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2018 CERTIFICATION Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

Silverton Water Association
Public Water System Name

130015, 130016, 130017, 130023
List PWS ID #s for all Community Water Systems included in this CCR

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires each Community Public Water System (PWS) to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers each year. Depending on the population served by the PWS, this CCR must be mailed or delivered to the customers, published in a newspaper of local circulation, or provided to the customers upon request. Make sure you follow the proper procedures when distributing the CCR. **You must email, fax (but not preferred) or mail, a copy of the CCR and Certification to the MSDH.** Please check all boxes that apply.

- Customers were informed of availability of CCR by: *(Attach copy of publication, water bill or other)*
 - Advertisement in local paper *(Attach copy of advertisement)*
 - On water bills *(Attach copy of bill)*
 - Email message *(Email the message to the address below)*
 - Other _____

Date(s) customers were informed: 6/1/2019 / / /2019

- CCR was distributed by U.S. Postal Service or other direct delivery. Must specify other direct delivery methods used _____

Date Mailed/Distributed: / /

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 - As a URL _____ *(Provide Direct URL)*
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 - As text within the body of the email message

- CCR was published in local newspaper. *(Attach copy of published CCR or proof of publication)*

Name of Newspaper: Daily Times Leader

Date Published: 6/19/19

- CCR was posted in public places. *(Attach list of locations)* Date Posted: / /2019
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the CCR has been distributed to the customers of this public water system in the form and manner identified above and that I used distribution methods allowed by the SDWA. I further certify that the information included in this CCR is true and correct and is consistent with the water quality monitoring data provided to the PWS officials by the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply

John McLean
Name/Title (Board President, Mayor, Owner, Admin. Contact, etc.)

6-20-2019
Date

Submission options (Select one method ONLY)

Mail: (U.S. Postal Service)
MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply
P.O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215

Email: water.reports@msdh.ms.gov

Fax: (601) 576 - 7800

Not a preferred method due to poor clarity

CCR Deadline to MSDH & Customers by July 1, 2019!

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Siloam Water 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

Is my water safe?	Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and Mississippi State Department of Health drinking water standards. This report is a snapshot of last years water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing the best information about the quality of your drinking water.
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Do I need to take special precautions?	Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791
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Where does my water come from?	Our water comes from 8 different wells that draw from the Eutaw, Gordo and McShan Aquifers.
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Source water assessment and its availability:	Our source water assessment is available on request.
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Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?	Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791
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How can I get involved?	Our board members meet the 2 nd Monday of every month at 5:00 pm at the Siloam Water Office. Our annual meeting is the 1 st Monday in April. The exact time and place will be printed on your water bill. This is a very important meeting and we encourage all of our members to attend.
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Contact Information	Harvey Cummings - Certified Operator P.O. Box 224 West Point, Ms 39773 Phone 662-494-1852 fax 662-494-8903
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CHLORINE

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	4	4	1.00	1.00	1.00	2018	N
Gates/Griffith	130015	4	4	1.30	1.20	1.30	2018	N
Pine Bluff	130017	4	4	1.00	1.20	1.20	2018	N
Una/Muldon	130023	4	4	1.20	1.20	1.40	2018	N

Typical Source : Water additive used to control microbes. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

NITRATE/NITRATE

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Violation	Sample Date
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18
Gates/Griffith	130015	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18
Pine Bluff	130017	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18
Una/Muldon	130023	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18

Typical Source: Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.

LEAD

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Violation	Sample Date
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	0	15	0.001	No	Sep-14
Gates/Griffith	130015	0	15	0.001	No	Sep-14
Pine Bluff	130017	0	15	0.002	No	Sep-17
Una/Muldon	130023	0	15	0.002	No	Sep-17

Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

COPPER

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Violation	Sample Date
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	1.3	1.3	0.20	No	Sep-14
Gates/Griffith	130015	1.3	1.3	0.00	No	Sep-14
Pine Bluff	130017	1.3	1.3	0.30	No	Sep-17
Una/Muldon	130023	1.3	1.3	0.40	No	Sep-17

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Additional Information on Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Siloam Water Association is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap water for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safeater/lead>. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing for \$10.00 per sample. Please contact 601-576-7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

Term	Definition
PPM	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
PPB	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
MCL-Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology
MCLG-Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
TT- Treatment Technique	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, contaminant in drinking water
AL- Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
MRDLG- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL-Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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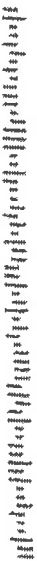
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COMMUNITY

Man's robbery conviction, sentence upheld

DTL STAFF REPORT

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Reby

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Rob is on the Chukar County Regional Prison with an Aug. 4, 2023 expected release date, according to the state Department of Corrections.

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Table with 2 columns: Question and Answer. Questions include: Is my water safe?, Do I need to take special precautions?, Where does my water come from?, Source water assessment and its availability?, Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?, How can I get involved?, Contact Information.

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Table titled COPPER with columns: Well, FWS, MCL, MCL, Year, Min, Violation, Sample Date.

Table titled Additional Information on Lead with columns: Term, Definition, FWS, MCL Maximum Contaminant Level, MCL Maximum Contaminant Level Out, IS - Statement to be used, MCLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, MCLD - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

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the revenues, and another one next year from the same account if the revenues can give us that.

The city budget update paid at the Springfield last summer with some funds.

Overall, budget cuts are expected to generate \$200,000 to cover \$300,000 in programmatic and salary.

Another \$182,768 in parks and recreation expenses will be one from the general fund.

In the city's debt service account, the 6.4 mills allocated for principal and interest payments will remain in the same.

Any increase in revenue from property value growth could be set aside in reserves to help further reduce future payments.

