

*In Partnership with American Community Media – National Briefing Series*

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

On June 21, Colombians will return to the polls for a presidential runoff election that many observers consider one of the most consequential in the country's recent history. The contest between Iván Cepeda of Pacto Histórico and Abelardo de la Espriella of Salvación Nacional has sparked intense debate over the future of Colombian democracy, the implementation of peace agreements, land rights, migration, and the country's role in Latin America.

For journalists covering the Americas, the stakes extend far beyond Colombia's borders. The election comes at a critical moment for a nation that has spent decades grappling with armed conflict, displacement, and political polarization. The outcome could have significant implications for democratic governance, human rights, migration patterns, and regional stability throughout the hemisphere.

Pilar Marrero, co-producer of American Community Media's National Briefing Series, served as moderator with sixty-five media outlets and three panelists on the call. Beatriz Magaloni is a Professor of Political Science and a Senior Fellow at Stanford University, where she serves as Director of the Poverty, Violence, and Governance Lab, and Co-Director of the Democracy Action



Beatriz Magaloni.  
PHOTO: STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Lab. "We're talking about such an important moment. Not only for Colombia, but for Latin America, we are also observing elections in Peru with very similar dilemmas. Observers for a long time have warned that Latin America is becoming dangerously polarized.

Elections across the region increasingly pit left against right, urban against rural, progressive against conservative and many interpret Colombia's recent presidential contest and the contest in the second round that is coming in a few weeks... the contests are incredibly tight as a result of the polarization, but ...I would argue that the language of polarization hides much more than it reveals. It appears as a confrontation between left and right, but what we are seeing is really not ideo-



Manuel Ortiz. PHOTO: LINKEDIN.

logical, but really experimental democracy – these groups are trying to experiment with what is going on in every day lives and the way they experience the shifts are interpreted as the state failing them. I would say that some resident citizens in Colombia most of them in urban or semi-urban areas experience Colombia as a very dangerous place. They suffer crime, extortion, and lack of security and they see that the state is not able to provide security for them, in a country that has suffered for years with civil war. They are frightened and they really want solutions. There is an increase in armed paramilitary groups...more violence that deeply affects their everyday life."

She spoke at length about how these groups, and au-

thoritarian political candidates strive to attain more territory and thousands of people are dying as a result. She also reported that surveys across Latin America have revealed that over 67% of residents count their personal security as their primary concern and noted that polarization among residents hides more than it reveals, and that often-authoritarian enclaves are hiding in plain sight within democracies.

Manuel Ortiz is a Sociologist, Documentary Photographer, and Journalist Audiovisual Consultant with Stanford University's Democracy Action Lab. His comments began with a caveat, "I'm not an expert. I've been traveling to Colombia the last probably thirteen years. But every time I go to Columbia, I feel I know



Alex Sierra. PHOTO: [HTTPS://GLOBALEXCHANGE.ORG](https://globealexchange.org)

less. It's a very complex country." He shared numerous stories, some of indigenous people being displaced by violence – violent confrontations between community members and the army – going on since 2019.

Ortiz believes that the cases he has documented are not about left versus right, but more of democracy versus democratic backsliding, seeking peace agreements and the restoring of land, versus returning to violence and land-grabbing, and sovereignty versus colonial rule shaped by US intervention and influence.

The final panelist was Alex Sierra, an Anthropologist at Centro de Estudios Sociojurídicos Latinoamericanos (CES-JUL). He shared his comments completely in Spanish, with the moderator translating to

English. "We've just met with youth who were attacked by police in the previous Colombian government. These people have an organization that has 150 people who have experienced violence by police. The group fears the return of this type of policy if the candidate, Abelardo de la Espriella of Salvación Nacional, wins in the runoff. I listened to them talk about it and it is very risky for democracy to not tend to the basic demand of groups who feel abandoned by the current system. Abelardo de la Espriella – who is endorsed by President Trump – has been emulating the El Salvadorian President Nayib Bukele. There are now 57 illegal armed groups capable of producing violence and displacement and complicate the situation further."

In response to a question by ACOM's Peter Sherman, Sierra shared, "There are important efforts under the current president that must be taken into account. There is the issue of the armed groups, ongoing narco-trafficking, and capital – revenue coming in from different countries who are trying to influence Colombia and its political landscape."

To view the entire briefing, including significant periods of question and answer, go to <https://americancommunitymedia.org/media-briefings/beyond-left-and-right-why-colombias-election-matters-for-democracy-across-the-americas>.

## Home where King planned Selma voting rights marches opens at Michigan museum

By Corey Williams  
Associated Press

A home where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders planned strategies during the Civil Rights movement in the Deep South has been rebuilt at a Michigan museum after being dismantled and hauled from Alabama.

The daughter of the original owners on Friday helped open the Jackson House on the grounds of The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, just outside Detroit. The house is among more than 80 other historic structures in the museum's Greenfield Village.

Several hundred people attended a ceremonial ribbon cutting and cheered as Jawana Jackson and Henry Ford Museum President and Chief Executive Patricia Mooradian walked through the front door of the 3,000-square-foot (280-square-meter) bungalow.

Jackson said that Ford Motor Co. founder and industrialist Henry Ford built Greenfield Village to tell the story of America. "This, the Jackson family home, is part of that story," she continued.

Owned by dentist Sullivan Jackson and his wife, Richie Jean, the home in Selma, Alabama, was where King and others in 1965 discussed three Selma-to-Montgomery marches against Jim Crow laws that prevented Black people from voting.



Home where Rev. Martin Luther King and other leaders met to plan strategies PHOTO BY COREY WILLIAMS, AP

King was inside the home when President Lyndon Johnson announced a bill that would become the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The role the Jackson House played was integral to the Civil Rights Movement. Jawana Jackson contacted the museum in 2022 to have it take over the

home's preservation and legacy. The museum bought the home in 2023 for an undisclosed price.

Mooradian called the home a symbol for the support of all and the "pursuit of justice and dignity and equality during one of the most defining chapters in our nation's history."

"We're opening a doorway to history," Mooradian said. "A place where an ordinary family chose to risk their lives to do something extraordinary. A place where conviction was tested. A movement was sheltered and nourished in this home, and where parents led with courage for the sake of their little girl."

In 2023, crews began taking apart the house piece by piece. It was trucked more than 800 miles (1,280 kilometers) north to Dearborn, where the house was carefully reconstructed. Original artifacts, including the chair King sat in while he watched Johnson's televised announcement, also were brought

north. Other items found in homes during the 1960s have been added to complete the exhibit.

