

Family of Mississippi teen who died after July 4 trip call for transparency and deeper investigation

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

The family of a Mississippi 18-year-old who was found dead after a July 4 boat trip with friends to an island off the Gulf Coast called for a thorough and transparent investigation during a news conference Friday with the Rev. Al Sharpton, saying many of the details they’re discovering don’t add up.

Civil rights lawyer Ben Crump, who was retained by the family of Nolan Xavier Wells earlier this week, has said the family has concerns about the investigation and planned to conduct an independent autopsy.

Wells travelled by boat to Horn Island, Mississippi, on July 4 with a group of friends, but did not make the return trip with them that afternoon. His body was found early Monday morning, more than a day later.

While Jackson County Sheriff’s Office officials said investigators don’t suspect foul play in the Black college student’s death, the sheriff has asked for any witnesses or people with video from the popular beach island about 7 miles (11.27 kilometers) off the coast of Mississippi to come forward to help shed light on the moments before Wells’ disappearance and death.

Wells’ death has galvanized the Black community. Actor and producer Tyler Perry is helping pay for Wells’ funeral, former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick is helping pay for his independent autopsy and filmmaker Spike Lee showed up to the news conference to show support for Wells’ family.

Wells, who would have turned 19 next month, attended Southwest Mississippi Community College, where he played wide receiver on the football team. His family members have raised concerns, saying they’ve seen video of a fight allegedly involving their son, and saying that as



Christine Wonsley, mother of Nolan Xavier Wells, reacts as she speaks during a news conference at National Action Network headquarters, Friday, July 10, 2026, in New York. AP PHOTO/YUKI IWAMURA

an elite athlete he was able to swim.

Wells was left without his phone or keys, lawyers say

Attorneys said Friday that the friends who left Wells on the island took his phone and keys when they departed. Crump said Wells’ family used an app to track his phone, and a friend went to where it was on land to pick it up.

“What teenager would leave their phone behind if they’re going to stay on this island? What teenager wouldn’t take their phone? It’s not adding up at all,” Crump said.

He added that the family believes text messages from social media apps had been deleted from his phone when they got it back, and they plan to employ experts to try to retrieve all the data they can.

A photo posted to social media, allegedly from the boat ride

to the island, shows Wells with his arms around three white, male friends. Speculation and suspicion about the teen’s death have been rampant online, as people grapple with the state’s history of racial tension and what it means to be a Black person in a majority white space.

Wells’ mother, Christine Wonsley, looked to the sky several times as lawyers spoke Friday, to hold back tears. When she spoke, she said this was not how she wanted the world to know her son.

Wonsley said they had taught him about history, but he was a peacemaker who didn’t like division, and wanted everyone to be included.

“We just wanna know what happened,” she said, through tears. “And why our baby didn’t come home.”

Family demands thorough investigation into Wells’ death

Crump called for a thorough investigation, saying to law enforcement, “They want to know that you have not taken the path of least resistance.”

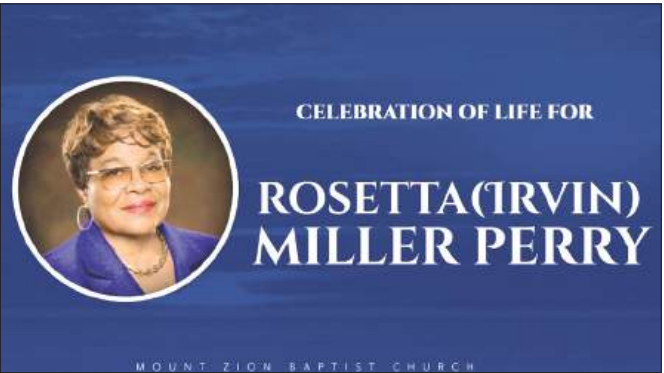
“If the roles were reversed and you had three young Black men on a boat with a young white man and that young white man ended up dead, what kind of investigation would be conducted by the Mississippi law enforcement officials? How many times would those three young Black men be interrogated?” he added.

It’s the second case that Crump has taken on in the state in recent months. He also was recently retained by the family of a Mississippi 1-year-old who was killed when police fired into a moving car.

Jackson County Sheriff John Ledbetter said earlier this week that Wells’ mother had called to report him missing around mid-

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IN MEMORIAM: A Queen Mother’s Journey Home



A Memorial Tribute to Rosetta Miller-Perry, July 7, 1934 – June 26, 2026

By Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.,
President/CEO, The National Newspaper Publishers Association



From truth’s bright flame she lit the way, so bold and wise each day, Her fearless voice inspired us all and never lost its sway. A Queen Mother crowned by faith, whose love would never cease,

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May Rosetta Miller-Perry’s memory continue to inspire all who believe in truth, justice, freedom, and the enduring mission of the Black Press of America. May her legacy remain a guiding light for generations to come.

The Life of Rosetta Miller Perry, publisher of The Tennessee Tribune was celebrated with friends, community leaders, public officials, and family Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Nashville, TN.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President & CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association penned & recited this poem at her home-going service.

A Historic Return: Dr. Denise Jones Gregory steps in to stabilize JSU

By Desare Frazier
Mississippi Public Broadcasters

Jackson State University is entering a new era of leadership as a familiar face takes the helm to break a five-year cycle of rapid presidential turnover. Dr. Denise Jones Gregory, a JSU alumna and accomplished organic chemist, assumed the presidency in April 2026 with the overwhelming support of a campus community eager for a leader from its own ranks.

Gregory returned to her alma mater in 2024 as provost follow-

ing a distinguished academic career in Alabama, where she served as a professor and associate provost at Samford University.

In this conversation, she discusses stepping into the presidency, the challenges ahead, and her vision for preparing JSU students to compete in a global economy.

Frazier: You stepped into this role in April, but you were with the school before. You were provost and vice president of academic affairs. Tell us what it was like applying for the job and then finding out you got the job?

Jones-Gregory: Yes. So, I want to start first of all by just saying how grateful I am to be able to sit in this space that I am, to serve as the 14th president of Jackson State.

You know, I’m originally from Columbus, Mississippi, grew up here, born and bred in the state of Mississippi, went to Jackson



Jackson State University President Denise Jones Gregory, Ph.D., congratulates a student during an honors program ceremony on campus. PHOTO COURTESY OF JSU

State as an undergraduate, majored in chemistry.

My parents went to Jackson State, my husband went to Jack-

son State, my sisters went to Jackson State, and just recently my nephew, I was so grateful to be able to pass him his diploma,

graduated from Jackson State, three generations.

It’s always been a place that has poured into me from the very be-

ginning. Since I was a five-year-old kid, coming with my parents to Jackson State football games as a kid growing up, watching the Sonic Boom of the South.

Worked in higher-ed for 25 years and it was always pulling at me or tugging at me that Jackson State is the place that I call home and want to come back. I will say the larger transition came from provost to interim president.

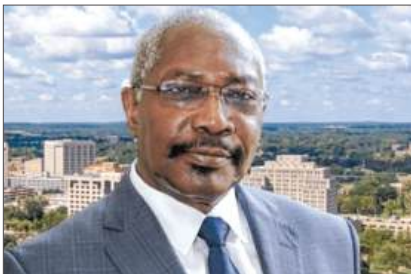
Frazier: Did that give you more confidence, make you more at ease the previous roles that you were in?

Jones-Gregory: Absolutely. Absolutely. The interim president, I was very ambitious in the interim president role. I was continuing doing projects and working on other things that most presidents would work on.

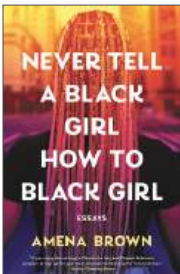
It really was more of a title change for me. Having the op-

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We Must Vote engages more than 4,200 people at the 2026 Essence Festival of Culture

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We Must Vote proudly engaged more than 4,200 festival attendees through civic education, voter engagement, and community outreach at the 2026 ESSENCE Festival of Culture, July 3 – July 5, 2026 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Throughout the festival, attendees were invited to sign the Power Building Pledge, committing to year-round civic participation and strengthening their communities through informed engagement.

The activation created opportunities for meaningful conversations about democracy, inclusion, voting rights, and the importance of staying engaged beyond Election Day.

“Our mission is to ensure that every community understands the power of their voice and their vote,” said Toni Johnson Wakefield, Founder and Executive Director of We Must Vote.

“ESSENCE Festival provided an incredible opportunity to connect with thousands of people who are ready to build stronger communities through intentional civic engagement.”

The organization’s presence reinforced its commitment to meeting people where they are and empowering Black communities with the tools, information, and resources needed to participate fully in the democratic process.

We Must Vote extends its gratitude to its volunteers, partners, and everyone who visited the activation and pledged to continue building civic power throughout the year.

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Mayor John Horhn Joins 10th Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative Class

6 mayors from 15 countries, who together lead over 22 million people, selected for program built on a decade of improving how municipalities serve. Other Jackson officials begin participation in August.

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Mayor John Horhn announced Monday, July 13, 2026, being selected as one of the 46 mayors from 15 countries for the tenth class of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

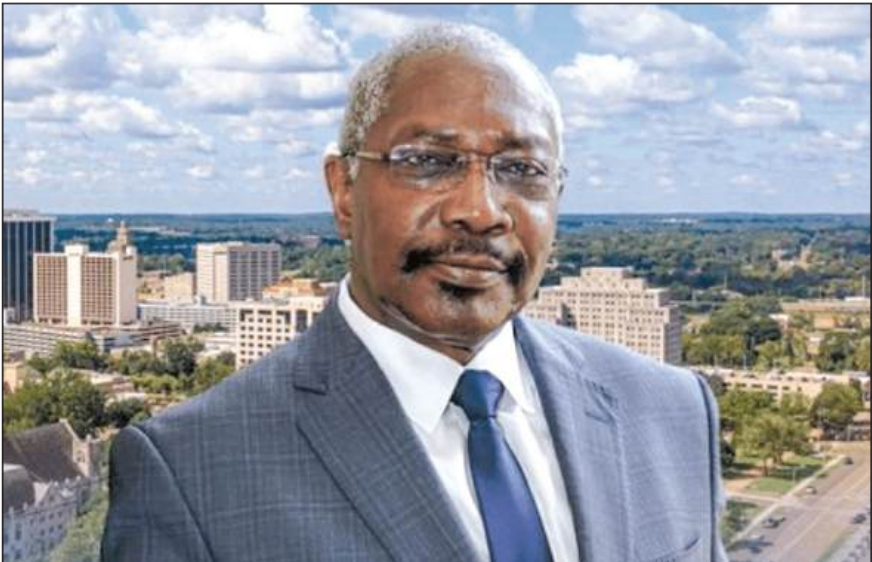
Through the nine-month professional management program, Mayor Horhn, alongside two City of Jackson officials who will begin in August, will gain strategies to improve how local government works and move residents’ chief priorities forward.

“I’m honored to be part of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, and I’m eager to bring what I learn back home to improve city services for the residents of Jackson,” said Mayor John Horhn.

“I plan to use this experience to sharpen our approach to problem-solving and deliver a more effective government for our city.”

The flagship Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is at the center of more than 10 years of work led by Bloomberg Philanthropies through its Government Innovation program to strengthen mayoral leadership and local government across the globe. Today, it is where the world’s mayors come to learn and to lead. Mayor Horhn will join them.