On Dec. 1, the city will make the final \$210,348 payment on \$3 million in bonds issued in 1999 for road work that will force us to put money next year for an anticipated bond issue for road and drainage work in 2021 city elections.

For the current year, through 11 months, revenue projections are at \$2.49 percent of projections while expenses are 94.13 percent of budget.

The city had projected a surplus of \$181,386 in the year ended June 30 but through 11 months, that surplus is only \$42,254, according to the city's May 31 financial report.

In the water, sewer and storm budget, a modest increase in revenues will come from increased business and not higher rates. That includes a major reduction of one of the city's two water treatment plants, according to the proposed Water, Sewer and Light 2020 operating budget.

The same goes for the electric department, where the budget is largely dependent on rates charged to the utility for electricity by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Under the proposed water and sewer budget, water sales are estimated at \$3,721,000, up from \$3,613,840 in the current year which ends June 30. Sewer sales are estimated at \$2,108,500, up from \$2,046,108.

Total revenues, including other small miscellaneous revenues, are projected at \$6,090,000. Operating expenses, including the \$500,000 reimbursement of the city's newly increased plant and sewer system projects, are projected at \$5,811,995 for a net operating surplus of \$278,005.

The department has been building its surplus in the last three years to be able to pay for major maintenance without having to raise rates. While at the same time keeping expenses in good shape, according to Mayor Robbie Robinson.

It also allows the utility to continue to build reserves for future improvements and maintenance.

On the electric side, the city projects \$10,582,000 in revenues, up from \$10,290,776 this year. Small increases in revenues are forecast across commercial, residential and industrial use.

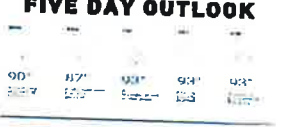
The budget's power supply expense is estimated at \$7,270,000, up from \$7,058,091 in the current year. The total expenses are \$10,530,053, leaving a surplus of \$278,047, which is within the range of the last four years. Like the water and sewer, reserves build up slowly to help pay for unforeseen expenses such as storm damage and clean up as well as upgrades, like the city's plan to convert from the outdated 46 KV transmission system to the TVA's 161 KV network.

Robbie Robinson said he will save the city money in the long run, provide more flexibility and better serve future industrial clients.

Today's weather



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TUESDAY, JUNE 4 - 31
*Volks Chorus Sale: The West Point Chorus members Club has had a sale in honor of the 10th annual sale. The sale will be held at the West Point Chorus members Club. For more information call for details. 465-1111. Fax: 275-0003. 58. Last: 295-0653 or Allen Quinn 275-3912.

MONDAY, JUNE 18 - 20
*Class Reunion: The West Point High School class of 1929 will reunite at 30 year reunion at 6 pm, June 18 at the Mary Holmes College gym.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 - 30
*Senior Fun Day: Senior Fun Day will be held at the West Point Senior Center. The event will be held at the West Point Senior Center. For more information call for details. 275-2412. 275-2412 or 275-2412.

AUGUST 9-11
*West Point Alumni Reunion: The annual National West Point Reunion will be held at the West Point Alumni Center. For more information call for details. 275-2412.

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JULY 10-12, 2019
*Summer Retreat: The Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, located at 10026 Highway 45 Alternate in West Point, will host summer retreat from July 10-12, 2019, with a different speaker at 7 pm each day for 3. See the pastor.

SATURDAY, JULY 20
*Pro-Peace Anniversary Banquet: Pro-Peace Ridge M.B. Church in Woodland is having a Pro-Peace Anniversary Banquet at 6 pm in the church fellowship hall Saturday July 20.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
*Pastor Appreciation: Progress St. Church of God Pastors are having a Pastor and Wife Appreciation Service for Bishop William Giddens and Sister Lou Giddens at 3 pm. Guest speaker is Bishop W.D. Hill of the Dallas Temple COG. Celebrating our leaders for their years of service and dedication.

MONDAY, JUNE 24-27
*Summer Retreat: Wilbur Grove M.B. Church on Wilbur Gardens Road will host its summer retreat from June 24-27 with the Sunday program at 8 pm and the Monday through Thursday programs at 7 pm. The past speaker is Rev. Gerald Wilbur, pastor of First Wily Church in Houston.

JUNE 25 - 27
*Retreat: Charlotte Grove M.B. Church is holding its annual Summer Retreat from June 25 - 27, 7 pm, with Rev. John Lee, pastor of Anson M.B. Church, Mississippi, as guest speaker.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
*Fourth District Meeting: The Fourth District Mission meeting is 3 pm Sunday June 30, at Poplar Grove Missionary Baptist Church on West Church Hill Road in West Point. Welcome speakers are the District Superintendent.

SUNDAY, JULY 7
*Homecoming: Hopewell M.B. Church is celebrating Homecoming at 11 am Sunday July 7, during morning services. Guest speaker is Rev. Darren Hanks Sr. of Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

MONDAY, JULY 8 - 12
*VBS: Progress St. Church of God is having Vacation Bible School from 8 - 8 pm. The theme will be 'The Incredible Race'. Everyone is invited to attend.

ONGOING
*Old Fashioned Country Breakfast: 'In My A.M.' Church is offering an Old Fashioned Country Breakfast every Saturday morning at Poplar Grove Missionary Baptist Church from 7 - 10 am. Breakfast is \$7. Proceeds go to church expenses.

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Selectmen set hearing on 'no-frills' budget

BY STEVE ROGERS
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The public gets its first official look at the proposed 2019-20 city budget Thursday evening, but it's a little different than what's been discussed previously.

Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed spending plan at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at City Hall. Selectmen will consider final approval during a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. June 27 at City Hall.