The house was built in 1912 and served as a guesthouse for Black authors W.E.B. Du Bois and Booker T. Washington, who held "fireside chats" regarding education, religion, the arts, community building and economic sustainability, according to the Alabama African American Civil Rights Heritage Sites Consortium.

Jawana Jackson, who was 4 years old in 1965 and refers to King as "Uncle Martin," connected the home's history in the fight for voting rights during the 1960s with current attacks on those rights.

In April, the U.S. Supreme Court knocked out a major pillar of the law that had protected against racial discrimination in voting and representation. Three years ago, justices voted 5-4 to strip the government of its most potent tool to stop voting bias — the requirement in the Voting Rights Act that all or parts of 15 states with a history of discrimination in voting, mainly in the South, get Washington's approval before changing the way they hold elections.

"We are still trying to protect democracy," Jackson said Friday. "What Uncle Martin did in this house all those many years ago continues today."

## What factors have us not knowing the people in our neighborhood?

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



Being in the summer months made me muse about my growing up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. That was a care-free time in my life. The days were long and the nights were short. After breakfast, my friends and I stayed outside most of the day. If we weren't playing too much, I would come home for lunch. It was the same routine for all the kids in my East Winston neighborhood. Everybody knew their next-door neighbor and those in the neighborhood. Locked doors

were not the custom and snacks were always available for us. We felt loved and always welcomed. However, our parents did tell us not to wear out our welcome.

During the evening, adults would visit or sit on their porch. We kids would be together until the streetlights came on and that was our signal to come inside. The day was over and we would start afresh the next day.

The joy that we had was unspeakable. Friendships that we made during childhood are now adult friendships. I took knowing my friends and neighbors for granted. I just thought that all neighborhoods were like mine. Back in the day, I believe they were. I mean, how could you live in a community and

not know your neighbors?

Knowing people on your side of town was a mainstay for us. Our parents never feared for our safety or well-being. We were always in and out of someone's house and it wasn't a big deal.

During my time, kids did a lot of talking. Quite honestly, we could take or leave television. TV and radio didn't really strike a chord with us. Even when we did watch television, it wasn't a topic for our conversations. In a funny way, we left Popeye and Mickey Mouse in the house.

Now, my friends and I have some heartfelt conversations about the good times that we had as kids. We know that we were blessed. We realize how fortunate we were to have

grown up in a neighborhood that was surrounded by love. Our childhood experiences shaped our lives as adults.

How we talk to others and our level of kindness were all learned behaviors. We watched our elders and we learned from them. Now, we are the elders in our communities.

What is happening in today's neighborhoods is a lot different. Cordiality and kindness aren't practiced as much. The societal times have given us a less friendly environment. Simply put, we are a bit suspicious of our neighbors.

Neighbors don't visit as much as they once did. Children don't visit much either. I will say that children now have what are called play dates. These are pre-

arranged by parents and sometimes money is involved.

Of course, we didn't have those experiences. All our playing was spontaneous. We just gathered and started playing. Money wasn't involved.

Technology has played a big role in neighbors keeping to themselves. I guess being on Facebook is better than sitting and talking to each other in person. Children would rather talk and text via cell phone than play outside.

Some experts think that staying inside and being aloof are signs of mistrust. Additionally, they believe that some people have gotten accustomed to being unfriendly. I watch some folks in department stores, and they have a frown on their face.

Have we lost the adage, it takes a village mindset?

A report says, "Today most Americans define being a good neighbor as maintaining a respectful distance and privacy rather than being highly involved in each other's personal lives."

Quality of life issues are important in creating good neighborhoods. Crime, schools and housing are all factors in judging the quality of neighborhoods.

Will our neighborhoods return to those developed many years ago? If I had to venture a guess, I would likely say no. However, we must do our best to create healthy and happy neighborhoods. This benefits all of us.

## Turn a wall on its side, and it becomes a table

*We have always been at our best when we welcomed the stranger. It is time to be at our best again.*

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



A friend said something to me once that I have never forgotten.

His name is Alec Baldwin. He told me, "I am an old school American. That means I believe you are an American the day you decide to come here and join us."

I love that line. It is simple. It is generous. It is true.

That is the country I was raised to believe in. A country with room. A country that makes space at the table.

We seem to have forgotten that lately. We talk about walls. We talk about who to keep out. We talk about whole groups of people as if they were a problem to be solved.

But fear is a poor teacher. It tells us to lock the door. It tells us the stranger wants what is ours. It tells us there is not enough to go around.

Fear is almost always wrong. A great American answered that same fear long ago. His name was Frederick Douglass. He was born into slavery. He freed himself. And in 1869, he stood up in Boston to speak for people who looked nothing like him.

The target back then was Chinese immigrants. Many Americans wanted them shut out. Douglass said no. He called for a "composite nation" — one people, made from many.

The immigrants would keep

coming, he said, the way waves keep coming to the shore. And we would be stronger if we met them as friends. Stronger. Not weaker. That was his word.

Douglass was right. He is still right.

Now think about our most famous symbol of welcome. The Statue of Liberty. She stands in New York Harbor with her torch held high.

Most of us were never taught where she came from: the end of slavery. The men who dreamed her up had fought to end it. In an early design, she held broken chains in her hand. Look closely today, and you will still find a broken chain and shackle at her feet. Most visitors never see them.

She is, at her heart, a statue about people set free. And a statue about welcome. The two ideas were always one.

Which brings me to a film I cannot stop thinking about.

It is called "The Welcome Table." The filmmaker Josh Fox made it, and it premieres June 23 on HBO. For years he followed families driven from their homes by floods and fires and drought. People the world keeps trying to wall out.

Fox had one simple idea. "A wall, on its side, can be a table," he says. The thing we build to keep people out can become the thing that invites them in. Same wood. Same length. We only have to lay it down flat.

So he built one. A table a thousand feet long. He gathered families from around the world to sit at it to-

gether on a levee in New Orleans. They ate. They sang. They told their stories. They began to heal.

Fox reminds us we have done this before. New Yorkers once feared Italian immigrants. Newspapers drew them as criminals. Today you cannot imagine New York without pizza. Every wave we feared, we later thanked.

Now Fox is taking the table on the road. He is building a movement of house parties across the country. Neighbors gather in living rooms, watch the film, and talk — about who their own families once were, and who they might welcome next.

"Welcoming is a virtue," Fox says. We have let it slip. He wants us to pick it back up.

That is the choice in front of us. We can keep building walls. Or we can lay them down and set the table.

I know which America I want to live in.

I want the America Alec Baldwin described. The one you join the day you decide to come.

I want the America Frederick Douglass fought for. The composite nation, stronger for its mix.

I want the America the Statue of Liberty was built to be. A free people, making room for the next.