Established with Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School, and housed at the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard, the Initiative will have now served 447 mayors, including eight in ten of America’s big-city mayors and nine of England’s mayoral strategic authorities alongside over 3,000 municipal chiefs.



Horhn

“Mayors sit at the first and last mile of every major problem we face, and we built the Government Innovation program to ensure they have the capacity required to lead,” said James Anderson, who leads the Government Innovation program at Bloomberg Philanthropies.

“The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is at its center, and in a moment that demands more from public leadership than ever, this class will have that world of support behind them. We look forward to these mayors putting it to work, and all that their city halls will do.”

Through the Initiative, Mayor Horhn will work alongside Harvard faculty, policy experts, veteran managers, and fellow mayors – periodically in classrooms, virtual sessions, and in the field – beginning with a multi-day convening

in New York City this week.

Participants learn to organize teams around outcomes, ground decisions in evidence, and collaborate across departments and sectors – applying lessons directly to the issues at home, from housing and affordability to economic growth, public safety, and emergency response.

Once the coursework ends, Jackson remains eligible for more: professional education for senior officials in economic development, human resources, procurement, and civic engagement; a Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow, placed for up to two years on a priority the mayor sets; and research and instructional material developed across the program’s first decade.

“Leading a city is among the hardest jobs in public service anywhere as the

demands on mayors – and the complex challenges they face - continue to grow,” said Jorrit de Jong, Director of the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University and Emma Bloomberg Senior Lecturer in Public Policy and Management at Harvard Kennedy School.

“Meeting those challenges requires city halls to continually strengthen how they work, and with Michael R. Bloomberg’s unwavering backing, we built the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to help them do just that – and every mayor teaches us in return. With a decade of that insight and research behind this tenth class, we expect their city halls to deliver at home and push the program’s work – and the field itself – further still.”

The tenth class of mayors represents 28 U.S. and 18 international cities, home to more than 22 million residents.

Alumni of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative include Pete Buttigieg, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and mayor of South Bend, IN; Keisha Lance Bottoms, former Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement and mayor of Atlanta, GA; Mayor Muriel Bowser of the District of Columbia; Andy Burnham, Member of Parliament for Macclesfield and former Mayor of Greater Manchester, UK; Mayor Misty Buscher of Springfield, IL; Mayor William Cogswell of Charleston, SC; Uruguay Vice President Carolina Cosse and former mayor of Montevideo, Uruguay; Mayor Patrick Farrell of Huntington, WV; John Giles, former mayor of Mesa, AZ; Claudia López, former mayor of Bogotá,

Colombia; Mayor Tiffany O’Donnell of Cedar Rapids, IA; Mayor Brandon Scott of Baltimore, MD; and Mayor Paul TenHaken of Sioux Falls, SD.

The flagship Initiative has also informed parallel efforts worldwide. The most recent is the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative, whose inaugural class included 30 mayors and 60 senior officials from 17 countries.

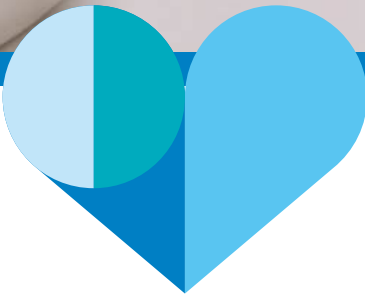
Through these leadership programs, Jackson enters Bloomberg Philanthropies’ broader Government Innovation portfolio and global community of practice, tens of thousands of mayors and municipal officials strong, who draw on each other’s work to better the lives of the hundreds of millions of residents they collectively serve.

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Mayor Gibson proclaims Julyteenth as Natchez's Day of Freedom

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Mayor Dan Gibson presented a proclamation Monday officially recognizing July 13 as Julyteenth, the day freedom for enslaved people came to Natchez with the arrival of the Union Army on July 13, 1863.

"This is a very special day," Gibson said during a ceremony on the front steps of City Hall. "Many of our citizens may not understand the significance of July 13, (but) the day is sacred in the history of our city."

The term Julyteenth was coined by Ser Seshsh Ab Heter-C. M. Boxley, local historian, cultural preservationist, and co-ordinator of Friends of the Forks of the Roads Society.

Nationally, Juneteenth is celebrated as a day of independence and federal holiday observed annually on June 19. It commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation, bringing news of freedom to enslaved African Americans there.

In Natchez, freedom came sooner. It came when Union forces arrived on July 13, 1863, nine days after the fall of Vicksburg.

"It was on this day that the Union Army offloaded at Natchez Under the Hill, and the U.S. 11th Illinois Regiment Infantry marched up Silver Street and began the occupation of Natchez," Boxley said in a 2024 interview.

"July 13 is when the Union



Mayor Gibson issued on the front steps of City Hall recognizing Julyteenth — the day freedom came to Natchez. Pictured (front row, left to right): Thelma Newsom, Alderwoman Valencia Hall, Mayor Dan Gibson, Chesney Doyle, and Vel Robinson. Second row (left to right): historian Jeff Mansell, Norma West, and the Rev. Clifton Marvel Sr. Back row (left to right): Joseph A.C. Smith and Roscoe Barnes III.

Army seized control of Natchez and prompted thousands of enslaved people to begin fleeing plantations and travel to Natchez, where they found freedom behind the Union lines."

While reading the proclamation, Gibson described Julyteenth as one of the most important days in Natchez's history.

The proclamation states that Union troops "arrived to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation, bringing freedom to thousands of enslaved men, women, and

children whose descendants remain an important part of the fabric of our community today — nearly two years before the events commemorated by Juneteenth in Galveston, Texas."

The proclamation further acknowledges that slavery was a profound moral evil that denied the God-given dignity of human life. It notes that Natchez played a prominent role in the slave-based economy and was home to the Forks of the Road, the second largest slave market

in the Deep South.

Because of the Union Army occupation, Natchez eventually became a place of refuge and beacon of hope, Gibson said, noting that many formerly enslaved people claimed liberty and began new lives as free citizens.

The proclamation also recognizes that during this period, Forks of the Road "was transformed into a place of purpose as newly freed men answered the call to serve in the United States Colored Troops, demon-

strating extraordinary courage in the pursuit of liberty, justice, and the preservation of our nation."

While still reading from the proclamation, Gibson said Julyteenth is about honoring the "resilience, determination, and enduring spirit of those who endured unimaginable hardship."

He said the city recognizes with gratitude that the labor of enslaved people helped build Natchez and the state of Mississippi, as well as the nation. He

said it is also important that this history be known and remembered by future generations.

Gibson called on residents not only to remember the sins of the past but also to celebrate the progress that has been made.

"May 'Julyteenth Day' forever be a day where freedom and equality are embraced, and where love heals the divisions of yesterday, allowing us to embrace the opportunities of today and tomorrow," Gibson said.

Monday's proclamation followed a weekend of Julyteenth commemorative, including a re-enactment by Jamal McCullam of Hiram Rhodes Revels' speech Friday evening at Zion Chapel A.M.E. Church; a workshop on history, race, and racial reconciliation led by the Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells on Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church; and a wreath-laying ceremony Sunday at Forks of the Road.

The weekend concluded with historian Jeff Mansell of Natchez National Historical Park presenting "When Freedom Came to Natchez" at Freedom Hall, the former home of a Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

In addition to the City of Natchez, the events were organized by Kathleen Bond, superintendent of the Natchez National Historical Park; Joseph A.C. Smith, founder of BlackNatchez.org and owner of 1720 Gallery & Gift Shop; and Malcolm Innis, New Vision Broadcasting.

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Justice and Childhood

By **Sylvester Brown, Jr.**
The St. Louis American

A day after a 10-year-old boy was arrested for allegedly shooting and killing an infant girl in the city’s Baden neighborhood, juvenile authorities filed a petition alleging first-degree murder.

The case raises questions about how Missouri’s legal system handles very young children accused of its most serious crimes. It also comes as Missouri’s juvenile justice system continues to confront longstanding racial disparities affecting Black children.

According to the Missouri Department of Public Safety’s 2023 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Action Plan, Black youth are referred to juvenile offices at a rate 2.32 times higher than White youth, are less likely to have their cases diverted from the formal court process and are certified to stand trial as adults at significantly higher rates. Reducing those disparities is one of the system’s stated priorities.

Dr. Kenya Brumfield-Young, a criminal justice associate professor at Saint Louis University, noted how quickly the 10-year-old was charged before a thorough psychological examination was conducted.

“In Missouri, first-degree murder requires that a person knowingly caused the death of another person after deliberation,” Brumfield-Young explained, adding, “with a 10-year-old, the question of intent is much deeper.



“A child may understand that something is ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ in a basic way and may even understand that death means someone is not coming back,” she continued.

“But that is not the same as understanding the totality of the circumstances, the long-term consequences of the act, or the meaning of being processed through court on a homicide allegation.”

According to court documents, the 10-year-old shot 7-month-old Kiyomi Parker in the head June 26 inside a home in the 8400 block of North Broadway. She later died at a hospital. A 7-year-old also was inside the home.

The infant’s father, Ca’Marion Pawnell, 19, of East St. Louis, is charged with second-degree felony murder, first-degree child endangerment resulting in death and two additional child endangerment counts.

According to the probable cause statement, the handgun had been stored beneath a mattress. The 10-year-old told investigators he knew where it was and had handled it before the shooting. Pawnell admitted the gun belonged to him and that he stored it beneath the mattress.

Under Missouri law, children generally must be at least 12 before a judge can consider transferring them to adult court on serious felony charges. Because the boy in this case is 10, he would likely face the first-degree murder allegation in juvenile court.

That approach reflects Missouri’s juvenile justice philosophy. The St. Louis Family Court says its system emphasizes accountability alongside rehabilitation, family engagement and repairing harm rather than punishment alone.

Court officials also acknowledge racial and ethnic disparities

as an ongoing challenge and say reducing those disparities remains a priority.

In April, lawmakers passed and Gov. Mike Kehoe signed Senate Bill 888, a wide-ranging criminal justice measure that critics say makes it easier to try some juveniles as adults.

The new law allows prosecutors to seek hearings to transfer older juveniles to adult court, an option critics say gives prosecutors greater influence over those decisions.

House Democrats say that because prosecutors are elected officials, the law could politicize criminal cases and lead to more minors being tried as adults.

“Sometimes prosecutors, they get power hungry,” said Rep. David Tyson-Smith, D-Columbia. “They get in office and they want convictions,” Tyson-Smith said, adding that prosecutors are supposed to “seek justice, not convictions” of minors.

Rep. Michael Johnson, a Kansas City Democrat and chair of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, denounced the legislation.

“Public safety and accountability must always be priorities, but we cannot ignore the long-term consequences of policies that criminalize our youth instead of investing in their potential,” Johnson wrote.

In defense of the bill, Rep. Brad Christ, R-St. Louis County, described some juveniles as “very hardened criminals” who have taken advantage of what he called the state’s “catch-and-

release process” for minors.

Brumfield-Young unequivocally does not support charging juveniles as adults.

“That does not mean there should be no accountability, and it does not minimize the seriousness of the harm,” she said. “It means that accountability for children and adolescents should happen in a system designed around the cognitive, emotional and social development of young people.

“This is especially important when we are talking about a 10-year-old. A child that young is still very early in the developmental process, including the development of the capacities we expect adults to use when making serious decisions.”

Skyla Pawnell, who identified herself as Ca’Marion Pawnell’s cousin on Facebook, has started a Change.org petition asking “the legal system to exercise compassion and justice” for her cousin.