The proposal includes few changes from the current budget with revenues projected at \$8,193,471, up from the \$7,837,157 in the current budget which ends June 30.

Under the proposed spending plan, expenses will be \$8,150,460. If every revenue and expense category fit exactly, the budget would add \$42,991 to the city's rainy-day fund.

"It's a razor-thin margin," Mayor Robbie Robinson told selectmen last week.

Property taxes would remain at 37.05 mills with 29.4 for the general fund which includes police, fire and public works, 1.25 mills for the library and 6.4 mills for debt service.

Revenues get a \$230,000 boost in sales tax revenue from paying off an overpayment debt made three years ago. That, plus some increase in property values, account for most of the projected revenues increase.

The city won't know actual property tax revenue estimates until the county tax assessor finishes assessments in August. But even a 3 percent increase in property values would not make a major difference in revenues.

The revenues include a projected \$2,062,718 in property taxes, \$340,000 in vehicle taxes, \$830,000 in trash collection fees, and \$2.2 million in sales tax revenues.

The total police budget is \$2,252,070, the fire department budget is \$1,568,341, while streets, public works and sanitation is \$2,485,693.

The increase in the employer's contribution to the state retirement system from 15.75 percent to 17.4 percent to shore up the underfunded plan will cost the city about \$65,000.

Financing the city's new MSWMD radio communications system will cost \$46,023 and paving for two new garbage trucks will cost \$69,822.

Other requests like equipment and more personnel have been put off for now.

The police department is getting a fifth school resource officer. The school district pays half that salary as part of a goal to eventually have an officer at every school. The district has one at both high school campuses, Fifth Street School and West Clay Elementary. The new one will go to South Side Elementary. That will leave Church Hill and East Side without an officer.

The budget does not include a pay raise for the city's 130 full- and part-time workers. The average city salary is about \$32,000, according to human resources director Delores Doss. A 3 percent raise would cost the city roughly \$130,000, including taxes, social security and retirement, she said.

If the city follows true to form, it will look at the pay raise issue in January after it has a grasp on one of its biggest expenses — health insurance premiums — which renew at the beginning of the year.

Last year, premiums declined slightly, saving both the city and employees.

By then, selectmen also will have a better idea of property tax collections and any growth in the value of mill.

The budget does have some long-range opportunities. The Fire Department pays off two smaller trucks in the current year, freeing up some revenues in the 2020-21 year.

An increase in revenues from the city's 1 percent parks and rec tax is allowing the city to shift a few thousand dollars in expenses allocated to the Jose Harmon Sportsplex, which was paid for with the recreation tax, from the general fund to the rec tax revenues.

The recreation department also will pave one of the parking lots at the Sportsplex using

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GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE END



Some wiring for the security system, screens for the secure parking areas, and furniture for the inside are the only things that remain for the new Clay County Justice Center to be finished in the old Jinxey Jungle/Pass It On building on Main Street in West Point. The parking lots were striped last week and the furniture should arrive in about a month. The county may hold an open house on the \$3.3 million, 20,500-square-foot facility next month before offices start moving in in August. That process may take as much as a month.

Man indicted for school worker assault

DTL STAFF REPORT

A 35-year-old Clay County man is indicted by the Clay County Grand Jury in April for assaulting a West Point School District employee.

Jarvis Orr was served the indictment Monday and released after posting a \$5,000 bond.

According to Clay County Circuit Court records, Orr is accused of grabbing Amanda Ivy by the arm and pulling her off

a school bus on Dec. 11, 2018. Assaulting a school employee who is doing her job is a felony under Mississippi law.

In an unrelated case, 48-year-old Michael Charles Rias, of Clay

County, is back in jail for a parole violation. He'd been released from prison on April 9, according to court records.

Rias' record dates back to 1991



Orr

when he was placed on probation in Chicago for drug possession. He got three years in Clay County

in 1994 for forgery.

Then in January 2006, he got 20 years for forgery and grand larceny. The larceny stemmed from the March 7, 2003 theft of thousands of dol-



Rias

lars worth of checks and expensive jewelry belonging to the late Bennie Turner, who was a lawyer and state senator at the time.

As part of his plea agreement, an escape charge was retired.

Rias had gotten out of prison before this latest release but on these occasions, violated his parole or probation and was sent back to prison.

WPCCAS seeks donations, community's help as summer rolls in

BY DONNA SUMMERALL
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Summer is a busy time for everyone. With vacations, children home from school, older children home from college, some things, like donating time, just slip people's minds.

For those agencies who do not take government funding, summer produces specific problems. The West Point Clay County Animal Shelter is one of those agencies.

"Summer is our hardest time," Lisa Henley, director of the WPCCAS, said. "We are already at capacity with kittens. We have lots of puppies. It's the time of year that we can use the community's help."

Until the public spays and neuters all pets, the animal shelter will always be needed.

"A lot of the kittens that are coming in are wild," LeeAnn Simpson, veterinarian at the WPCCAS, said. "We would appreciate people who can come and socialize kittens. We only have a small window of time to tame them before they are too old to trust humans."



A couple of the kittens available for adoption from the West Point Clay County Animal Shelter.

She said it would be great to have people who will pet them and let them climb all over them.

"They need to experience love and affection from people," Simpson said. "They will develop trust and can be adopted. When people are

unters must be 18 and over to walk large dogs and to be at the shelter without adult supervision. There is a exception for those needing community service hours for school. But there are release forms the parents must sign.

"We are also in need of Fancy Feast kitten canned food," Melanie Elmore, of the WPCCAS, said. "We need Mr. Clean, bleach, zip lock bags gallon size, Purina Dog Chow, Purina Puppy Chow Complete, 9 Lives cat food, Purina Cat Chow, paper towels, cat litter. We could use almost anything people would like to donate. We have a wish list available at the shelter."