An old saying goes: when you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher wall. So let us build the longer table.

*Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and former president and CEO of the NAACP.*

## Do you need a marriage renovation?

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



As some people already know, one of my favorite TV networks to watch is HGTV.

My absolute favorite HGTV show are ones that center around home renovations. These shows primarily focus exclusively on couples/families renovating their homes for the following reasons: to add value to their property for escrow benefits, accommodate the family needs like adding extra rooms or extra bathrooms, to enhance the appearance of the exterior and/or interior, improve overall efficiency like replacing older windows for the newer modern windows which helps reduce one's energy bill, etc. In other words, these homeowners don't choose to buy a new home or move into someone's else's home — they invest in making their home sufficient for themselves.

Just like the physical and transformative renovations of a home — married couples must work together to renovate their marriages. What would you do if your home needed renovation? Do you burn your house down? Do you give your home away? Do you bulldoze your home? Do you move in with someone else like Sister Cheeks (Proverbs states that this strange woman, Sister Cheeks house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death)? Do you abandon your home? Do you ignore the issues and hope they fixed themselves? Do you relocate to another state and start over — guess what wherever you move — your same issues and baggage is accompanying you into a new space — the new location doesn't change your circumstances! The obvious answers to all these questions should be NO!

What do you do when your marriage is broken, dysfunctional, chaotic, contentious, and disorderly? Do you pursue another man or woman, relocate to a different state, get rid of your spouse however you can, separate, divorce, start over, etc.?

How do you know that your marriage needs renovation? The following are indicators of a marriage that urgently needs renovation:

- God is not top priority — wealth is, status is, education is, etc. — what does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul?
- Don't pray for each other
- Fail to pray together
- Contention
- Silence
- Arguments
- Unresolved hurts & offenses
- Unforgiveness
- Little to no laughter
- Little to no communication
- Ating in separate areas at different times — if you can — gather at the family table at least once a week
- Sadness/Loneliness
- Feel drained/hopeless/tormented
- Dread being in the same space with each other

- Sleeping in separate rooms
  - Envision life with someone/anyone else but certainly not your spouse
  - Plan your future separately
  - Living separate lives — only in it for the bag or the children who is also exhausted from you two!
  - Little to no affection/intimacy
  - Get more peace in your car, grocery store, etc. Than you do at home
  - You find yourself not caring anymore
  - It's cold — the thrill is gone!
  - You've reread this several times
- How do you spiritually renovate your marriage?
- Acknowledge that your marriage needs spiritual renovation
  - Ask god for direction — seek god if it is his will to restore your marriage or should you pursue a divorce
  - If god leads you to fight for your marriage — pray and seek god for strategies
  - Pray for each other and pray together without ceasing
  - Start over — don't dwell on yesterday — create a new blueprint that will improve and heal your marriage for today/tomorrow
  - Marriage proof your marriage from distractions and temptations — flee!
  - Communicate — one of my favorite scriptures — confess your faults (individual faults) one to another and pray for one another that you may be healed — healing can't successfully take place without confessing
  - Seek professional/spiritual counseling/join local marriage ministry
  - Extend grace
  - Treat each other the way you want to be treated
  - Hold each other accountable — don't be an enabler
  - Have fun with each other
  - Love unconditionally
  - Be grateful for the spouse/family that God gave you — many are not as blessed to have a family, and many are praying for a good family — don't give your family away!
- In conclusion, I know there are times that the cost of renovating a home can exceed the value of a home...meaning you may need to sell, etc. I truly believe that God does not want people in miserable marriages but dismantle your marriage the right way legally and spiritually as God lead. And sometimes some marriages need to be bulldozed for it to be rebuilt; can make for beautiful marriages. Does your marriage need renovation? If so, you both must be willing to renovate your marriage that will lead to a healthy, happy, and loving marriage until death do you part!
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## Men's Health requires action

By Sandra Melvin, CEO  
Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health



Too many men wait until symptoms appear before getting tested. That approach is costing lives. Chronic disease testing and cancer screening are not optional wellness activities; they are essential tools for preventing disease, detecting it early, and giving men more time with their families, workplaces, and communities.

### COMMENTARY

In Mississippi, the stakes are especially high. Prostate cancer remains a serious threat. According to the National Cancer Institute, Mississippi's prostate cancer incidence rate is 139.0 per 100,000 men, higher than the U.S. rate of 116.4, and the prostate cancer death rate is 24.8 per 100,000, compared with 19.2 nationally. Colorectal cancer also continues to place a heavy burden on our state. Mississippi's colorectal cancer incidence rate is 46.0 per 100,000, compared with 36.7 nationally, and the death rate is 17.7 per 100,000, compared with 12.9 nationally.

These numbers represent fathers, brothers, husbands, sons, coworkers, pastors, coaches, and neighbors. They also remind us that early detection matters. Prostate cancer screening conversations, colorectal cancer screening, blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing, A1C testing, and routine primary care visits can identify risk before a crisis occurs.

Heart disease and diabetes must be part of this conversation. According to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Annual Prevalence Report (2023), 11.3% of men in Mississippi report having been told they have cardiovascular disease, including heart attack, angina, coronary heart disease, or stroke. Diabetes is also highly prevalent among men in Mississippi. About 18.0% of Mississippi men report having been told they have diabetes. Nationally, heart disease remains the leading cause of death for men, and many men may have no symptoms before a serious cardiac event.

We have a responsibility to help change the culture around men's health. Testing is not a sign of weakness. It is an act of leadership, discipline, and prevention. Men should know their numbers, understand their risks, and talk with a trusted health care provider about the screenings appropriate for their age, family history, and personal health profile.

I am asking every man in our organization and every family member we serve to take one concrete step: schedule the appointment, complete the recommended screening, ask the question, and follow through.

Early detection saves lives, but only when we make testing a priority. Men's health cannot wait until something feels wrong. Prevention starts with action.

# Low Blood Pressure

By Vince Faust MA  
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

Most people hear a lot about high blood pressure, but low blood pressure can also cause serious problems. Doctors call low blood pressure hypotension. While it may not sound as dangerous as high blood pressure, it can still affect your brain, heart and other organs. In some cases, it can even become lifethreatening.

Blood pressure is the force of blood pushing against the walls of your arteries. Your heart pumps blood through your body so your organs get oxygen and nutrients. When your blood pressure is too low, your body may not get enough blood to work the way it should. This can lead to dizziness, fainting, confusion and even shock.

Understanding the risks of low blood pressure can help you stay safe and know when to get help.

Your blood pressure has two numbers:

- Top number (systolic): pressure when your heart beats
- Bottom number (diastolic): pressure when your heart relaxes

A normal reading is usually around 120/80. Low blood pressure is often considered 90/60 or lower, but the exact number depends on the person. What matters most is how your body reacts.