The petition acknowledges that “leaving a loaded firearm accessible was certainly a mistake,” but argues the legal system has placed “the full weight” of the tragedy on Pawnell while overlooking what it describes as the “complex circumstances” surrounding the shooting.

Brumfield-Young argues that “juveniles are not monoliths” and although a 10-year-old child and a 17-year-old adolescent “are developmentally different,” neither should be treated “as though they are adults.”

“For example, California’s

youth offender parole framework applies to many people who were under 26 when they committed their offense, and Vermont’s youthful offender law reaches some young people who are under 22,” Brumfield-Young said.

“Those laws do not erase accountability. They reflect the reality that there is a developmental difference between a teenager or an emerging adult and a fully mature adult.”

She also believes the criminal justice system isn’t equipped to punish older teens as adults.

This type of prosecution, she believes, exposes young people to systems and consequences that “often make rehabilitation harder” and can lead to educational disruption, reduced access to age-appropriate treatment and lifelong collateral consequences.

“I really believe that we can hold children and adolescents accountable without treating them as adults,” Brumfield-Young said.

“In a case this tragic, we can grieve the death of the infant, support the family, take seriously the child’s behavior and mental health needs, and still recognize that a 10-year-old is not legally, developmentally or neurologically the same as an adult.”

Sylvester Brown Jr. is the Deaconess Foundation Community Advocacy Fellow. The post Justice and childhood appeared first on St. Louis American.

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ACoM Report: Measles Outbreaks Expand Amid Falling Vaccination Rates

By **Ayesha K. Mustafaa**
Contributing Writer

Sunita Sohrabji, Health Editor at ACoM media, opened the July 10, news report that focused on the “Measles Outbreaks Expanding Amid Falling Vaccination Rates.”

The media platform opened with the statement, “Following the complete eradication of measles in the year 2000, the dangerous – and sometimes deadly – infection is surging again, amid declining vaccination rates.

The alarm has been sounded as she stated, “The CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – thought that Measles had been completely eradicated in the year 2000.”

The critical eye-opening ZOOM meeting with media representatives from across the U.S.A., was to draw attention to and to understand the seriousness of recent Measles outbreaks throughout parts of the United States.

Now the disease is roaring back after 26 years. The ACoM report showed that 4,459 cases of Measles have been reported by the CDC, most notable in the states of Texas, North Carolina, Minnesota and Utah. Adults over the ages of 20 are reporting Measles outbreaks.

The Report reveals: Utah has faced a year-long outbreak, where fewer than 84% of the children there have received doses of the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine. In the Somali community in Minnesota, which had a measles outbreak in 2024, only 1 in 4 children had received their 1st MMR shot by age 2.

The CDC reported 2,170 cases this year, as of July 2, representing the highest number of reported cases in 35 years. ACoM’s leader in the discussion was Patsy Stinchfield, pediatric nurse practitioner and Executive Director of



Sunita Sohrabji, Health Editor at ACoM

the Measles Collaborative.

In the one-hour discussion, Stinchfield noted that in Utah, which has faced a year-long measles outbreak, fewer than 84% of children have received both doses of the MMR (Measles) vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps, and rubella.

She added that Measles did not come back because it is some stronger strain; it resurfaced because of the drop in persons getting their children vaccinated. Measles is one of the most contagious pathogens identified, stated Stinchfield.

She distinguished between “elimination” and “eradication,” as they are not mean the same thing. Measles have been “eliminated” in pockets of areas but not “eradicated,” which means that it is not gone from everywhere.

The news session also revealed that “adults are increasingly vulnerable to getting measles, and the CDC has identified 625 people over the age of 20 who have had measles this year. Last year, 11% of those infected with measles had to be hospitalized.

A good part of the discussion focused on “vaccine hesitancy and misinformation” surrounding the disease. Yet the time to remain vigilant remains high, noting that “the only disease to be totally eradicated is Smallpox,” Stinchfield shared.

To protect the population, the vaccine rates have to stay high



Patsy Stinchfield

– over 95%. “One case of Measles can infect up to 18 people,” Stinchfield said.

“It is a miserable disease,” Stinchfield explained. Measles enters through the nose and throat, getting into the lymph system and then into the bloodstream – and then to the lungs causing pneumonia or into the gut causing diarrhea. It can even get into the brain and nervous system – leading to a loss of vision.

The impact to the immune system leaves the population susceptible to other diseases. One case described was a Somali child who visited Somalia and then returned to the United States infected with Measles. The child was not vaccinated before travel. The infection led to the child being put on a ventilator. The lungs of this child will not fully recover.

She noted that more hesitation in the Somali community was spread with the “myth” that the vaccine will cause autism, and some of the parents were confused on the “triple shot” – MMR – as the culprit causing autism.

Her mission was to go into the Somali communities and talk to the general population and to leaders like Imams in mosques. The opportunity to meet special populations like this was to educate that the thing to do is “vaccinate.”

Dr. Andrew Pavia, Professor and Chief, Division of Pediatric



Dr. Andrew Pavia

Infectious Diseases at University of Utah, also added to the conversation focusing on the state of Utah, where a religious sect that resisted any vaccinations.

The work in Utah was to track the disease and convince people in the communities to come in and get vaccinated. Pavia also said adding to the problem is “under counting,” where not everyone is coming in for testing of what their ailment is – out of economic constraints or distrust in government.

Pavia focused on pregnant women, who get the Measles and can pass it on to the fetus/infant, or at the moment of birth where the infected mom will be breathing hard in labor and filling the room with the disease. The vaccine cannot be given while pregnant, so there has to be timely planning here.

Dr. Benjamin Neuman, Professor of Biology, Texas A&M University, explained the different strains of the disease circulating in the U.S.A. right now. He spoke on “immunity memory” which can be erased from cells, allowing for new cases in the same person.

There is also the issue of becoming “immune-compromised,” which means the vaccine used can hide old virus infections and the body cannot create an immune response from the vaccine.

The vaccine strains can mutate, Dr. Neuman explained. So



Dr. Jose Romero

the vaccine will work well unless confronted with the “wild virus” – a mutation of sorts. He explained that the virus will continue in the body for up to a month and during that time, create damage to cells.

In the report of what is being developed to confront these new strains, Dr. Neuman explained that “Science is slow.” Vaccines have to be tested before released for use.

Dr. Jose Romero, Professor of Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, discussed the “conflict of interest in giving influential advice on CDC protocols.”

He explained that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is the CDC Committee that establishes the proper use of vaccines – the regularity of the vaccine and the time spacing. For example, the U.S. uses two-dose vaccines, where some countries give only one dose of the vaccine.

While the Minnesota Public Health Department saw the Somali drop in vaccinations, according to Stinchfield, the culprit is “the fear in the community regarding the idea of their children becoming autistic.” The best help came from mom-to-mom relationships.

Pavia noted that the relationship between the health departments and the public is an issue



Dr. Benjamin Numan

everywhere that requires large resources to confront. He noted that in some communities there are not good records kept; families lose papers.

Stinchfield noted that those records are important when anyone is traveling. She also noted that the “third avenue to follow is to not repeat the myth – ‘vaccine causes Autism’ – but rather talk about no greater incidents of Autism in Somali children.

As one media rep in the zoom expressed, “The current administration is hostile toward Vaccination and hostile to the Somali community. So how much of the government’s stance explains this increase in Measles outbreaks?

Another zoom participant questioned: Should seniors get another vaccine? Pavia replied, “No, unless you are around vulnerable populations or traveling.”

The last question from the media group: Does Measles leave a lingering virus like Chickenpox that results in Shingles later in life? Stinchfield noted that there is the “SSPE (Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis), which is a fatal neurological condition that comes from Measles infecting the brain, at a ratio of 1:600. It is rare but preventable with the 2-dose vaccine.”

The path forward: “Build trust; work against the misinformation.”

How do you feel now about how you voted in 2024?

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



Each day from our rising to our resting we make decisions. It's inevitable.

Being a part of our society requires that we engage in decision-making. As a child maturing, I had to make choices each day. Mind you, the choices that I made really didn't move the needle that much. As children, we made child-like decisions.

Over time our decisions did

matter much more. Decisions about college, where to live and of course our life's work. Relationships and friendships too had a bearing on what our futures would be.

When you are young, you have your parents to guide you and to assist you if you make a wrong turn. The key though is to listen to them and not have a hard head. You know what that makes.

Sometimes as adults, we listen to other adults in helping us to make personal choices. Now that approach can be both good and bad. Wouldn't you agree?

If a person is easily swayed, then they'll probably decide based upon what someone else is saying. You let others make

the decision for you.

One of the greatest privileges that we have in the United States of America is the right to vote. It is individual freedom that we should not take for granted. Globally, there are countries that wish they had what we have.

Humbly, I say that I have never group voted. I have always read about the issues and the qualifications of the candidates when voting for people. The process of review has always worked out well for me. Have the candidates and issues that I voted for always won? No, they have not.

I voted for a presidential candidate in 2024 and they did not win. The candidate I voted for

had a platform for the people and had leadership experience throughout her career. Her last experience was that of serving as the vice president of the United States of America.

I voted for Kamala Harris. To this day, I do not regret voting for her. She was the best choice, an opinion shared by many people. There simply weren't enough people who thought that way. Now, we have what we have.

Since that November night, we have lost standing in the world. We are seen as bullies and takers. We are no longer thought of as a participant in the global uplift of the world. The perception and reality are that we force our way into getting what we want.

Look at us now. Are these the results that you expected? As we celebrated our 250th birthday, did you think we would be in this morass of mayhem and misery? If you are honest with yourself, the answer is no. Did you buy as much food to celebrate as you did last year? Just be clear and say no.

Were you missing people at your table or at your backyard barbeque? There are thousands of people documented and in various stages of documentation that are now in jails.

Some you will never hear about again in life. They have become persona non grata (an unwelcome person). They were simply taken by force and in horrific fashion from their families.

lies.

What is so sad about this scenario is that some of their relatives voted against Kamala Harris. They were sold a bill of goods with no receipt and now, no refund. You are stuck.

That's what happens when you stop listening to verified facts. Now you sit discouraged and disillusioned. Do you remember the timeless expression, "fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me". Weren't you fooled the first time? I guess not.

Poll numbers are not good. It doesn't matter what poll you review. The numbers don't lie. This is our present-day circumstance.. How do you feel about your vote now? Tell the truth.

The place where the rainbow never ends

A brick, a beach, and a lesson that never stopped moving

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



His eyes do not work well anymore. It seems to bother him less than you would think. Norman Hill has always seen more with his head and his heart than most of us ever see with our eyes.

I met Norman in the summer of 1993, at the convention of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. He was its president. He and the labor leaders Bill Lucy, Richard Womack and Clayola Brown gathered two dozen young Black organizers who shared their vision. Lucy had helped lead the sanitation workers' strike in Memphis the week King was killed.

Stacey Abrams was one of us. Derrick Johnson was one. Jena Roscoe was one. I was one.

They passed down what A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin had taught them. Civil rights and workers' rights are one fight. Racism splits working people apart. Economic injustice profits from that division. Our answer has to take on both.

Norman learned that from those two men. He also learned it on a Chicago beach.

In 1960, Rainbow Beach was public by law and White by custom. Velma Murphy was 21 years old and president of the South Side NAACP Youth Council. She decided to test it. If students in the South could sit down at a lunch counter, young people in Chicago could wade into Lake Michigan.