The shelter is also in need of monetary donations that pay for vaccines, flea and tick treatment, worming and other medical needs for the animals.

"We truly appreciate the support we receive from the community," Henley said. "We just need a hand making through the summer."

For more information, call the WPCCAS 524-4430.

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Roby

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On Dec. 1, the city will make the final \$230,343 payment on \$3 million in bonds issued in 1999 for road work. That will free up that money next year for an anticipated bond issue for road and drainage work in 2020-21 heading into the 2021 city elections.

For the current year, through 11 months, revenue projections are at 92.49 percent of projections while expenses are 94.13 percent of budget. The city had projected a surplus of \$181,386 when the year ended June 30 but through 11 months, that surplus is only \$42,354, according to the city's May 31 financial report.

In the water, sewer and electric budgets, a modest increase in revenue will come from increased business and not higher rates. That includes a major rehabilitation of one of the city's two water treatment plants, according to the proposed West Point Water and Light 2020 operating budget.

The same goes for the Electric Department, where the budget is largely dependent on rates charged to the utility for electricity by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Under the proposed water and sewer budget, water sales are estimated at \$3,723,000, up from \$3,613,840 in the current year which ends June 30. Sewer sales are estimated at \$2,108,000, up from \$2,046,108. Total revenues, including other small miscellaneous resources, are projected at \$6,090,000.

Operating expenses, including the \$500,000 refurbishment of the city's north treatment plant and some other large water and sewer system projects, are projected at \$5,811,995 for a net operating surplus of \$278,005. The department has been building its surplus in the last three years to be able to pay for major maintenance without having to raise rates, while at the same time keeping equipment in good shape, according to Mayor Robbie Robinson. It also allows the utility to continue to build reserves for future improvements and maintenance.

On the electric side, the city projects \$10,582,000 in revenues, up from \$10,220,176 this year. Small increases in revenues are forecast across commercial, residential and industrial sales.

The budget's power supply expense is estimated at \$7,270,000, up from \$7,458,931 in the current year. The total expenses are \$10,303,053, leaving a surplus of \$278,947, which is within the range of the last four years. Like the water and sewer, reserves build up slowly to help pay for unforeseen expenses such as storm damage or clean up as well as upgrades, like the city's plan to convert from the outdated 46 kV transmission system to the TVA's 161 kV network which will save the city money in the long run, provide more flexibility and better serve future industrial clients.

Weather forecast section including 'Today's weather' with a map and a 'FIVE DAY OUTLOOK' table showing temperatures and conditions for the next five days.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT POLICIES
All 'Community Announcements' are published as a community service on a first-come, first-served basis...

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 - 31
Vidua Onion Sale - The West Point Cotton Lunches Club has Vidua onions for sale. The 10 pound bags are \$10 each...

MONDAY, JUNE 24 - 28
Class Reunion - The West Point High School class of 1989 will celebrate its 30-year reunion at 6 p.m. June 15, at the Mary Holmes College gym.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - 30
Section Fun Day - Section Fun Day is celebrating its ninth year. Everyone is invited to Section Fun Day for the event Friday is Growin' Folk Party-Langston Saturday is Kids and Family Day Sunday is Kickback and Chill.

AUGUST 9-11
West Point Alumni Reunion - The annual National West Point West and Light 2020 operating budget.

CHURCH CALENDAR

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT POLICIES
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JULY 10-12, 2019
Summer Revival - The Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church located at 10026 Highway 45 Alternata North in West Point will host summer revival services July 10-12, 2019...

SATURDAY, JULY 20
Pre-Pastor Anniversary Banquet - Pleasant Ridge M.B. Church in Woodland is having a Pre-Pastor Anniversary Banquet at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall, Saturday, July 20.

SUNDAY, JULY 23
Pastor Appreciation - Progress St. Church of God Pastor, is having a Pastor and Wife Appreciation Service for Bishop William Golden and Sister Lou Golden at 3 p.m. Guest speaker is Bishop W.D. H.J. Jr. of the Daniels Temple COG.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23-27
Summer Revival - Walker Grove M.B. Church on Walker Sanders Road will host its summer revival June 23-27 with the Sunday program at 6 p.m. and the Monday through Thursday programs at 7 p.m.

JUNE 25 - 27
Revival - Chandler Grove M.B. Church is holding its annual Summer Revival June 25 - 27, 7 p.m. with Rev. John Lee Bowers of Ansook M.B. Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as guest speaker.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
Fourth District Meeting - The Fourth District Mission meeting is 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at Pilgrim Grove Missionary Baptist Church on West Church Hill Road in West Point. Wilene Jefferson is the District Superintendent.

SUNDAY, JULY 7
Homecoming - Hopewell M.B. Church is celebrating Homecoming at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 7, during morning services. Guest speaker is Rev. Darren Harris Sr. of Mt. Pisgah M.B. Church.

MONDAY, JULY 8 - 12
VBS - Progress St. Church of God is having Vacation Bible School, 6 - 8 p.m. The theme will be 'The Incredible Race. Everyone is invited to attend.'

ONGOING
Old Fashioned Country Breakfast - Tinty A.M.E. Church is offering an Old Fashioned Country Breakfast every Saturday morning at Pig Out Restaurant from 7 - 10 a.m. Basic breakfast is \$7, proceeds go to church missions.

Siloam Water 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

Summary table for water quality report with sections: 'Is my water safe?', 'Do I need to take special precautions?', 'Where does my water come from?', 'Source water assessment and its availability', 'Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?', 'How can I get involved?', 'Contact Information'.