Blood pressure is important because it keeps blood flowing to your brain, heart, kidneys and other organs. When the pressure drops too low, these organs may not get enough oxygen. That can cause problems quickly.

**Problem #1: Dizziness and Lightheadedness**

One of the most common signs of low blood pressure is dizziness. This happens because your brain is not getting enough blood at that moment. You may feel like the room is spinning or like you might fall.

This often happens when you

stand up too fast. Doctors call this orthostatic hypotension. It can be dangerous because it increases your risk of falling and getting hurt.

A fall can lead to broken bones, head injuries, or longterm pain, especially for older adults.

**Problem #2: Fainting**

If your blood pressure drops suddenly, you may faint. Fainting happens when the brain does not get enough oxygen for a few seconds. You may lose consciousness and collapse.

This can happen in hot weather, after standing for a long time or when you are dehydrated. Some people faint when they are scared or in pain.

**Why it matters:**

Fainting can cause injuries, and it may also be a sign of a serious medical problem.

**Problem #3: Weakness and Fatigue**

When your blood pressure is too low, your muscles may not get enough blood. This can make you feel weak, tired or unable to do normal activities. You may feel like you have no energy, even after resting.

Fatigue can affect your work, school, and daily life. It can also make it harder to exercise, which is important for overall health.

**Problem #4: Blurry Vision**

Your eyes need a steady flow of blood to work properly. Low blood pressure can cause blurry vision, dim vision or "tunnel vision." Some people see spots or feel like their eyesight is fading.

Vision problems can make it unsafe to drive, walk down stairs or use machinery.

**Problem #5: Confusion or Trouble Thinking**

Your brain depends on oxygen-rich blood. When blood pressure drops too low, your brain may not work as clearly. You may feel confused, forgetful or unable to focus.

This is especially dangerous for older adults, who may already be at

risk for memory problems.

Confusion can lead to accidents, medication mistakes, or unsafe decisions.

**Problem #6: Nausea and Cold, Clammy Skin**

Low blood pressure can affect your digestive system and your skin. You may feel sick to your stomach, sweaty or cold. Your skin may look pale or feel damp.

These symptoms often happen when your body is trying to keep blood flowing to your most important organs.

These signs may mean your blood pressure is dropping quickly, which can be dangerous.

**Problem #7: Rapid or Weak Pulse**

When blood pressure is low, the heart may beat faster to try to push more blood through the body. You may feel your heart racing or fluttering. Sometimes the pulse feels weak, like it is barely there.

A fast or weak heartbeat can be a sign of dehydration, blood loss or heart problems.

**Problem #8: Shock — A Medical Emergency**

The most serious problem caused by very low blood pressure is shock. Shock happens when the body cannot get enough blood to the organs. This is lifethreatening and needs emergency care right away.

Signs of shock include:

- Very low blood pressure
- Fast breathing
- Cold, pale skin
- Confusion
- Weak pulse
- Loss of consciousness

Shock can be caused by severe bleeding, infections, allergic reactions or heart failure.

Without quick treatment, shock can lead to organ failure and death.

**What Causes Low Blood Pressure?**

Low blood pressure can happen for many reasons. Some of the most common include:

- Dehydration — not drinking

enough water

• Blood loss — from injury or internal bleeding

• Heart problems — weak heart pumping

• Infections — especially severe ones

• Medicines — such as those for high blood pressure

• Standing up too fast

• Pregnancy

• Low blood sugar

• Heat exposure

Sometimes low blood pressure is normal for a person. Athletes, for example, often have lower readings because their hearts are very strong. But if low blood pressure causes symptoms, it needs attention.

**How Low Blood Pressure Affects Daily Life**

Low blood pressure can make everyday activities harder. You may feel tired at work, dizzy at school or weak when exercising. You may worry about fainting in public or falling at home.

Some people avoid hot showers, long lines or standing for too long because these things can trigger symptoms. Others may feel anxious because they never know when a dizzy spell will happen.

Low blood pressure can also affect sleep, appetite and mood. When your body is not getting enough blood, everything feels harder.

**How to Stay Safe**

If you have low blood pressure or symptoms of it, there are steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Drink plenty of water
- Stand up slowly
- Avoid skipping meals
- Wear compression stockings if recommended
- Limit alcohol

• Add more salt to your diet if your doctor approves

• Sit or lie down if you feel dizzy

• Keep a record of your symptoms

If your symptoms are new, severe or getting worse, you should see a doctor.



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## Mississippi AI Collaborative Southern Spark Conference provides insight to professionals about AI integration

By Jatavian Walker  
JSU

Jackson State University (JSU) hosted the third annual Southern Spark Conference, an event teaching attendees about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in education, workforce development, business and public service. Over 250 educators, technologists, community leaders and innovators, from Mississippi and other southern regions, got an opportunity to network with AI industry leaders and professionals.

“At Jackson State University, we believe innovation should create opportunity for everyone,” said JSU President Dr. Denise Jones Gregory. “The Southern Spark Conference brings educators, industry leaders and community partners together to focus on how Mississippi prepares its students and workforce for the age of artificial intelligence. JSU is proud to be part of that work and to help position our state for the opportunities ahead.”

The two-day conference was spearheaded by the Mississippi AI Collaborative (MSAIC) to build a community-centric ecosystem for artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. It featured panels, workshops and breakout sessions that aim to provide deeper insight into AI innovations.

“We want to make sure that we create a space where anyone from any perspective or any amount of expertise can come and feel comfortable sharing their point of view, as well as teaching and learning with others,” said Mississippi AI Collaborative President and Mississippi Computer Science Teachers Association Co-Founder, Krystal Chatman, who added that she encourages those who fear AI to become more curious and join the conversation. Chatman believes this will help improve the technology to better suit people’s needs.

MSAIC is a statewide partnership between Jackson State, the Mississippi Computer Science Teachers Association (MCSTA), the Mississippi Coding Academy (MCA), The BeanPath, the Red Beans Group and other community affiliates in an effort to expand knowledge of AI in Mississippi.

It was the only North American recipient to receive a global grant from Data.org, and one of five worldwide. Through external funding, the group has educated approximately 6,500 Mississippians in its efforts to increase AI literacy in the state.

MCA Executive Director and MSAIC Co-Founder Bob Buseck spoke about the decision to hold the event at JSU, praising the university’s progressiveness and fearlessness in taking chances on new ideas. Buseck said he was pleased to see how professionals statewide and beyond have come to learn more about

AI innovation.