Norman helped her build a group, Black and White together. Some wanted an all-Black action. Norman and Velma said no. Black leadership and Black and White people standing side by side were not rival ideas. Together they were the plan.

In late August 1960, they walked onto Rainbow Beach. They spread blankets. They read books. They played checkers. They walked into the water.

A White mob gathered. Rocks and bricks flew. A brick hit Velma in the head and knocked her out cold. Norman picked her up and carried her off that beach. It took

17 stitches to close the wound.

They went back anyway. Again and again, through the next summer, they claimed their beach. The papers carried Velma's story, and the crowds that came to stand with them grew. The city was forced to protect them. Rainbow Beach became a beach for everybody.

That victory was a blueprint. Black-led. Black and White together. Built on working people standing as one. Brave enough to take a beating. Disciplined enough to come back.

The lesson did not stay on the beach.

Soon after that summer, Stacey, Derrick, Jena and I went to Mississippi. Governor Kirk Fordice wanted to be rid of the state's three Black public universities. He had already threatened to call out the National Guard rather than spend another dollar on them.

Now he wanted to shut down Mississippi Valley State and put a prison on the campus.

He wanted Alcorn State gone. He wanted Jackson State made over into something else.

Alcorn is where Medgar Evers met Myrlie Beasley. They married on Christmas Eve. They worked side by side in the Mississippi NAACP office until the night Medgar was shot dead in his own driveway.

Saving Alcorn meant saving the ground where that love began.

We organized. We pulled in White Mississippians who understood that a state that shuts down its Black colleges will not stop there. Norman's theory, tested again, 700 miles from the lake.

The plan died. All three schools are open today.

Derrick stayed in Mississippi and went deeper into the place where labor, civil rights and politics meet. Today he is president and CEO of the NAACP. One of his early mentors down there was Charlie Horhn. Charlie brought Black and White workers at a Jackson factory into one union. He started the state's first Randolph Institute chapter. In 1993 he ran the campaign that sent Bennie Thompson to Congress.

Charlie is 91 now. His son John is the mayor of Jackson.

Clayola Brown is the president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute now. She sits in Norman's chair. She was there in that room too,

already carrying the same lesson forward.

The women and men Norman trained across the decades will gather in Chicago at the end of this week. Legions from labor. Leaders in civil rights and politics as well. Our titles have changed. The bond has not.

The late Rev. Jesse Jackson built the Rainbow Coalition into a national force. In Chicago's moral history, there is no Rainbow Coalition without Rainbow Beach.

And then there is the love story. Velma Murphy became Velma Hill. They married the year after the brick. More than six decades of love, labor and civil rights.

But the marriage was never the point. It was the workshop.

Two dozen of us sat in that room in 1993 because Norman and Velma had spent thirty years building something strong enough to hold us. That is what a movement marriage does. Medgar and Myrlie did it in Mississippi. Myrlie carried the work for decades after they killed him, and went on to lead the NAACP herself. The love did not end in that driveway. It went out into the world and made leaders.

It is what Derrick and Letitia do now, pouring into the organizers coming up behind them the way Norman poured into us.

I once asked Norman how he and Velma lasted so long.

"Find a woman who is as much of a warrior as you are," he told me, "and marry her."

What he built with her raised us. Stacey. Derrick. Jena. Me. Legions more across the decades. We came to them as students and they sent us out as leaders, and every one of us is proud to count ourselves among Norman and Velma's children in the movement.

The rainbow did not stop at the water's edge. It ran through Randolph and Rustin. It ran through Medgar and Myrlie. It ran through Norman and Velma. It reached two dozen students in 1993. It runs through Derrick and Letitia. And it runs all through the NAACP family.

Norman's eyesight has dimmed. His vision has not. At Rainbow Beach, and in every life it still touches, the rainbow never ends.

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

Should you stay in an unhealthy marriage?

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



As you know I am an advocate for marriage. I am an advocate for marriage for the following reasons: God ordained the institution of marriage, God hates divorce according to Malachi 2:16:

Marriage can create generations, marriage increases one's chances of not falling into poverty and it can increase your lifespan versus being single, and marriage can be a beautiful addition to one's life in knowing that you have someone to spend the rest of your life with until death do you part. However, I want to clarify that I am not an advocate for unhealthy marriages.

Many were taught decades ago when you get married – you stay married. It did not matter if your spouse was abusive or did not provide for the family, gambler, alcoholic, neglectful, an absent/part-time parent, unfaithful, etc. you could not return home because it was understood that you had to deal with life in your own homes.

And lawdy, if children were involved – you had to stay for the sake of the children because they needed both parents. People then stayed married for 30 plus years based on this idea – 40 to 60-year marriages were very common but I do wonder at what cost. Should you stay in a unhealthy marriage?

- Healthy marriages?
- Lack a sincere and dedicated relationship with god
- Lack a godly induced lifestyle
- Little to no prayer solo and/or life together – as mc hammer said, “you got to pray to make it today!”
- Unresolved trauma from childhood, previous relationship(s) – have not indulged in counseling, self-healing
- Little to no communication
- Failing to address hurts and offenses immediately
- Unresolved conflicts
- Financial issues – number one cause of divorce in america
- Infidelity – emotional and physical affairs
- Abuse
- Addictions
- Enabling versus holding each other accountable
- Spouses failing to take full responsibility for their hurts, offenses, etc.
- Lack of empathy and patience
- Lack of trust – if you broke trust and you're still together – don't break something like your spouse's heart that you are not willing to fix
- Spouse neglect/abandonment – are you a part-time spouse or full-time spouse?
- Contempt – top trigger for divorce
- Stonewalling
- Gaslighting
- Failing to address the m&m's: misunderstanding, miscommunication, misinterpretation
- Non-stop complaints – only points out the negative

- Don't feel respected/appreciated
 - Nagging wife – continual rain dropping what if it rained all day and every day, but husbands don't help give her reasons to nag you either
 - Controlling spouse
 - Husbands choose not to live with their wives in an understanding way
 - Not compatible – both have different aspirations about life, finances, family, children, marriage, etc.
 - Impacting your physical/mental health
- What are the signs that you are in an unhealthy marriage?
- Its' simple, you're consistently unhappy
 - You have completely checked out of your marriage

- Marriage is about convenience – stay for the children, the business, the church, the bag, the status and titles, etc.
- Little to no communication
- Unforgiveness
- Argue more frequently
- Silence
- Avoid each other
- Sleep in separate spaces
- Dating disappeared
- Plan without considering your spouse
- Fantasize life solo or with someone else
- Stop caring
- Don't like your spouse
- Contemplate emotional and physical affairs
- Diminished intimacy
- The thrill is gone – love has dissipated – in fact, the love died a long time ago if you truly ever had it
- Planning to or have already filed for a divorce

What Are the Impacts of Staying in an Unhealthy Marriage?

Believe it or not staying in an unhealthy marriage can be detrimental to one's physical/mental health and one's overall wellbeing.

Can an Unhealthy Marriage be Saved?

Yes, I do believe that an unhealthy marriage can be saved if BOTH people are willing to fight for the marriage every day.

Should You Stay in an Unhealthy Marriage?

In conclusion, life is too short, so NO you should not stay in an unhealthy marriage under any circumstances. However, you BOTH can help fight for a loving, healthy and happy marriage- ask God for strategies for creating a new love for each other.

However, if the thrill is gone and you have done everything you can to remain married, but the flame cannot be relit – pray and seek God for direction. And if He tells you to let it go – please do because you should not stay in an unhealthy marriage.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4337

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 DMG Real Estate Holdings SBC, LLC have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU–1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the recreational center to multi-family units on property located at 800 E. River Pl. (Parcels 1008-2, 1008-43 & 1032-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 1032-1

That certain part of Lot 3, of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, described as follows:

Commencing at the center of said Section 2, run East for a distance of 1116.99 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection of said line with the East right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 55, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which point of intersection is on the North line of said Lot 3 and the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land hereby described; thence run South 31 degrees 05 minutes East along said right-of-way line for a distance of 271.9 feet to a point; thence run South 08 degrees 11 minutes West along said right-of-way line for a distance of 119.71 feet to a point (which point is the Point of Beginning of that certain boundary line established and described in the Boundary Line Agreement, dated July 23, 1976, and recorded in Book 2386 at Page 611 of the records in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, between Capitol Broadcasting Company and Robert N. Stockett); thence leaving said right-of-way line run South 80 degrees 36 minutes East along said boundary line for a distance of 600 feet, more or less, to a point on the line between Hinds and Rankin Counties, Mississippi (being the center line of the Old River Bed of the Pearl River); thence meander Northwesterly along the line between Hinds and Rankin Counties (following the center line of the Old River Bed of the Pearl River) for a distance of 600 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection of the North line of said Lot 3 as extended with the line between Hinds and Rankin Counties; and thence run West along the North line of Lot 3 for a distance of 437.64 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land hereby described.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Property conveyed to the City of Jackson, MS, dated March 8, 2011, in Book 7116 at Page 7527.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Property conveyed to Treehouse, Inc, in Book 2816 at Page 7009.

Parcel 1008-43

Lot 12, East River Place, according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,

Parcel 1008-2

Commencing at the concrete monument marking the South right-of-way line of East Fortification Street, as extended, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and the East right-of-way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 55 ("I-55"), run thence Southerly along said I-55 right-of-way line for a distance of 1149.6 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described and conveyed; thence turn to the left through an angle of 90 degrees, and run South 70 degrees 46 minutes East for a distance of 600.0 feet, more or less, to the centerline of the Old Channel of the Pearl River; thence turn to the right and run along the centerline of said channel for a distance of 360.0 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the property of Grantors (being the Southeast corner of the property herein described); thence turn to the right and run due West for a distance of 572.3 feet, more or less, to a point on the East right-of-way line of the High Street interchange to I-55; thence turn to the right and run North 28 degrees 57 minutes West along said right-of-way line for a distance of 122.7 feet to a point; and thence continue to run along said right-of-way around a curve to the right, having a radius of 616.2 feet for a distance of 407.01 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, being situated in the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, and containing 5.45 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, July 22, 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 GENRAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL tsmith@city.jackson.ms.us TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/ VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO JULY 15, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 25TH day of June 2026.

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

7/2/2026, 7/16/2026

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM WILSON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2026-153 T/1

PETITIONER: ANN JAMES

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM WILSON, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ann James Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of William Wilson, 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 13th day of August, 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable DeWayne Thomas, 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

BY:

7/16/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4336

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 Morgan Stokes have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-5 (Multi-Family) Residential District to C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the continued operation of a Professional Office on property located at 720 N. President St. (Parcel: 36-27) and Parcels 36-26 & 36-26-1, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel of land being Lot 7 and part of Lot of Institute Survey as recorded in Plat Book I, at Page 34, in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Binds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the East line of North President Street, said point being 193.4 feet North from the North line of George Street and also being designated as the southwest corner of Lot 7, Institute Survey; run thence northerly 96. 5 feet to a point on the East line of North President Street: thence turn right through 89 degrees 40 minutes and run easterly 160 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 6, Institute Survey; thence run southerly along the East line of Lots 6 and 7 of said Institute Survey a distance of 98.5 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 7, Institute Survey; thence westerly along the South line of Lot 7 a distance of 160 feet to the point of beginning.