Table for CHLORINE water quality data with columns: Well, PWS ID#, MCLG, MCL, Your Water, Low, High, Sample Date, Violation.

Table for NITRATE/NITRATE water quality data with columns: Well, PWS ID#, MCLG, MCL, Your Water, Violation, Sample Date.

Table for LEAD water quality data with columns: Well, PWS ID#, MCLG, MCL, Your Water, Violation, Sample Date.

Table for COPPER water quality data with columns: Well, PWS ID#, MCLG, MCL, Your Water, Violation, Sample Date.

Additional information on Lead
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

Table with definitions for terms like PPM, PFB, MCLG, MCL, T1, T2, AL, MRL, and MRL2.

LOCAL



The traditional laying of the wreath done each year at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in memory of civil rights activists killed in 1964 in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Mississippi Church recognized for role in passage of 1964 Civil Rights Act

BY SARAH RAINES
Special to Daily Times Leader

After 55 years, a Neshoba County church and integral part of the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill unveiled a plaque designating it as a historic landmark in the United States of America.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Mississippi hosted its annual Commemorative Memorial Service in honor of three civil rights workers killed while investigating crimes done toward people of the church.

On June 16, 1964, members of the church were beaten and the building was burned by local Ku Klux Klan members. Church member Jewel Ruth McDonald remembers the night her mother, Georgia Ruth, and brother, Lobe Ruth, were attacked while leaving the church. McDonald, 18 at the time, had stayed home to babysit, and her brother had driven her mother to the church.

"They burned the building down after all the people left that night," McDonald said. "The Klan burned the church down, and I guess that was to keep anyone from using the building as a freedom school."

Occasion Speaker Eva Tisdale explained the story of the event, the memorial for which filled the church's pews on Sunday afternoon. Civil rights workers who had previously visited the church to try and encourage voting in Mississippi returned to investigate the beatings of members and burning of the church. "These men, Michael Schwerner of

New York, James Chaney of Meridian, and Andrew Goodman of New York City, were murdered on June 21, 1964.

The new plaque stands in front of Mount Zion United Methodist Church on Road 747 in eastern Neshoba County, beside a memorial dedicated to the three civil rights workers murdered.

The plaque says, "On June 1, 1964, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were murdered for investigating the burning of this church and the beating of its members. Their demise led to the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. That is how this church became a historical landmark effective July 13, 2018."

Pastor James Dye said the church has maintained faith, continually worshipping God, and trying to show the community the value of what it means to be free and work toward dreams that allow the next generations to live with truth and the right relationships.

"I'm glad people are mindful of the contribution made here, and made tributes to the legacy," Dye said.

Philadelphia Mayor James Young and Supervisor Obbie Riley attended and lit candles in memory of the three workers during the memorial service.

"The unveiling of the memorial and the historical marker being designated as a historical landmark is very important to this community," Young said. "It actually solidifies the effort and the events that have taken place on these grounds. It impacted the nation, it impacted the world. For it no

de designated as a historical landmark is just wonderful for us."

Young described the church as hallowed ground for the Civil Rights Movement, and the award given by Miami University remembered the efforts of Civil Rights activists and everything they lost in their effort.

During the memorial service, representatives from Miami University in Ohio, where the civil rights workers trained before their first visit based around voting in Mississippi, presented the 2019 Civil Rights and Social Justice Award to Ernest Siskey, chairman of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell, director of the Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice, and the Alliance of Concerned Men, a group based out of Washington DC which works with high-risk youth prone to gun violence.

Miami University also presented the second ever Freedom Summer of 1964 Award to Mount Zion United Methodist Church, the first of which was given to Congressman John Lewis last year.

Miami University Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion Ronald B. Scott said the college is always trying to promote activism among young people to keep improvements coming.

"There are all the injustices around gender, around race, about immigration, around sexual orientation," Scott said. "We've made a lot of progress, but we've got a lot of ways to go before people can say, 'it is what it is.' Until everybody is included, the work is not completely done."

Webster woman sues county, former sheriff after acid attack

BY RYAN PHILLIPS
editor@dailytimesleader.com

A woman is taking civil action in federal court against Webster County and several county officials, including the former sheriff who is currently in jail, after her husband was temporarily released from jail and attacked her with sulphuric acid at her home last year.

In the complaint, filed Monday in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi in Aberdeen, Felicia Robinson claimed that on Sept. 1, 2018, Daren Patterson — a pretrial detainee and inmate at the Webster County Jail — was released by then-sheriff Tim Mitchell for a weekend furlough. The complaint alleges later that evening Patterson tried to kill Robinson by pouring her with a car at the rear.

An incident report was prepared by the Eupora Police Department following the altercation and in the preliminary statement filed Monday, it said Mitchell was informed of the attack.

However, Robinson's legal counsel argues Mitchell released Patterson for another weekend furlough on Nov. 2, 2018, knowing that Patterson would return to terrorize his wife.

The night of the incident, Patterson — out on furlough — punched a hole in the wall of Robinson's house. Robinson then called former sheriff's dispatcher Santana Townsend for help.

Court filings allege Townsend gave the phone to another inmate to speak to Patterson and after talking with the inmate, Patterson was "seething with unbridled fury until he drenched Mrs. Robinson's nearly naked body with sulfuric acid."

Robinson's attorney says she suffered 16 second- and third-degree burns.

The complaint says Townsend has since been terminated from her dispatcher position at the sheriff's department.

Patterson — who was convicted in 2014 of felony possession of cocaine (second offense) — is currently being held at the Chickasaw County Jail in Houston, Mississippi. Prior to the alleged attack on his wife, Patterson had been sentenced to serve eight years, with four in prison and four under post-release supervision.