“Our mission and goal is to educate folks on what AI is and how it can better help you in your pursuit of happiness. Right now, we are leading the revolution in defining AI and its potential,” said Buseck. “We want to make sure that Mississippians have the best foot forward to operate in the global industry that is our world today. We’re putting in the effort to make sure that the word is out there that Mississippi is ahead of the game and we’re key players when it comes to the AI industry.”

As Jackson State continues to be a leader in AI innovation, Assistant Professor of Art Dr. Brittany Myburgh said hosting conferences and serving as the headquarters for MCA, helps to bolster that reputation. The headquarters is located at the JSU’s Mississippi e-Center. Myburgh, who also serves as co-founder of MSAIC, expressed the importance of JSU and HBCUs being at the forefront of integrating AI in surrounding communities.

“Jackson State being a part of the collaborative and conversations regarding AI development is essential. Taking that learning outside the classroom is our commitment to serving the wider community beyond the university,” said Myburgh. “Our goal has always been about ensuring that everyone in Mississippi benefits from our program. Not just one person. We encourage those we have the honor of teaching to bring those skills and knowledge to teach someone else. That’s how we grow as a state and leader in AI technology.”

On behalf of the City of Jackson, Mayor John Horhn joined the conference to speak on the importance of innovating and advancing AI in Mississippi’s capital city and the need to engage with it.

“It can feel unfamiliar or even intimidating if we never take the chance to engage with it directly, but this is an opportunity for our city to learn, to ask questions and imagine what artificial intelligence can mean for our everyday lives,” said Horhn. “AI could help solve tough problems, make services more efficient and more responsive.”

Horhn spotlighted the BeanPath and its founder and fellow MSAIC board member Dr. Nashlie Sephus by presenting them with a proclamation for their continued work to expand access to technology, foster innovation, and create inclusive pathways into AI and other high-demand fields for residents of all ages.

Horhn concluded by officially proclaiming June 2026 as AI Month in Jackson and encouraged all residents, businesses, educators and community organizations to participate in the various activities being conducted throughout the month.

## Eight Seniors receiving over \$12 million in scholarships honored at Jackson City Hall

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

Eight graduating seniors from Jim Hill High School were honored at Jackson City Hall Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the council’s regular business meeting for having each received extraordinary scholarship offers.

The students were recognized for having received collectively over \$12 million in scholarship offers. Those honored included Khloe Robinson, Zeniah Campbell, Keira Green, Lyah Moore, Emaleigh Wilson, London Kirkland, Kenyon Wolfe, and Laila Williams.

Previously, the Jackson Public School District honored these and other students throughout the district for having received \$65 million in scholarships overall, with Jim Hill students having received \$33.5 million of that total.

One student, Khloe Robinson earned the highest individual total, having received \$3.6 million in scholarship offers. She has made the decision to attend Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia on a full scholarship.

Officials posted on the Jackson Public Schools website, “This milestone highlights the dedication of Jim Hill High School’s scholars for college, careers, and beyond.”

Posted on the City of Jackson website by Mayor John Horhn, “These accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedication of Principal Bobby Brown, Scholarship Coordinator Frank Branch, Dr. Edna Sampson, Adrienne Fleming-Jackson, Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Green, and the entire JPS leadership team. Congratulations to the scholars, families, educators, and JPS leadership whose dedication helped make these accomplishments possible.

Academic Advisor/Tutor, Major Frank Branch, who works with the students in pre-



City of Jackson, Mayor John Horhn, City Council Representatives, Jim Hill High School scholars along with Major Branch, Principal Bobby Brown, and Asst. Supt. Thomas, all displaying smiles. PHOTOS BY JAY



City Councilman Vernon Hartley (left) presents a proclamation highlighting the achievements of scholars and educators at Jim Hill Principal to Bobby D. Brown, principal, Asst. Supt. Thomas, and Major Frank Branch.



Principal Brown acknowledging appreciation

paring them for college said he encouraged the class of 2026 to be the largest of any previous class to receive scholarship offers and their hard work certainly paid off.

In 2003, Major Branch said

he had what he refers to as his ‘first million-dollar baby’ and since then he has encouraged students to go after a million dollars in scholarship offers. Since then, sophomores, juniors, and seniors have told

him, “I’m going to be one of your million-dollar babies when I graduate.” Branch helps them with ACT testing prep workshops and other college preparations to include seeking scholarships.



Major Frank Branch, Academic Advisor/Tutor and Laketia Marshall Thomas, JPS Asst. Supt. and Principal Bobby Brown along with Jim Hill graduating seniors that collectively earned nearly \$12 million in scholarship offers



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## Withdrawals from the 'Bank of Frank'

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



In honor of Father's Day, this week's column is a reshare of one I wrote a few years ago about the importance of Fathers and Father's day. "I am not the Bank of Frank" was one of the sayings my late Daddy would half-jokingly say to me and my sisters when we would ask him for money when we were younger. The funny thing is that while he would be fussing about us asking him for money and him not being a money tree, he would be reaching for his wallet complaining all while counting out the money. However, he was more than an ATM giving us money when we asked. He also made deposits into the lives of me, my sisters as well as others.

Since the 6-year anniversary of the death of George

Floyd just passed, I've thought quite a bit lately the impact his death continues to have on our culture. I remember how heartbreaking it was when Floyd's then 6-year-old daughter Gianna stated, "Daddy changed the world." Regardless of the circumstances of her Daddy's death, Gianna recognized even at that young of an age her father's impact on the world.

There are deposits that fathers make into their children's lives, even when they may not realize it.

For those of us who were blessed to have fathers that were an active part of our lives we can also say that our Dads changed the world but maybe not on the global level of Floyd's raising awareness about police violence. For example, when we were going through insurance papers of my late father shortly after his death in April 2020, we found a treasure trove including military records, resumes, and performance

evaluations that he kept from his jobs for over 40 years in a baby blue Samsonite briefcase.

What I was most struck by was a simple thank you note written to him in the early 1970's for the kindness he showed when a co-worker had a death in the family. The fact that my father still had it was a big surprise. But what was even more amazing was that the kindness that was described by the co-worker was the same kindness I'd seen my father show to others over the years. Even more importantly, it makes me realize that my desire to show kindness to others is one of the deposits that my father made in my life. Seeing this nearly 50-year-old thank you note made me realize that he's the reason why I also love to keep thank you notes!

But what about those who didn't grow up with a father or didn't like the one you grew up with? You may have still learned lessons from them

on what kind of person you choose not to be. Proverbs 4:1 says "Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding." In this case, the lesson is taught by watching people, realizing we don't want to be like them and avoiding their behavior.