That certain parcel of land in the "Institute Survey" of Five Acre Lot, Five, North, and the North half of the North three-quarters of Ten Acre Lot Ten, North Jackson, filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District and particularly described as: beginning at a point on the line between Lots Six and Fourteen, which point is 19 feet North of the southeast corner of said Lot Six; run thence North along the Eastern boundary line of said Lot Six 61 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence West along the northern boundary line of said Lot Six 160 feet to the Northwest corner. of said Lot Six; thence South 63.5 feet along the East line of President Street to a point 16.5 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Lot Six of said Institute Survey; thence Easterly in a straight line 160 feet to the point of beginning; together with all the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Parcel 36-26

63.5 FT E/S N PRESIDENT ST X 120 FT E & W X 61 FT E/S BK END OF LOT IN N PT LOT 6 INSTITUTE SY

Parcel 36-26-1

40 FT E & W X 61 FT N & S IN NE COR LOT 6 INSTITUTE SY

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, July 22, 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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/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

7/2/2026, 7/16/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4339

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 Terranee Brent. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a community recreational center that offers skating, arcade games, fitness training and community engagement events for the property located at 540 Raymond Rd-Ste. B (Parcel 217-9). in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land situated in the East 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of that certain ten acre tract conveyed by Henry and Anne Moore to W.E. Johnson by Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 227 at Page 126 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi; run thence Easterly along the South line of said ten acre tract for a distance of 4.0 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; from said Point of Beginning, turn thence left through a deflection angle of 88 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds and run Northerly 4.0 feet East of and parallel to the West line of said ten acre tract for a distance of 458.20 feet; turn thence left through an interior angle of 91 degrees 38 minutes 11 seconds and run Easterly for a distance of 481.43 feet to a point on the East line of said ten acre tract; said point also being on the West line of Glenwood Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi; turn thence left through an interior angle of 88 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds and run Southerly along the East line of said ten acre tract and West line of Glenwood Subdivision for a distance of 183.19 feet; turn thence left through an interior angle of 91 degrees 34 minutes 50 seconds and run Westerly for a distance of 175.0 feet; turn thence left through an interior angle of 268 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds and run Southerly for a distance of 275.0 feet to the South line of said ten acre tract; turn thence left through an interior angle of 91 degrees 34 minutes 50 seconds and run Westerly along the South line of said ten acre tract for a distance of 306.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 172,498.08 square feet or 3.96 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, July 22, 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 GENRAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL tsmith@city.jackson.ms.us TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/ VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO JULY 15, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 25TH day of June 2026.

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

7/2/2026, 7/16/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4338

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 Ishley's Payroll Management Services, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for an extended stay hotel within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 5075 I-55 North (Parcel 507-354) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land lying and being situate in Section 13, T6N, R1E, Jackson, Mississippi, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi:

Commence at the Westerly right of way line of Interstate Highway 55(as was laid out and improved July, 1982) with the North line of the aforesaid Section 13, T6N, R1E, and run thence Southerly along said Westerly right of way line of Interstate Highway S5 (1982) for a distance of 300 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle 80 degrees 25 minutes and run Westerly for a distance of 13 feet to a point on the present Westerly right of way line of Interstate Highway 55 and the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; from said Point of Beginning, turn thence left through a deflection angle of 80 degrees 25 minutes and run Southerly along said present Westerly right of way line of Interstate Highway 55 for a distance of 352.7 feet to the Point of Curvature of a 1.0038 degree curve to the right having a central angle of 2 degrees 45 minutes and a radius of 5,679.58 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 00 degrees 59 minutes 52 seconds and run Southerly along said present Westerly right of way line of Interstate Highway SS for a chord distance of 200.20 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 89 degrees 00 minutes 08 seconds and run Westerly for a distance of 364.62 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 80 degrees 28 minutes and run Northerly for a distance of 483.84 feet; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 89 degrees 57 minutes ad run Easterly for a distance of 454.60 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 211,486.32 square feet or 4.8551 acres, more or less.

And being the same land as described in Trustee's Deed recorded in Book 7159 at Page 2452

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, July 22, 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 25TH day of June 2026.

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

7/2/2026, 7/16/2026

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Residential Lots, Right-of-Way, and Vegetation Management Services
City of Jackson, Mississippi
RFP# 96866-072826

Notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will receive sealed proposals for Residential Lots, Right-of-Way, and Vegetation Management Services.

RFP documents are available at www.jacksonmsbids.com. Proposals shall be submitted electronically through www.jacksonmsbids.com in accordance with the requirements of this Request for Proposals. Proposals submitted by any other method may be rejected.

All proposals are due by or before July 28, 2026, at 3:30 PM Central Time. Sealed bids may be turned in at the City Clerk's office, located at 219 South President Street, and the bid must be stamped by 3:30 PM.

Interested bidders must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting, which will be held on July 14, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Andrew Conference Room on the 1st floor, 200 S President St, Jackson, MS 39205.

Submissions shall be clearly identified as: RFP 96866-072826 - RESIDENTIAL LOTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

All pricing shall be submitted on the required forms included with the RFP documents.

Minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged, Section 3, small, and local firms are encouraged to participate, either as prime consultants or subconsultants, consistent with applicable law and City requirements.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, waive informalities or irregularities, request clarifications, negotiate with the highest-ranked firm, and cancel or reissue this solicitation if determined to be in the City's best interest and consistent with applicable law.

CITY OF JACKSON

Monica Oliver, Purchasing Manager

7/9/2026, 7/16/2026

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ADVERTISESEMENT FOR BIDS

HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT will receive SEALED BIDS for the purchase of PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

The district is requesting sealed bid proposals for Adaptive Assessments and Standards-Aligned Assessments to provide universal screeners, individualized instruction to meet each student's academic needs, collects data based on individual responses, and adjusts instruction to meet each student needs at their level accelerating their path to reading mastery. The Proposal Due Date is July 23, 2026, at 9:00a.m.

RFP Submission Requirements:

Submit 5 copies of the RFP response in one sealed package with Professional Services for Adaptive Assessments indicated on the outside of the package by to the following address:

Michelle Cage, Chief Finance Officer
Holmes County Consolidated School District
Post Office Box 630
313 Olive St.
Lexington, MS 39095

A complete bid package which contains bid instructions and general specifications may be obtained by visiting the Holmes County Consolidated School District's website:

http://holmesccsd.org. All questions regarding the bid specifications shall be emailed directly to

Tara Harris, Federal Programs Director
tara.harris@holmesccsd.org
Holmes County Consolidated School District
(662) 834-2175 (office)
(662) 834-4002 (Fax)

Please include full contact information, including company name, email address, telephone numbers and contact person in your email request. Within the limitations of Mississippi State Purchasing Law, the Purchasing Entity reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable.

7/16/2026, 7/23/2026

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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.autura.com/auctions/jac-ms/> on July 28 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” (7/2/2026)

8840221 2024/NISSAN/SENTRA/SILVER888 • 3N1AB8CVXYR228369

8843659 • 2015/NISSAN/ROGUE/GRAY • 5N1AT2ML3FC854513

8844558 • 2011/HONDA/ACCORD/RED • 1HGCP3F89BA006384

8847163 • 2015/DODGE/CHALLENGER/BLUE • 2C3CDZFJ9FH747174

8847185 • 2007/CHEVROLET/TAHOE/WHITE • 1GNFC13097J353061

8847192 • 2011/DODGE/CHARGER/BLACK • 2B3CL1CT8BH587578

8847470 • 2015/HYUNDAI/SANTA FE SPORT/WHITE • 5XYZU3LB9FG299596

8847486 • 2005/HONDA/ACCORD/BLUE • 1HGCM56855A046647

8847498 • 2007/MERCURY/MILAN/GOLD • 3MEHM08177R636878

8847721 • 2018/KIA/SPORTAGE/BROWN • KNDPM3AC4J7348406

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8847918 • 2013/FORD/EDGE/BROWN • 2FMDK4KC1DBB95374

8848096 • 2003/FORD/CROWN VICT/GRAY • 2FAFP71W93X189082

8848172 • 2013/NISSAN/SENTRA/BLACK • 1N4AB7AP8DN902459

8848245 • 2022/CHEVROLET/TAHOE/GRAY • 1GNSPKPD3NR191421

8848336 • -/DODGE/OTHER/BROWN • D14AN9S233711

8848434 • 2012/GMC/ACADIA/GRAY • 1GKKVRED8CJ187050

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8848589 • 2019/HYUNDAI/ELANTRA/RED • 5NPD74LF2KH424368

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8850997 • 2017/KIA/OPTIMA/BLACK • KNAGT4L34H5147551

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8851059 • 2012/NISSAN/ALTIMA/BLACK • 1N4AL2AP6CN412617

8851104 • 2011/FORD/FUSION/BLACK • 3FAHP0JG2BR165857

8851283 • 1995/LEXUS/LS/BLACK • JT8UF22E7S0009123

8851353 • 2018/HYUNDAI/SONATA/GRAY • 5NPE24AF6JH613643

8851447 • 2005/CHEVROLET/EQUINOX/SILVER • 2CNDL63F456167208

8851485 • 2014/HYUNDAI/ELANTRA/SILVER • 5NPDH4AE4EH498421

8851964 • 2004/TOYOTA/OTHER/SILVER • 2T1KR32E94C230267

8852046 • 2005/CHEVROLET/SUBURBAN/BLACK • 3GNEC16Z75G277375

8852139 • 2023/KIA/SOUL/WHITE • KNDJ53AUXP7851488

8852230 • 2013/TOYOTA/COROLLA/WHITE • 5YFBU4EE7DP167198

8852233 • 2002/CHEVROLET/EXPRESS/WHITE • 1GCGG25RX21227710

8854897 • 2018/DODGE/CHARGER/WHITE • 2C3CDXGJXJH134783

8854906 • 2005/CHEVROLET/SILVERADO/WHITE • 1GCEC19T45Z215853

8854914 • 2021/DODGE/CHALLENGER/BLUE •

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8855873 • -/CHEVROLET/MONTE CARLO/ORANGE • 1Z37JAK447983

8855906 • 2018/NISSAN/ALTIMA/SILVER • 1N4AL3AP9JC174261

8855953 • 2017/NISSAN/MAXIMA/SILVER • 1N4AA6AP3HC437197

8855994 • 2014/HYUNDAI/SONATA/GRAY • 5NPEB4AC4EH814534

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8858696 • 2016/KIA/SOUL/SILVER • KNDJN2A22G7292284

8858769 • 2020/DODGE/DURANGO/WHITE • 1C4RDJDG0LC155496

8858782 • 2014/CHEVROLET/CAMARO/BLACK • 2G1FC1E38E9124002

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8859039 • 2016/NISSAN/ALTIMA/SILVER • 1N4AL3AP2GN337393

8859115 • 2004/HONDA/ACCORD/BLUE • 1HGCM56324A015763

8859176 • 1999/TOYOTA/4 RUNNER/GRAY • JT3GM84RXX0040451

8859287 • 2014/FORD/FUSION/WHITE • 1FA6P0G75E5401147

8859288 • 2007/NISSAN/MURANO/WHITE • JN8AZ08T17W509700

8859304 • -/CHEVROLET/OTHER/BLACK • 2GCEC19RW1126535

8859364 • 2006/TOYOTA/CAMRY/GRAY • 4T1BE32K56U697818

8861514 • 2007/VOLKSWAGEN/TOUAREG/BLACK • WVGZE77L77D000898

8861521 • 2009/DODGE/JOURNEY/GREEN • 3D4GG57V79T220392

8861568 • 2011/GMC/SIERRA/WHITE • 3GTP1UEA8BG364461

8861588 • 2020/CHEVROLET/MALIBU/GRAY • 1G1ZD5ST5LF045039

8861591 • -/HYUNDAI/OTHER/BLACK •

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8861709 • 2016/KIA/FORTE/WHITE • KNAFX4A64G5469473