Court documents show Patterson was released in January 2018, but that May, while he was on probation, Patterson assaulted a Eupora police officer and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

Later that year in September, prior to the first documented incident with Robinson, Mitchell, who had yet to be charged and removed as sheriff, made Patterson a trustee at the Webster County Jail, giving him special privileges. Mitchell and Townsend were indicted in January for corruption, with Mitchell pleading guilty to some of several charges on June 12, which prompted his immediate resignation.

The complaint says while Patterson was being held in pre-trial detention in Webster County, Mitchell authorized him to "enjoy an unsupervised weekend jail pass," despite knowing that he had recently caused bodily harm to a local police officer.

On the night of Sept. 1, an intoxicated Patterson became involved in a public altercation with Robinson at a pool hall in Eupora, which resulted in Patterson striking his wife in the face and attempting to run over her with a



Mitchell

car as he fled on foot.

Records show Patterson was charged with leaving the scene of an accident by the Eupora Police Department on Sept. 4, 2018 and Mitchell was notified of the incident.

Despite the previous violent altercation, Mitchell granted Patterson a second unsupervised furlough on Oct. 11, 2018 for one night. Robinson's attorneys claim Patterson, constrained by time, did not assault his wife during this furlough period.

However, on Nov. 2, 2018, Mitchell granted Patterson a third furlough for a weekend celebration, requiring him to return to jail on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.

Even with his history in consideration, Robinson claims Mitchell acted with "reckless disregard" for her health and safety by giving Patterson an unsupervised weekend furlough.

The afternoon Patterson was released for the third time, the couple was at a pool hall in Eupora when Patterson threw a beer can at his wife and punched her in the face. The next day, he threatened to burn her house down and continue to verbally and physically abuse her.

As the situation escalated throughout the day — including Patterson burling a hole in the wall of her home — Robinson called Townsend, a relative, knowing she would be at work as a sheriff's dispatcher. The complaint says Robinson felt confident Townsend would send a deputy, but instead, she handed the phone to another inmate to speak with Patterson. Records indicate the two talked for about seven minutes.

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IN BRIEF

Tornado damages homes in Mississippi; no injuries reported

RAYMOND, Miss. (AP) — Forecasters say a tornado caused some damage in Hinds County — a somewhat uncommon storm for June in central Mississippi.

The National Weather Service says the EF-1 twister struck Monday near Raymond, Mississippi. No injuries were reported.

The weather service's Jackson office says Monday's tornado was only the 5th June twister to affect its forecast area in the past two decades. Photos posted by WLBT-TV showed damage to a few houses, snapped trees and a swirl pattern in the grass.

Raymond is about 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of Jackson.

Air Force major drowns onboard Caribbean cruise ship

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force major has drowned while on a cruise in the Caribbean.

The Broward County, Florida, medical examiner's office says 37-year-old Stephen Onakue drowned Friday on board a Caribbean Princess ship.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports ship personnel were unable to revive him. Cruise line spokesman Nagin Kamali said the death appears to be an accident.

Onakue was a research pharmacist stationed at Columbus Air Base in Mississippi. He was on the cruise with his wife.

Police: 2 men arrested in 2014 killing in Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Police have arrested two men in connection with a 2014 killing in Mississippi.

News outlets report 28-year-old Jonathan Beasley and 28-year-old Robert Hurst were charged with murder Monday in the death of 26-year-old James McAllister. McAllister was shot in January 2014. Robbery was believed to be the motive.

Jackson police say Beasley and Hurst were found with help from the U.S. Marshals Service.

It's unknown whether either man has an attorney.

2 Mississippi judges recuse themselves from Siemens case

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Two judges have recused themselves from hearing the city of Jackson's lawsuit against the Siemens company over a multimillion-dollar contract.

WAPT-TV says Judge Tommie Green cited prior official and governmental relationships with both plaintiffs and defendants. Judge Adrienne Wooten was assigned the case next and issued her recusal three days later, citing prior information and knowledge about the case.

Siemens was hired in 2012 on a \$90 million contract to install new water meters along with a new billing system. The city is seeking \$225 million from the company and four contractors, accusing them of failing to deliver and oversteering a fraud that cost the city last water revenue and damaged its credit worthiness.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of West Point, Mississippi Board of Mayor and Selectmen will meet on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at West Point City Hall, 580 Commerce Street for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 budgets.

Final approval will be 5:30pm on June 27, 2019 at West Point City Hall, 580 Commerce Street

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OPINION

Many Democrats happy to see Bernie Sanders on the downward slope

BY FROMA HARROP
Syndicated Columnist

History will best remember Bernie Sanders for his role in helping elect Donald Trump. Happily for many (if not most) Democrats, Sanders is now taking big time.

The earlier assumption was that the 2020 Democratic race would boil down to a brawl between Sanders and Joe Biden. Now we see Elizabeth Warren edging Sanders out for second place in a few polls. Biden, meanwhile, remains comfortably ahead of both of them.

What did Sanders do wrong in 2016? It wasn't challenging Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination. That was fair. Rather, it was his savaging her long after she had become the obvious victor. By May 3, Trump had become the presumptive Republican nominee, but Sanders withheld his endorsement for Clinton until July 12. The game was political extortion, threatening the Democratic Party and its candidate with chaos at the national convention if his demands weren't met.

Interesting that some prominent leftists, Bernie people in the past, have recently moved to Warren, the other populist progressive. Katrina vanheule, publisher of the left-wing Nation magazine, sang Warren's praises in a Washington Post column that barely acknowledged Sanders' existence — and even those rare mentions seemed designed to appease the democratic socialist's avid fandom. An oddity of the Sanders phenomenon has been its obsessive need to lecture the public on the beauties of socialism. In a recent spiel, Sanders went to great lengths to brand popular Medicare as a socialist-style program.