This Father's Day weekend, I encourage you to take the time to honor your fathers (natural, spiritual, Godfathers, etc.) and the deposits they've made in your life. Keep this in mind: Our Heavenly Father loves us and wants the best for us, which is the best deposit that we can make in the lives of others. Happy Father's Day!

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## The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever

The Gospel Mag

In a world where everything seems temporary, where circumstances shift like sand and certainty feels hard to hold, this verse offers something solid. Isaiah sets a contrast before us: the fleeting nature of creation beside the enduring permanence of God's word.

The grass withers. The flowers fall. These are not pessimistic observations but honest ones. Beauty fades. Strength diminishes. What seemed strong yesterday may be fragile today. We live in the middle of this reality, watching seasons change, relationships evolve, and plans unravel despite our best efforts.

But the word of our God endures forever.

Quiet Prayer

Father, when everything around me shifts, remind me that Your word does not. When I feel unsteady, let me stand on what You have spoken. Help me trust that what You have said remains true, no matter what I see or feel today. Ground my heart in Your unchanging promises. Amen.

Devotional Reflection

There is something deeply comforting about permanence. We long for it. We build our lives around what we hope will last: relationships, careers, homes, health. Yet if we are honest, we know that all of these carry an expiration date. Not because they are worthless, but because they are mortal.

Isaiah wrote these words to a people who had watched their nation crumble. They had seen the temple destroyed, their leaders carried off, their future reduced to rubble. Everything that once seemed permanent had proven temporary. In the middle of that devastation, God spoke through the prophet with a message both tender and unshakable: creation may fail, but My word will not.

This is not abstract theology. It is an anchor for real life. When you receive a diagnosis that changes everything, God's word does not change. When a relationship you thought would last falls apart, His promises remain intact. When the job you counted on disappears or the future you planned dissolves, what God has spoken still stands. The circumstances shift, but the truth does not.

Think of a weather vane turning with every gust of wind. It is useful because it shows you

which way the wind is blowing, but it has no stability of its own. It simply reacts. We can live like that, constantly adjusting to whatever pressure we feel in the moment, spinning with every new anxiety or disappointment. Or we can anchor ourselves to something that does not move.

God's word is that anchor. Not because it makes life easier or removes hardship, but because it tells us the truth about who God is and what He has promised. It does not shift with our emotions. It does not waver when we doubt. It remains steady even when we are not.

This is why Scripture matters in more than a devotional sense. It is not just comforting background music for difficult days. It is the foundation on which we build our understanding of reality. What God has said about His character, His love, His faithfulness, and His purpose does not expire. It does not become less true when life becomes harder.

You may be walking through a season where nothing feels stable. The ground beneath you may feel like it is constantly shifting. What you thought you knew may now feel uncertain. In those moments, the question is not whether God's word is true, but whether you will let it hold you.

This is not passive resignation. Trusting God's enduring word is an active choice. It means returning to what He has said when your feelings tell you something different. It means letting His promises define your reality instead of letting your circumstances define His character. It means choosing to believe that what He spoke over you in Scripture is more reliable than what the moment whispers in your ear.

The grass withers. You will watch things fade that you wish would last. That is the nature of this world. But you do not have to build your life on what withers. You can build it on what endures. And what endures is not your strength, your plans, or your ability to keep everything together. What endures is the word of the God who made you, knows you, and has spoken truth over your life that will outlast every season you walk through.

This is where peace lives. Not in pretending that hard things are not hard, but in knowing that underneath the hard things is a foundation that will not crack. (<https://thegospelmag.com>)

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### LEGAL

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed statements of qualifications 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 submission must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at which time said submissions 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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A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, in the Andrew Conference Room on the first floor of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Electronic submissions may be submitted in lieu of sealed submissions by the deadline listed above at the following site: www.jacksonmsbids.com.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any submission submitted. Evaluation and selection will be made in accordance with the RFQ evaluation criteria, and the City will select the responding firm deemed most qualified and providing the greatest value for this Energy Performance Contracting program.

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#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARLIN BENNETT KING SR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: P2025-00089 M/4

#### PETITIONERS: APRIL KING

#### NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Marlin Bennett King Sr., Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

*April King*  
April King

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COUNTY OF HINDS

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

*Ann James*  
NOTARY



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### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING ZONING CASE NO. 4334

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 James L. Henley, Jr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for a professional office for the property located at 4860 N. State St. (Parcel 432-9), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 4, BLOCK C, BROADMOOR SUBDIVISION, PART ONE, 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 5 at Page 15, (Plat Cabinet A at Slot 355) 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, June 24, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE 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 JUNE 17, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 28TH day of May 2026.

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

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#### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 70-79, located on 218 E. Cohea Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

BID INSTRUCTIONS: All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201), or submitted through PH Bidding Group bid@phbidding.com. If submitted to the City Clerk, the outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on, along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Preferential preference will be granted to all equivalent high bidders that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee. If multiple equivalent high bidders submitted applications, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

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City reserves the right to reject any and all bids  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

6/4/2026, 6/11/2026, 6/18/2026

### LEGAL

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WILSON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: P2026-153 T/1

#### GABRIELLE COOPER, ADMINISTRATOR

#### NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of William Wilson, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

*Ann James*  
Ann James, Executrix

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

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

*Ann James*  
Ann James

*Ali M. Shamsiddeen*  
NOTARY

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1010 N. West Street Ste 300  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Tel: (769) 251-0207  
Facsimile: (601) 608-7872



6/11/2026, 6/18/2026, 6/25/2026

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4333

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 Tommy L. Smith has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a personal care facility to house seven (7) to twelve (12) residents (non-medical) excluding staff within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 4825 N. State St. (Parcel: 432-369), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 8,9 and 12, West Broadmoor Subdivision, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page 35, 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, June 24, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE 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 JUNE 17, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 28TH day of May 2026.

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

6/4/2026, 6/18/2026

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 110-24, located on Amite Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us.

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If multiple equivalent high bidders consist of, one equivalent high bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee and the other equivalent high bidder(s) that did not submit an application to the Surplus Property Committee, preferential preference will be granted to the bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee.