8861740 • 1997/HONDA/ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCD5604VA252021

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8861787 • 2023/NISSAN/SENTRA/RED • 3N1AB8CV5PY316307

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8861928 • 2011/KIA/SORENTO/GRAY • 5XYKT3A18BG106024

8861983 • 2008/NISSAN/ALTIMA/BLACK • 1N4AL24E48C124589

8862018 • 2003/CADILLAC/ESCALADE/BLACK • 1GYEC63T93R239692

8862103 • 2017/TOYOTA/COROLLA/SILVER • 5YFBURHE9HP629999

8862232 • -/CHEVROLET/CORVETTE/WHITE • 1Z8T878AS419376

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8864107 • 1999/TOYOTA/CAMRY/RED • 4T1BG22K0XU539960

8864247 • 2021/FORD/EXPEDITION MAX/BLACK • 1FMJK2AT5MEA26309

8864317 • 2020/KIA/FORTE/SILVER • 3KPF24AD7LE234810

8864423 • 2009/VOLVO/S60/BLACK • YV1RS592092733826

8864458 • -/HYUNDAI/SONATA/SILVER • 5NPET4AC9AH584237

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8864574 • 2023/CHEVROLET/EQUINOX/WHITE • 3GNAXHEGXPL165028

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8864996 • 2022/DODGE/CHARGER/WHITE • 2C3CDXBG8NH122780

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8867480 • 2015/TOYOTA/COROLLA/SILVER • 5YFBURHE2FP271691

8867684 • 2014/MERCEDES/C CLASS/BLACK • WDDGF4HB2ER317278

8867989 • 2001/CHEVROLET/SUBURBAN/BLACK • 3GNFK16T41G220676

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8868670 • 2017/HONDA/ACCORD/BLACK • 1HGCR3F95HA003347

8872511 • 2008/LAND ROVER/RANGE ROVER SPORT/BLUE • SALSF25478A176315

8995702 • 2005/CHEVROLET/EQUINOX/WHITE • 2CNDL63F156137745

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9024615 • 2008/CHRYSLER/300/GOLD • 2C3LA53G08H140996

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9180502 • 2001/FORD/EXPEDITION/GREEN • 1FMRU15L81LB82952

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9214525 • 2008/GMC/ENVOY/BLUE • 1GKDT13S182124990

9215096 • 2005/HONDA/ODYSSEY/RED •

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9237060 • 2005/FORD/MUSTANG/BLUE • 1ZVFT82HX55181960

9237106 • 1981/FORD/OTHER/WHITE • 1FTCF10E0BUA64340

9237201 • 2005/FORD/CROWN VICT/TEAL • 2FAFP74W05X159225

9238229 • 2004/JEEP/GRAND CHER/GRAY • 1J4GW48N64C276069

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9240457 • 2008/BMW/OTHER/SILVER • WBANW53578CT54047

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9245070 • 2021/NISSAN/SENTRA/GRAY • 3N1AB8DV9MY202093

9245095 • 2005/GMC/SIERRA/WHITE • 2GTEC19T151343119

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9260682 • 2003/CHEVROLET/AVALANCHE/BLUE • 3GNEC13T93G339548

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9267449 • 1999/DODGE/DURANGO/BLACK • 1B4HS28Z1XF528985

9273818 • 2007/TOYOTA/AVALON/GOLD • 4T1BK36B37U222317

9274130 • 2003/GMC/ENVOY/WHITE • 1GKES16P236169517

9282759 • 2014/CHEVROLET/CRUZE/GRAY • 1G1PC5SB0E7329192

9282838 • 1993/GMC/SIERRA/WHITE • 1GTDC14Z0PZ544592

9282863 • 2004/HONDA/CRV/BLUE • JHLRD78814C031036

9283220 • 2015/HONDA/OTHER/BLACK • MLHNC5108F5100641

9289532 • 2025/FORD/F150/BLACK • 1FTFW3L55SKD38230

9321293 • 2003/FORD/OTHER/WHITE • 1FDWE35L93HB03273

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT will receive SEALED BIDS for the purchase of PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING SERVICE

Overview

Introduction: The Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) is located in Holmes County, MS. The district consists of seven schools, a career and technical center, an alternative school, and a central office. The district has four (4) lawn care service areas.

Purpose of RFP: The district is requesting sealed bid proposals for Lawn Care and Landscaping Services in the Holmes County Consolidated School District.

A bidder can bid on more than one service areas (See Attachment A for Lawn Care Service Areas). In submitting a bid, each bidder should refer to items listed in the scoring rubric.

Tentative schedule of RFP events are as follows:

Advertisement Dates July 16, 2026 & July 23, 2026
Proposal Due Date: July 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Bid Opening: July 27, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

These services shall be provided to the Holmes County Consolidated School District during the 2026-2027 school year.

HCCSD reserves the right to accept, reject, or negotiate any or all offers on the basis of the evaluation criteria contained within this document. Presentation of services may be requested by contractor as an additional evaluation criterion.

General Specifications and Instructions to Bidders:

A paper copy or an email copy of this document, including any addendums, can be obtained by request below:

Dr. Shem Y. Whigham, Assistant Superintendent
Holmes County Consolidated School District
Post Office Box 630
313 Olive Street
Lexington, MS 39095
(662) 834-2175
Email: swhigham@holmesccsd.org

RFP Submission requirements: Submit 3 copies of the RFP response in one sealed package with Lawn Care Bid Proposals indicated on the outside of the package by July 27, 2026 @9:00 a.m. to the following address:

Ms. Michelle Cage, Chief Finance Officer
Holmes County Consolidated School District
Post Office Box 630
313 Olive Street
Lexington, MS 39095

7/16/2026, 7/23/2026

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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, aUGST 5, 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

CASE NO. HPNC-26-23
LOCATION: 1402 HAZEL ST (PARCEL 15-32)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: GREG PITTS
REQUEST: REPAIR & REPLACE ROTTED DECKING AND DETERIORATED STUCCO WALLS

CASE NO. HPNC-26-24
LOCATION: 436 E CAPITOL ST (PARCEL 33-18-1 or 33-18)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: SPENGLER'S CORNER
APPLICANT: MARCUS CHEATHAM
AMENDED REQUEST: REPLACE METAL SIDING PANES WITH STUCCO OR LIKE KIND MATERIAL

CASE NO. HPNC-26-27
LOCATION: 1842 LINDEN PL (PARCEL 9-101)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: KEVIN SUMRALL
AMENDED REQUEST: REPAIR BURNED STRUCUTRE; REPLACE DOORS, WINDOWS, SIDING, & SHINGLES

CASE NO. HPNC-26-28
LOCATION: 1315 OLIVE ST (PARCEL 15-65-1)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN
APPLICANT: ANN MACMASTER
AMENDED REQUEST: DEMO DELAPIDATED GARAGE APARTMENT

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
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7/16/2026, 7/23/2026

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Celebrating Aunts (and Uncles)

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



For the past couple of weeks, my column has explored the African American Aunt including why she is important to the family. In this week's column, I want to explore more how we can celebrate aunts as well as uncles. National Aunt and Uncle Day is Sunday, July 26th and like some of you, when I started my podcast a few years ago, I had no idea there was even a special day to recognize those family members. The question is how to celebrate what appears to be a new holiday? One way is

to think about your experiences with your aunts and uncles and what you liked most (or least) about them.

In some instances, they took care of you as if you were one of their own children. At other times, they offered words of advice designed to keep you from getting in trouble. Even though they said it was for your own good, some also were snitches and told on you. Aunts and uncles have been confidantes as well as holders of many family secrets. My great Aunt Annie on my Daddy's side often would patiently indulge my many questions as she shared little known family history. And I can always count on my Aunt Mary on my mama's side to give

little known facts about she and my mother's lives as little girls growing up in Central Texas.

Unlike Mother's Day and Father's Day, there is no standard gift like flowers, ties, kitchen appliances or macaroni art projects for Aunt and Uncle Day. This means that you can be as creative as you want with how you want to honor your aunts and uncles. For example, consider giving gift cards to favorite restaurants, retail stores, spas, and bookstores. For something more personal, a photograph of you with the aunt and/or uncle might work. Consider creating a new family tradition like a special family breakfast, lunch, or dinner. One of my favorite things I do with my nieces

and nephews (and now great nieces and nephews) is go to the movies. It's not just about popcorn and sodas but about the connection. Now one of my nephews continues the family tradition and takes his younger cousins to the movies. For those of you who say you have no money to buy anything, a simple phone call would

do. There are also free ecards you can download on my website - <https://www.chocolateauntiepodcast.com/celebrate-national-aunt-day>. According to the website www.nationaltoday.com, it's not clear who started National Aunt's and Uncle's day but undoubtedly it was to recognize the many contributions that both make to families. Romans

12:10 says to "Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other." Celebrating National Aunt and Uncle Day on July 26th (or sometime during the week) is one way to show genuine appreciation for the impact they've had on your family. And to all the aunts and uncles (by blood or by choice) Happy Aunt and Uncle Day!

Join me for a special celebration of aunts and uncles Saturday, July 18th from 5 pm - 7pm at the Dock Bookshop, 6637 Meadowbrook in Fort Worth, Texas. There will be as a panel discussion "A Conversation around the Kitchen Table: The importance of aunts and uncles in the black community," an Aunts and Uncles in Pop

Culture special trivia contest as well as gift recommendations and food/drinks as you shop for your favorite aunt and uncle. The event is free and we hope you can join us.

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Why low fitness levels can affect your health

By Vince Faust MA
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

In today's busy world, many people struggle to stay active. Long work hours, school responsibilities, family duties and even stress can make it hard to find time for exercise. As a result, millions of Americans have low fitness levels.

While it may not seem like a big deal at first, low fitness can have a major impact on your health over time.

Doctors and health experts warn that even small drops in physical activity can affect your heart, your energy, your mood and your overall wellbeing.

Understanding why fitness matters can help you make healthier choices and avoid longterm problems. You don't need to become an athlete.

You don't need to run marathons or lift heavy weights. But staying active in simple, consistent ways can make a huge difference.

A low fitness level doesn't just mean you don't exercise. It means your body isn't used to moving regularly. This can include:

- Getting tired easily
- Feeling out of breath after small tasks
- Having weak muscles
- Struggling with balance or flexibility
- Sitting for long periods every day

Low fitness can happen to anyone, kids, teens, adults and seniors. It can happen slowly, without you even noticing. But the effects build up over time.

Your heart is a muscle. Like any muscle, it gets stronger when you use it. When you don't move enough, your heart doesn't get the workout it needs. This can lead to several problems.

People with low fitness levels are more likely to develop:

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Poor circulation
- Heart disease



Even simple activities like climbing stairs or carrying groceries can feel harder because the heart has to work extra hard. Over time, this can increase the risk of serious health issues.

Doctors often say that regular movement is one of the best ways to protect your heart. Even walking for a few minutes at a time can help.

Your lungs also play a big role in your fitness. When you're active, your lungs learn to take in more oxygen and deliver it to your body. But when you're inactive, your lungs don't get that practice.