Is Medicare isn't socialism? It is, however, socialized insurance. But let's not quibble. We can easily believe that conservatives in those gated retirement communities would grab their pitchforks if their Medicare benefits were menaced. But they might also turn the weapons around to anyone who calls them socialists. Sanders is not going to change their mindset.

Calling Medicare socialism does not help Medicare's cause. When the health insurance program for the elderly was debated in the early 1960s, Ronald Reagan raged that Medicare would be a "socialized program." If it wasn't stopped, he warned, "you and I are going to spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in America when men were free."

The last thing Medicare's backers would have said at the time is that Medicare would be great because it's socialism. The long-running problem with Sanders is that he seems more interested in selling the socialism label than the products that allegedly lie behind it.

Sanders might find solace in a poll showing that almost 3 in 4 Democrats are cool with socialism. But one snag: that more like 11 out of 10 Democrats are not at all OK with re-electing Trump.

And that's why affection on the left are steering toward Warren. She is a progressive, to be sure. Some of her proposals may be attractive, others less so. But when asked how she feels about capitalism, she says things like, "I am a capitalist to my bones," and "I believe in markets." Thus, she'd be far more electable than Sanders.

That Warren used to be a Republican — something some heretic hunters on the left use against her — is an attraction in my book. It suggests an understanding about how independents and moderate Republicans hear political messages.

Warren has her demerits. She can grate with her beattering and incendiary rhetoric. And that weird dance over her claimed Cherokee heritage made one question her judgment. Why in the world, after Donald Trump challenged the claim, did she release a DNA test that showed it to be almost entirely untrue?

So Biden remains the strongest candidate to smite Trumpism. And a burden will be lifted off Democrats once Sanders again becomes the curiosity from Vermont that he once was.

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Mississippi's fuel tax debate renews again between politicians, business leaders

BY SID SALTER
Syndicated Columnist

STARKVILLE — Speaking to the Delta Council Annual Meeting in Cleveland recently, United Parcel Service chairman and chief executive officer David Abney — a Mississippi Delta native who leads the world's largest package delivery company — strongly advocated increases in both federal and state fuel taxes to fund future highway construction and maintenance at a time when both national and state infrastructure stands in irremediable need to repair and improvement.

Mississippi's 18.4 cents per gallon state gas tax (CPG) is a flat tax. When we paid \$3.965 a gallon for gas in 2008, the tax was 18.4 CPG. When we pay \$2.35 per gallon at the pump this week, the state tax is still 18.4 CPG. The only way the state takes in more revenue in gas taxes is for the volume of gas consumed to increase — and automobiles are now manufactured to require less fuel consumption that a decade ago.

The state fuel tax rates haven't increased since 1987, the last time the state was particularly serious about improving our highway system.

The federal fuel tax is likewise 18.4 cents per gallon and haven't changed since 1993. Neither the federal nor state fuel taxes have kept pace with inflation. Indexed for inflation, both federal and state fuel tax rates would be 31 cents per gallon and far closer to actually funding what's needed to build and adequately

maintain the national and state infrastructures.

Abney delivered his Delta Council call for higher federal and state fuels taxes while Republican Gov. Phil Bryant and Republican Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves — both of whom opposed increased fuel taxes — were sitting behind him on the stage. In the audience was outgoing Republican Central District Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall, a strong proponent of raising federal and state fuel taxes who has been publicly calling for the hikes for most of the last decade.

The 2019 Republican gubernatorial primary is finding the issue of raising the state gas tax to be a bright line issue separating the candidates. Reeves, the frontrunner, and GOP State Rep. Robert Fowler of Hernando have stated their opposition to higher fuel taxes. Former Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller, like Hall, is actively calling for a state fuel tax increase to fund roads and bridges.

Waller says his support is contingent on a related "tax swap" in the form of reduced income taxes, although his exact plans for accomplishing that "swap" have not been revealed.

The GOP gubernatorial race differences on a proposed gas tax hike are interesting in that Republican President Donald Trump has floated trial political boltonism supporting a federal gas tax hike to fund infrastructure.

Leading Mississippi Democratic gubernatorial contender Jim Hood has rebuked the state's GOP legislative leader-

ship for failing to enact fuel tax hikes but has stopped short of full support of the tax hikes by suggesting that there are other ways to fund infrastructure construction and maintenance. Details of those "other ways" have not been circulated by Hood's campaign.

If Mississippi is like the rest of the country, the top issues in the 2019 gubernatorial race are health care and jobs, but with over 500 bridges closed and numerous state roads in need of maintenance and repair the issue of road and bridge finance in Mississippi isn't far down that list of issues.

It's beyond interesting that many of the same political voices who spent decades shouting down the collection of internet sales and use taxes and enacting a state lottery are now loudly claiming that those initiatives are the very reasons Mississippi should avoid higher fuel taxes.

But Abney was right at Delta Council in calling for a sustainable, highway user-driven system of funding road and bridge maintenance through reasonable increases in both the federal and state fuel taxes. Not politically popular, mind you, but fiscally sound.

What impact, if any, the fuel tax issue has on the GOP primary may prove negligible. But it is a key difference between frontrunner Reeves and Waller, perceived to be his closest GOP competitor.

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COMMUNITY

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Alumni Reunion is Aug. 9-11 in Chicago. If Transportation will be available for those attending the reunion or anyone who would like to visit their family for the weekend. The bus will leave the old Kroger parking lot at 11:55 p.m. on Aug. 8 and will return on Aug. 12 at 2 a.m. For information, call Bettye Swift at 605-0741, Mary Gibbs at 494-1140, or Arie Vance at 275-0003.