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CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

6/4/2026, 6/11/2026, 6/18/2026

### LEGAL

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CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

6/4/2026, 6/11/2026, 6/18/2026

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING ZONING CASE NO. 4335

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 Nsombi Lambright & Jhai Keeton d/b/a One Voice have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from SUD - Special Use District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District for allow for the adaptive reuse of a former school building to a community mixed-use building on property located at 2909 Oak Forest Dr. (Parcel 628-525), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being situated in Section 24, TSN, R1W, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point in the west line of Oak Forest Drive which point is 60 feet measured westerly from the east line of said Oak Forest Drive and at a right angle from the southwest corner of Lot 12 Block "D" of Oak Forest Subdivision, which point is at the Northwest intersection of Oak Forest Drive and Smallwood Street, and from said point of beginning run thence northerly along the west line of Oak Forest Drive and 60 feet west of the east line thereof for a distance of 668 feet to a point which is 180 feet south of the South line of Woodburn Street, turn thence through an angle of 90 degrees and run westerly along a projection of the South line of Block "1" of Oak Forest Subdivision, Part 4, and along the South line of said Block "1" for a distance of 653 feet to the East boundary line of Oak Forest Subdivision, Part 6; thence Southerly, parallel with the west line of Oak Forest Drive and along the East line of Oak Forest Subdivision, Part 6, for a distance of 668 feet to a point on the North line of Smallwood Street; thence easterly along the North line of Smallwood Street for a distance of 653 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and containing 10 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 24, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28TH day of May 2026.

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

6/4/2026, 6/18/2026

## AUCTION FOR CITY OF JACKSON ABANDONED, STOLEN, SEIZED VEHICLES, EVIDENCE, AND RECOVERED PROPERTY

To all interested parties, known and unknown, Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The auction will be held online at <https://marketplace.atura.com/auctions/jac-ms/> on June 23 at 10:00 am

A list and description of abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be posted pursuant to statutory requirements in the following locations:

Hinds County Court House  
Hinds Country Chancery Court Building  
Jackson City Hall/City Clerk's Office" (6/3/2026)

8840082 • 2005/  
TOYOTA/OTHER/BLUE •  
JTLKT324550205665

8840245 • 2008/INFINITI/G37/  
BLACK • JNKCV64E08M131245

8840322 • 2016/FORD/EDGE/  
WHITE • 2FMPK3J98GBB78895

8840515 • 2003/GMC/ENVOY/  
GOLD • 1GKDS13S32156383

8841207 • 2006/  
NISSAN/ALTIMA/RED •  
1N4BL11D86N364739

8843516 • 2003/FORD/  
CROWN VICT/WHITE •  
2FAFP73W33X123401

8843609 • 2009/LAND ROVER/  
RANGE ROVER SPORT/WHITE  
• SALS25469A207115

8843742 • 2002/FORD/F150/  
WHITE • 1FTRF18272NA76242

8844896 • 2012/ACURA/TL/  
BLACK • 19UUA8F55CA034581

8844924 • 2005/GMC/ENVOY/  
BLACK • 1GKDS13S652128404

8847177 • 2007/TOYOTA/  
CAMRY/BLACK •  
4T1BE46K27U582210

8847272 • 2021/CHEVROLET/  
MALIBU/WHITE •  
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8847284 • 2011/NISSAN/  
MAXIMA/BLACK •  
1N4AA5AP8BC805939

8847436 • 2010/  
CHEVROLET/HHR/WHITE •  
3GNBAADBXS539640

8847466 • 2004/CHEVROLET/  
MALIBU/WHITE •  
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ELANTRA/BLACK •  
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ELANTRA/SILVER •  
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SONATA/BLACK •  
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8847784 • 2012/DODGE/  
CHARGER/GRAY •  
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ALTIMA/WHITE •  
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BLACK • 1GKEC13ZX3R205214

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AVALON/GREEN •  
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ACCORD/WHITE •  
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8848106 • 2007/HONDA/  
ACCORD/GRAY •  
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8848119 • 2018/CHEVROLET/  
IMPALA/BLUE •  
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RED • KNAFU4A25B5366819

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WHITE • YV1TS91Z941341285

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MAXIMA/BLACK •  
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MAXIMA/BLACK •  
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8848354 • 2013/NISSAN/  
PATHFINDER/GRAY •  
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8848357 • 2018/JEEP/  
COMPASS/BLACK •  
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ELANTRA/BLACK •  
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SILVERADO/WHITE •  
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EXPEDITION/BLUE •  
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SPARK/SILVER •  
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JOURNEY/RED •  
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ELANTRA/SILVER •  
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IMPALA/SILVER •  
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WHITE • 1FTRF12W36NA52702

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IMPALA/GOLD •  
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SONATA/GREEN •  
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SENTRA/SILVER •  
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ACCORD/BLUE •  
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WHITE • 3FAFP07196R185801

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TAHOE/WHITE •  
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TAHOE/WHITE •  
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SILVER • JT8BD69S610137755

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INFINITI/G35/SILVER •  
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GREEN • 1YVGF22D1X5880707

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EXPLORER/BLACK •  
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8854812 • 2015/  
CHRYSLER/200/RED •  
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8855209 • 2006/NISSAN/  
ALTIMA/MULTI-COLOR •  
1N4AL11D56N458170

8855540 • 2001/KIA/SPECTRA/  
RED • KNAFB161415012812

8855731 • 2020/KIA/RIO/MULTI-  
COLOR • 3KPA24AD2LE315904

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INFINITI/Q50/OTHER •  
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8858476 • 2015/  
CHEVROLET/MALIBU/RED •  
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ELANTRA/GRAY •  
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COROLLA/GOLD •  
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GRAY • 3FA6P0HD1JR283349

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AVIATOR/SILVER •  
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AVALON/GOLD •  
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SPORTAGE/BLUE •  
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INFINITI/Q50/BLACK •  
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EXPEDITION/RED •  
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8859240 • 2012/  
MAZDA/5/SILVER •  
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8859262 • 2024/TOYOTA/  
LAND CRUIS/WHITE •  
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8859263 • 2010/CHRYSLER/  
SEBRING/BLUE •  
1C3CC4FB9AN208536

8859330 • 2002/FORD/  
RANGER/WHITE •  
1FTYR10U32PB66606

8859349 • 2014/FORD/FOCUS/  
SILVER • 1FADP3K20EL443645

8859358 • 2013/HYUNDAI/  
SONATA/WHITE •  
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TAHOE/WHITE •  
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GRAY • 2HKYF18554H540248

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ELANTRA/WHITE •  
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8861679 • 2017/NISSAN/  
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SILVERADO/BLACK •  
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SILVER • 2G4WB55K921102718

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CAMARO/BLUE •  
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8864406 • 2001/TOYOTA/  
SEQUOIA/GREEN •  
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8864529 • 2007/  
VOLKSWAGEN/EOS/BLUE •  
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8864590 • 2014/HONDA/CRV/  
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EXPRESS/WHITE •  
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CHALLENGER/BLUE •  
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8865109 • 2010/FORD/  
FUSION/MULTI-COLOR •  
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8865187 • 2021/NISSAN/  
ALTIMA/WHITE •  
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CHEVROLET/GMT-400/RED •  
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MALIBU/SILVER •  
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CHALLENGER/OTHER •  
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8867962 • 2024/NISSAN/  
VERSA/SILVER •  
3N1CN8DV5RL860322