This can lead to:

- Shortness of breath
- Lower stamina
- Difficulty doing everyday tasks

People with low fitness levels often feel winded after walking short distances or doing light chores. This doesn't mean something is wrong with their lungs it often means their body isn't used to activity.

Muscles get weaker when they aren't used. This is true for everyone, no matter his or her age. When your muscles

weaken, your body has to work harder to do simple things.

Low fitness can cause:

- Muscle loss
- Poor posture
- Back pain
- Joint stiffness
- Higher risk of falls

Your bones also need movement to stay strong. Weightbearing activities like walking, dancing or climbing stairs help keep bones healthy. Without regular movement, bones can become weaker over time.

Your metabolism is the process your body uses to turn food into energy. When you're active, your metabolism works more efficiently. When you're inactive, it slows down.

Low fitness levels can make it easier to gain weight because your body burns fewer calories. This can lead to:

- Increased body fat
- Higher risk of type 2 diabetes
- More strain on your joints
- Lower energy levels

Weight alone doesn't determine health, but staying active helps your

body manage energy better.

Many people don't realize how closely physical activity is linked to mental health. Exercise releases chemicals in the brain that help you feel calm, focused and positive. When you don't move enough, you miss out on these benefits.

Low fitness levels are linked to:

- Higher stress
- More anxiety
- Trouble sleeping
- Lower confidence
- Difficulty concentrating

Even a short walk can improve your mood. Movement helps your brain relax and reset.

Your immune system protects you from illness. Regular activity helps keep it strong. When you have low fitness levels, your immune system may not work as efficiently.

This can lead to:

- Getting sick more often
- Slower recovery from illness
- More inflammation in the body

Staying active helps your body fight off infections and stay resilient. Low fitness doesn't just affect your health it affects your daily life. Tasks that used to feel easy may start to feel exhausting.

People with low fitness levels may struggle with:

- Carrying groceries
- Walking long distances
- Playing with kids or pets
- Doing chores
- Standing for long periods

This can lead to frustration and a feeling of being limited. Over time, people may avoid activities they once enjoyed, which can make fitness levels drop even more.

Many people spend hours sitting at work, in school, in cars or on the couch. Sitting too much can weaken muscles, slow metabolism and increase the risk of health problems.

Even if you exercise sometimes, long

periods of sitting can still affect your health. Experts recommend taking short breaks to stand, stretch or walk around.

Improving your fitness doesn't require big changes. Small steps can lead to major improvements.

Simple ways to increase activity include:

- Taking short walks
- Stretching during breaks
- Doing light household chores
- Taking the stairs when possible
- Playing outside
- Doing gentle exercises at home

These small actions help your heart, lungs, muscles and mind.

Fitness is important for children, adults and seniors. Staying active helps kids grow strong, helps adults manage stress and energy and helps older adults stay independent.

No matter your age, your body benefits from movement.

If you're worried about your fitness level or how it affects your health, it's important to speak with a qualified healthcare professional. They can help you understand what's going on and offer guidance that fits your personal situation.

This is especially important if you have symptoms that are new, persistent or getting worse.

Low fitness levels can affect your health in many ways, but the good news is that your body responds quickly to even small increases in activity. You don't need to be perfect. You don't need to change everything at once. What matters is consistency.

Every step you take literally helps your heart, lungs, muscles and mind grow stronger. By understanding the risks of low fitness and making simple changes, you can build a healthier, more energetic future.

If you have a fitness question or concern you would like addressed: tipstobefit@gmail.com

Research highlights concussion challenges for athletes with ADHD

By Marisa C. Atkinson
Mississippi Link Newswire

New research from the University of Mississippi indicates that athletes with ADHD need even more scrutiny when head injuries are involved.

Although the "childhood diseases" like measles does not have the one characteristic that Chickenpox has – of leaving behind remnants of the disease that show up later in the life of the infected as "Shingles."

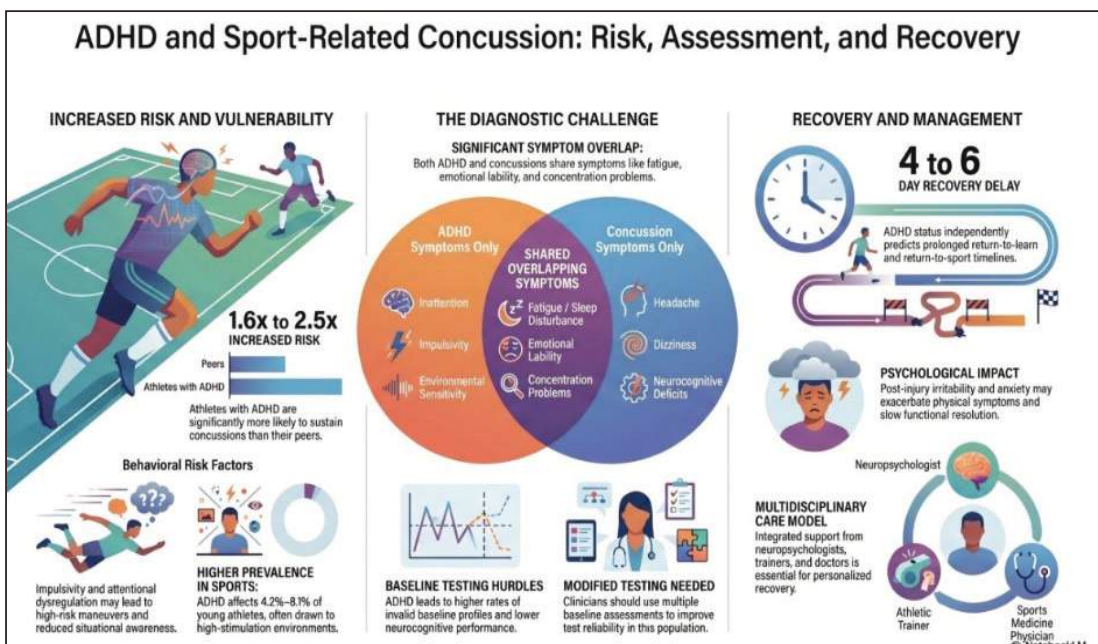
Athletics trainers, coaches and doctors have focused a lot of attention on detecting concussions among athletes and ensuring they have time to heal after suffering one.

Athletes with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder are more susceptible to concussions and have a longer recovery period, said Corbit Franks, assistant professor and clinical education coordinator for athletic training at the University of Mississippi.

He collaborated on a literature study with Jeffrey Parr and Mary King, both of the University of Southern Mississippi.

"Our purpose was to bring together high-quality peer reviewed research into one singular review paper for clinicians, coaches and athletes and also see how much ADHD actually does affect the risk, the assessment and the recovery of concussion," Franks said.

For Franks and Parr, the re-



UM, Southern Miss researchers hope to improve concussion diagnosis, recovery and return-to-play decisions

search is personal. Franks was diagnosed with ADHD as a child, and Parr's stepson also has it.

"I've had ADHD my entire life and doing concussion testing wasn't really a thing when I was playing baseball and football while growing up in Tennessee," Franks said. "What we called back then, 'getting your bell rung,' I know now I had several concussions playing, but they were never assessed or diagnosed or anything else."

When Parr's stepson hit his head, some obstacles arose.

"My stepson has ADHD, and I noticed several of the symptoms he dealt with on a daily basis overlapped with what we

see in sport-related concussions," Parr said.

"Then when he fell and hit his head, I realized how difficult it was to differentiate between his normal ADHD symptoms and what we would consider concussion related symptoms."

The overlapping symptoms shared between ADHD and concussions include fatigue and sleep imbalances, emotional irregularity and difficulty focusing. Therefore, when an athlete with ADHD is concussed, it becomes difficult to determine which symptom belongs to which condition, as Parr and his stepson experienced.

ADHD affects 4.2 to 8.1% of young athletes. Evidence from

the study indicates that athletes with ADHD may:

- Be 1.6 to 2.5 times more likely to sustain a concussion, possibly due to impulsivity and risk-taking behaviors
- Report more severe or prolonged post-concussion symptoms
- Experience differences in baseline neurocognitive testing, or pre-concussion testing, which can complicate concussion diagnosis and management.

Whether an athlete has suffered a concussion can be assessed in several ways, ranging from a series of questions and actions on the sideline to a computer test or an app on a

handheld electronic device.

When Franks began administering concussion tests as an athletic trainer, he experienced what it was like for ADHD athletes.

"I would take the test just to make sure I understood what it entailed, to be able to explain it to coaches, parents and athletes, and I always struggled on those tests staying focused," he said.

"So, when athletes would come in and they had ADHD, it helped me understand that taking this test for them on a computer is not going to look the same as the athlete that maintains their attention all the time."

The baseline concussion test results for an athlete with ADHD may not be accurate, causing them to be over- or underdiagnosed. This can hinder their care once a concussion occurs.

The study found that athletes with ADHD take four to six days longer to recover from a concussion, Franks said.

What comes next is trying to understand why athletes with ADHD have a longer time until they return to learning and return to sport.

"Return-to-learn strategies and return-to-play protocols may need to look completely different for that sector of individuals, rather than our traditional way we've all done

things," Franks said.

Just as athletes are becoming more specialized and individualized in their training, including nutrition, training and psychology, concussion diagnosis and treatment should consider following suit, the Ole Miss professor said.

"When you look at athletics in general, for the last several years, we've started to attempt to treat athletes more as individuals, whether that's through mental health, counseling, their nutritional strategies, their performance strategies, strength conditioning, so why are we not looking at concussions more as an individualized thing?" Franks said.

"With ADHD individuals, it pushes further this idea that just like with learning or anything else, we don't fall into the normal box. So, we have to look at routes to implement different strategies for the diagnosis and the management of concussions and ADHD individuals."

Considering an athlete's ADHD plays an essential role in that individualized plan.

"Recognizing ADHD as a modifier can lead to more accurate diagnoses, better symptom interpretation and safer return-to-play decisions," Parr said.

"It also highlights the need for athletic trainers to be particularly aware of which athletes have an ADHD diagnosis."



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Alcorn State president honored among nation's most dominant HBCU leaders



Dr. Tracy M. Cook, president of Alcorn State University named to the ten most dominant HBCU Leaders of 2027

ASU Newswire

Dr. Tracy M. Cook has spent more than 25 years lifting up students, campuses and the historically Black institutions that shaped his own path.

The HBCU Campaign Fund has named Cook, president of Alcorn State University, to The Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders of 2027. He joins the organization's Tenth Class Honors, a distinction reserved for leaders who have moved their institutions forward and kept them there.

The honor recognizes sustained leadership. It also points to something harder to measure — a long, steady commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Cook became the 21st president of Alcorn State in 2024, stepping into the permanent role after serving as interim president.

He began with more than two decades in education administration and student affairs leadership.

Under his watch, Alcorn State has sharpened its academic mission, leaned deeper into community engagement, and widened the paths students take toward graduation and beyond.

According to its press release, The Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders Award & Class is a national recognition created by the HBCU Campaign Fund. Each year it honors ten chancellors, presidents and sports-affiliated leaders serving at or connected to HBCUs and minority-serving institutions

(MSIs).

"HBCU leadership requires vision, resilience and an unwavering commitment to students and communities," said Demetrius Johnson Jr., founder, president, and CEO of the HBCU Campaign Fund. "Cook exemplifies these qualities through his leadership at Alcorn State and his continued work to strengthen one of the nation's most historic HBCUs."

An alumnus, he has held several leadership posts at the university, including vice president for student affairs and enrollment management and chief of staff. His career in education is expansive serving in several roles from superintendent to classroom teacher.

The Tenth-Class marks 10 years of spotlighting leadership across the HBCU and MSI communities.

Since the program began, recognition has lifted up leaders whose influence reaches past their own campuses and into the broader work of higher education. Cook joins a distinguished group of honorees. Their leadership, the fund says, continues to help define what comes next for HBCUs.

The HBCU Campaign Fund will announce additional selections for the Tenth Class Honors in the months ahead. The complete Tenth Class of The Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders of 2027 will be revealed in early 2027.

Lula's Early Learning Literacy Program celebrates young learners

Motorcycle, Corvette and show truck owners annually support the children

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Five young scholars recently took an important first step toward a lifetime of learning as the Community Students Learning Center celebrated the success of its 2026 Lula's Early Learning Literacy Program.

The preschool graduates were honored May 2 during a joyful ceremony held at the CWMI Rental Hall, commonly known as the Pink and White Building. Inspired by the theme, "Oh, the Places You'll Go," the program celebrated the children's accomplishments and encouraged them to continue learning, growing, and dreaming.

The children entertained approximately 40 family members, friends, and supporters by singing songs, reciting poems, and performing fingerplays. Each child confidently remembered and presented his or her part of the program.

One of the ceremony's most touching moments came when the children presented red roses to their mothers. The graduates also received beautiful baskets filled with educational items to help them continue developing their academic and creative skills.

Alisa Hill served as the guest speaker, while Destiny Haynes, a 2026 LELLP parent, served as the program guide. Both helped make the 10 a.m. celebration a meaningful and memorable occasion for the children and their families.

The Lula's Early Learning Literacy curriculum provides children with a strong foundation in literacy and language, mathematics, science, social-emotional development, self-care, and motor skills. Through these areas, children are prepared not only for the classroom but also for positive interaction with their families, classmates, and communities.

The celebration continued on June 6 when CSLC hosted its' LELLP Fund Fest from noon until 5 p.m. at the Community Students Learning Center. Apostle Kathy Anderson, a CSLC board member, welcomed guests to an afternoon filled with fellowship, family activities, and community support.

Motorcycles, Corvettes and show trucks added excitement to the event, which brought together parents, children, local officials, and other community supporters. Proceeds and support from the Fund Fest will assist CSLC in continuing its educational services for young children and families.



Back row: Coordinator Lubertha Mosley, staff member Audrey Anderson, CSLC Executive Beulah Greer, Speaker Alisa Hill, staff members Valorie Young and Lestine Hoover Front row: CSLC LELLP 2026 graduates (L-R) Carleigh Shaw, Amir Williams, Kacey Dixon, Jaxson Watkins, and Tristian Haynes



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College student Le'Baudrio Bridgeford shares his success stories as a result of early learning.



Crowd listens attentively to various participants.



Each of these Corvette represent an owner or owners who have been very supportive of Lula's early learners.



King and Queen



Community turns out for CSLC LELLP Fund Fest.

The Lula's Early Learning Literacy Program was established in memory of longtime Holmes County educator and former CSLC Director of Education Lula Mae Friar. Friar died July 12, 2020, after becoming a victim of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although she is still deeply missed, Friar's legacy continues through every child who learns, grows, and discovers new possibilities through the

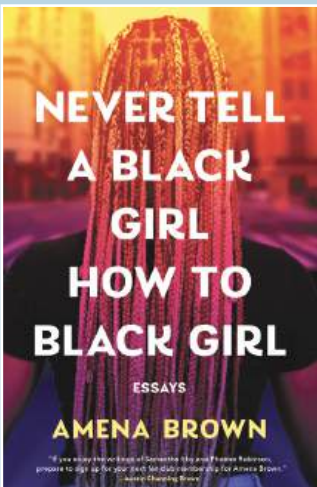
program bearing her name. Her lifelong love for children, education, family, and community remains at the heart of LELLP's mission.

"We are sincerely grateful to the speakers, the parents, the motorcycle clubs, Corvette and Show Truck owners, and everyone who annually help us to continue the serve the children and families through this legacy of learning program," said CSLC Executive

Director Beulah Greer.

As the five graduates prepare for their next educational journey, the message of their graduation theme remains fitting: There is no limit to the places they can go when their learning begins with a strong foundation and a caring community behind them.

CSLC LELLP Coordinator Lubertha Banks Mosley contributed to the development of this article.



BOOK REVIEW:

NEVER TELL A BLACK GIRL HOW TO BLACK GIRL: ESSAYS

BY AMENA BROWN

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Some things can really make you cross. People telling you your business, for instance. People asking questions they have no reason to know. Folks who criticize your hair or clothes or life. These things would set anyone off; they'd be the last straw for anybody. As in the new book, "Never Tell a Black Girl How to Black Girl" by Amena Brown, some folks just cross the line. In a way, it's a matter of

grammar. Depending on how you say it, "Black Girl is a noun and a verb," says Brown. A Black Girl can be a Black Girl... and she can Black Girl. Brown herself has done it "in six countries." Growing up in North Carolina, she Black Girl'd her hair her entire life. Her grandma made her sit for box braids when she was small, telling Brown that she was "tenderheaded." Later, Brown had relaxed hair, until she "went broke" and couldn't afford the process anymore. That was when she got ac-

quainted with her natural hair – although she returned to box braids at least once, and loved them all over again. As the child of a strict Pentecostal mother, Brown was a "late bloomer." She didn't drink alcohol until she was in her twenties. She was chaste when dating and she was a better church girl than a party girl. After she left the church, she began experimenting with wine first, then cocktails. She learned to cook, reasoning that the path to finding love started in a kitchen, one that happened

to be her grandmother's. And yes, love did eventually come in the form of a red-headed white man who was her friend before he became her boyfriend before he became her mother-sanctioned, grandma-approved husband. Overall, says Brown, there is no right method to do this. "There are so many ways to Black Girl, which means the way you Black Girl is beautiful, and the way I Black Girl is beautiful too." Looking for a collection of addictive, can't-read-just-one

essays that'll make you laugh but that also feel like author Amena Brown is peeking at your life? Want a book that speaks to every corner of your existence? Yeah, then you want "Never Tell a Black Girl How to Black Girl." You know how it is when you spot something so profound, so right, that you just have to call your friends and read it out loud to them? That's what you'll find here: truth told with humor that's also oozing with warmth. Add honesty that's smart and

bold and practically begging for a "Heck, YES!" and you've got your new favorite book. The essays here are short enough to read in a few minutes, but compelling enough to make you want more, so give yourself room. This is a book for twenty- and thirty-somethings, but also for their mothers and grandmas who can handle respectful irreverence and surefooted playfulness. Can men enjoy "Never Tell a Black Girl How to Black Girl"? Sure, but it's more for women, cross your heart.



ZACK WALLACE
Hinds County Circuit Clerk



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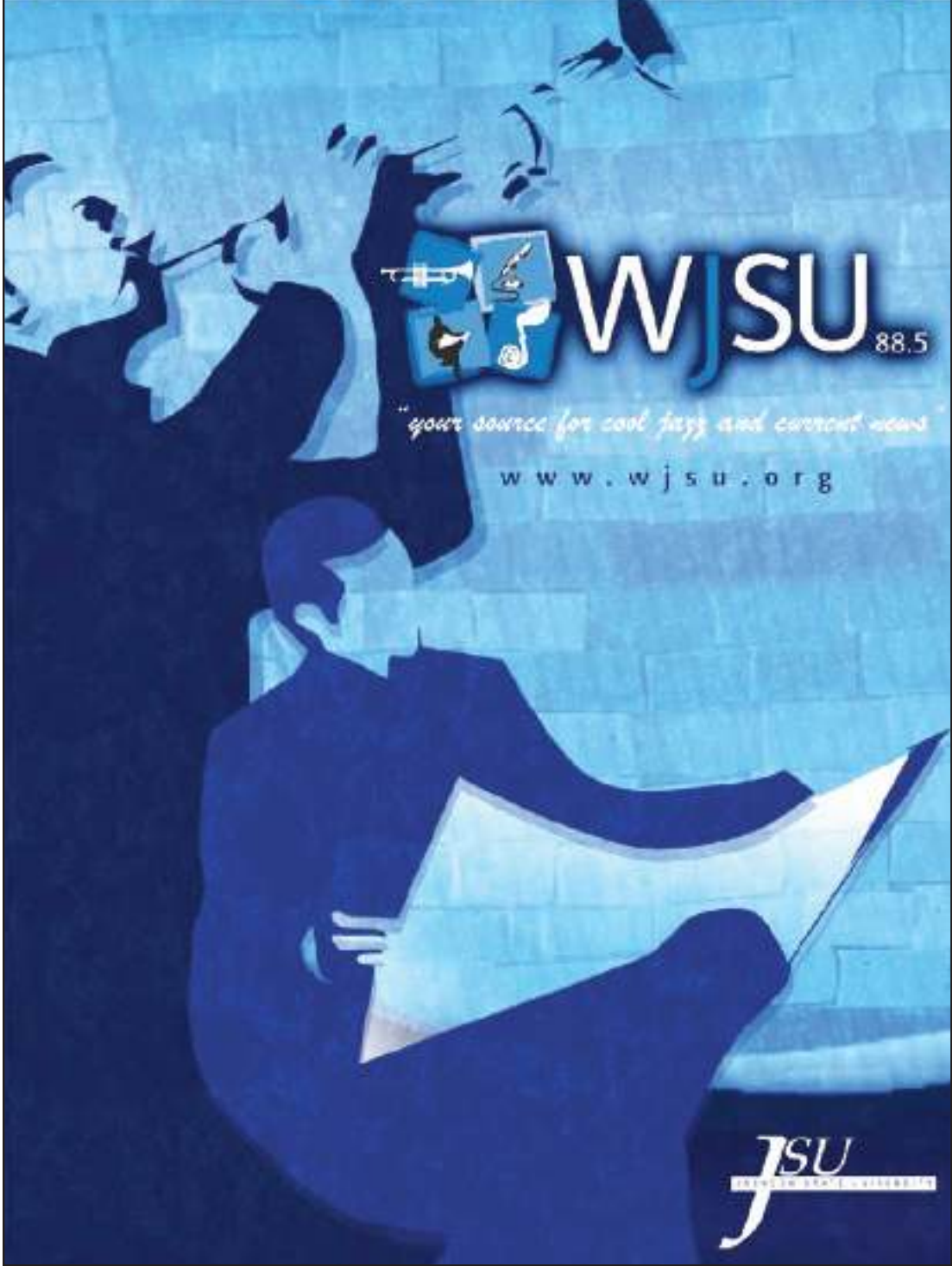
- You must be registered 30 days before the Election.
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HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

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2026-2027

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THURSDAY,
JULY 16, 2026



1:00 P.M. -
6:00 P.M.

Parents and guardians will complete student registration through the ActiveParent Portal, which also provides access to grades and attendance.

HOW TO GET STARTED



1. VISIT

the ActiveParent Portal.
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2. LOG IN

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3. COMPLETE

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for your student(s).



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Registration must be complete **PRIOR** to July 30 in order for students to attend class on the first day.
- In-person submission of proofs of residency is a required part of the registration process.

1ST DAY OF CLASS
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