8868267 • 2008/CADILLAC/  
ESCALADE/GRAY •  
1GYEC63858R226280

8868370 • 2007/MAZDA/6/GRAY  
• 1YVHP80C175M38427

8868538 • 2016/CHEVROLET/  
IMPALA LIMITED/OTHER •  
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OTHER/BLACK •  
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ACCORD/WHITE •  
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8871399 • 2000/MERCURY/  
GRAND MARQUIS/BLACK •  
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8871441 • 2020/RAM/1500/  
BLACK • 1C6SRFFT8LN241094

8872067 • 2013/KAWASAKI/  
OTHER/GREEN •  
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8872204 • 2004/CHEVROLET/  
SILVERADO/GRAY •  
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WHITE • JNKBV61E98M224930

9088153 • 1998/  
TOYOTA/CAMRY/TAN •  
4T1BG22K0WU289439

9088419 • 2002/  
NISSAN/MAXIMA/RED •

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9089411 • 2008/  
CHEVROLET/HHR/BLUE •  
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9089586 • 2012/  
CHRYSLER/200/SILVER •  
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9095342 • 2003/BUICK/  
LESABRE/RED •  
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9101408 • 2001/PONTIAC/  
GRAND AM/BLACK •  
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9103965 • 1999/MERCURY/  
MOUNTAINEER/TAN •  
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9108197 • 1999/DODGE/  
RAM 1500/BLACK •  
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9108235 • 2006/FORD/  
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1FMFU19596LA21824

9110916 • 2008/TOYOTA/  
AVALON/GRAY •  
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9118381 • 2000/TOYOTA/  
CAMRY/BLUE •  
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ELANTRA/BLUE •  
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9147124 • 2025/GMC/SIERRA/  
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9150185 • 2024/NISSAN/  
SENTRA/BLACK •  
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9156969 • 2010/FORD/  
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9156991 • 2006/INFINITI/M35/  
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9169460 • 2014/KIA/SOUL/  
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9170030 • 2008/JEEP/LIBERTY/  
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9173078 • 2017/CHEVROLET/  
TRAVERSE/WHITE •  
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9173478 • 2011/FORD/  
FUSION/PURPLE •  
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9173881 • 2021/GMC/YUKON/  
GRAY • 1GKS1DKL8MR340068

9180298 • 2012/HONDA/  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE ORDINANCE OF THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF DATA CENTERS UNTIL A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF DATA CENTERS UNTIL A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING ZONING CASE NO. 4334

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Unpriced proposals shall be submitted through the bid site. Responses will be reviewed, and vendors meeting the requirements in the bid package will be invited to participate in the online reverse auction, which will be held on July 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Pricing will only be received by approved bidders through the online reverse auction.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders bound in the Documents. The City of Jackson reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and/or all bids.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime bidders and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material, and/or supply needs.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole by the City of Jackson. This procurement will be subject to the provisions of Section 31-7-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

CITY OF JACKSON

Monica Oliver, Purchasing Manager

6/18/2026, 6/25/2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE

JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2026 AT 11:00aM IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

OLD BUSINESS

CASE NO. HPNC-26-7 LOCATION: 1203 PINEHURST PL (PARCEL 15-42) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: DONALD JORDAN AMENDED REQUEST: NEW CONSTRUCTION HOME

NEW BUSINESS CASE NO. HPNC-26-17 LOCATION: 1027 RIVERVIEW PL (PARCEL 18-208) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN HEIGHTS APPLICANT: JENNIFER NEGRETE AMENDED REQUEST: EXTEND FRONT PORCH; EXTERIOR ALTERATION

CASE NO. HPNC-26-18 LOCATION: 1003 ARLINGTON ST (PARCEL 11-61) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: KENNA SCHWIRIAN AMENDED REQUEST: REPLACE ROOF & REPAIR ATTIC WINDOW

CASE NO. HPNC-26-19 LOCATION: 1013 ARLINTON ST (PARCEL 11-62) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: CARLEY DUNAWAY AMENDED REQUEST: NEW CONSTRUCTION & EXPANSION

CASE NO. HPNC-26-20 LOCATION: 1503 ST ANN ST (PARCEL 15-153) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: BRYANT MILLER AMENDED REQUEST: CONSTRUCT NEW REAR PORCH

CASE NO. HPNC-26-21 LOCATION: 902 EUCLID AVE (PARCEL 11-2) HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: CAROLYN SACHS AMENDED REQUEST: REPLACE REAR DECK.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

6/18/2026, 6/25/2026

LEGAL

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF MARLIN BENNETT KING, SR., CAUSE NO.: P2025-00089 M/4

DECEASED

PETITIONER: APRIL KING

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARLIN BENNETT KING SR., DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ann James Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Marlin Bennett King, Sr., 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, on the 24th day of August 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 June, 2026.

EDDIE JEAN CARR CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

6/18/2026

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# HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

## Scholarship Awards

Hinds County School District is proud to recognize and celebrate the generous support of its community partners who continue to invest in the success and future of our students through scholarship opportunities and educational support initiatives.

The district is grateful for the ongoing partnerships with BankPlus, Community Bank, and Jackson Area Federal Credit Union, whose commitment to education has helped provide scholarships and resources that encourage students to excel both academically and personally. These organizations continue to make a meaningful impact across the district by helping students prepare for successful futures in college, careers, and the workforce.

During the scholarship presentation ceremony, Dr. Woodall introduced the district’s community partners and the deserving student recipients. Representatives participating in the presentation included Mr. David Johnson, Vice President of BankPlus; Mrs. Elaine Toney, Mortgage Loan Originator for Community Bank; and Mrs. Chousetta Street Brown, Financial Specialist for Jackson Area Federal Credit Union.

The following students were recognized as scholarship recipients:

### BankPlus Scholarship Awardees

*Presented by Mr. David Johnson*

- Ethan Williams
- Ashunti Kenny
- Corey Well
- Kyla Benjamin

### Community Bank “Stepping Stone” Scholarship Recipients

*Presented by Mrs. Elaine Toney*

- Kennadi Smith
- Tyler Lyes
- McKenzie Clark
- Arrionna Brown (not pictured)

### Jackson Area Federal Credit Union Scholarship Recipients

*Presented by Mrs. Chousetta Street Brown*

- Logan Darby
- Harold Broome, Jr.

Hinds County School District sincerely thanks these outstanding partners for their continuous support, generosity, and dedication to helping students achieve their educational goals and pursue brighter futures.