ONGOING

• Youth Challenge Academy is taking applications for class #46. Earn a high school diploma, and tuition is free. Challenge Academy

MONTHLY

• Civic meetings — The West Point Civic Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at noon in the Training Room of

NHWC-West Point. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

• West Point Alumni Chapter Meetings — The West Point Alumni Chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Highbooks School building on Fifth St. at noon. All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

• American Legion Meeting — American Legion Post 212 will meet every third Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. at their headquarters on Morrow St. All members are urged to attend.

• City Board Meetings — The City Board of West Point holds its meetings the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Work Sessions are held every Monday prior to the board meeting at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

• AARP Meeting — The Clay County AARP will meet every third Thursday, at 5:30 PM, at the Clay County Sheriff Department.

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LOCAL



A bus fell onto its side on a busy Mississippi highway Monday, causing more than 20 high school students to be hospitalized.

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More than 20 Mississippi students hospitalized in bus crash

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MCCARLEY, Miss. (AP) — A bus fell onto its side on a busy Mississippi highway Monday, causing more than 20 high school students to be hospitalized.

A hospital with severe injuries, Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Ronnie Shive told The Greenwood Community. Shive said 20 others who were hospitalized had bruises and abrasions. The bus was carrying 40 students and three football

coaches back to Greenwood from a football camp in Starkville, Greenwood school district spokeswoman Margaret Dean said, adding that head football coach Clinton Gatewood was driving. An initial investigation shows Gatewood lost control

of the bus and that it ran off the right edge of the pavement, Shive said. Gatewood overcorrected and crossed over the left edge of the road, Shive said, with the bus then flipping onto its side as Gatewood tried to averse back to the right.

Gatewood spoke briefly to the newspaper before he hung up, saying, "I want to be with my kids now."

Carroll County Emergency Management Director Ken Strachan said no other vehicles were involved in the crash on U.S. 82 between Winona

and Carrollton, on the edge of Mississippi's Delta region. Shive says state troopers and Carroll County sheriff's deputies had difficulty accounting for students and coaches as parents arrived in their own vehicles and took groups of stu-

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Robinson's legal counsel argues that aside from Townsend handing the phone to another trustee, none of the official defendants listed in the complaint made any attempt to assist her, despite being terrorized by an inmate in their custody.

After the call ended, Patterson allegedly became more enraged and threw his wife on the bathroom floor of her home and punched her repeatedly until she blacked out. He then poured Liquid Fire drain clear, which contains sulfuric acid, over her nearly naked body causing severe corrosive burns to her face, chest, arms and legs.

Robinson managed to escape to a neighbor's home, but Patterson gave chase, allegedly grabbing her by the

hair and forcing her to return to her home, all while refusing to take her to the hospital. Despite being taken back to her home, Robinson managed to grab her keys and escaped in her car and eventual sought treatment at a hospital.

The attack left Robinson in severe pain and caused disfigurement. To date, Robinson says her health care providers have performed services valued at more than \$878,000.

On Nov. 20, a couple of weeks after the acid attack, Patterson's post-release supervision was revoked due to the assault on a officer charge and he was sentenced to serve the remaining four years of his 2014 sentence. He was indicted for aggravated assault and kidnapping by a Webster County Grand Jury in May.

In the civil complaint, Robinson cited the severe and permanent scarring on her body as well as other several physical and psychological impediments, in addition to having her constitutional rights violated by persons acting under color of law.

Robinson is currently seeking damages to cover court costs, medical charges and damage to her property, along with non-pecuniary damages such as severe pain and emotional harm. She is also seeking relief in the form of a court order governing the processes of pretrial detainees being released on weekend passes without direct supervision.

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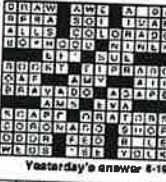
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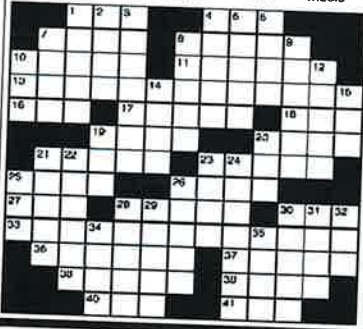
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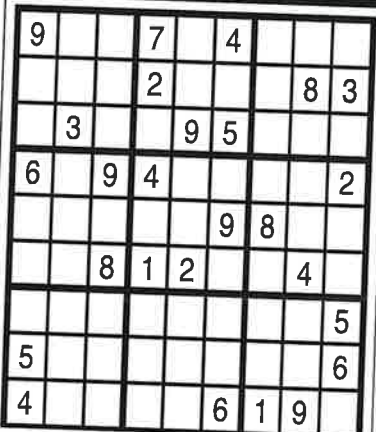
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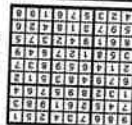


SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.



HOROSCOPE

by Jacqueline Wilson

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Keep an eye on different situations before taking any action. You are likely to see new facts and information come out. You might have a lot to think about, especially matters involving your finances. Your spontaneity tends to jolt others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You might feel as if you need to be quieter and do more listening. You can always change your mind if you decide that the path you are on is not the correct choice. Understand your expectations, and consider letting others know about them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You might feel that a private chat would be better than having an open discussion. You can appeal to others by asking them to join you. Mutual receptivity becomes much more possible with focus on the individual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Zero in on what is important, but don't ignore other significant issues in the process. You might be surprised by everything you discover you have in common with a particular person. Take charge in a situation, yet you will still need to handle a jilt. Tonight, Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You might be in charge of a project, yet finding commonality will demand talent. You can pressure someone into joining you, but it would be better to motivate him or her instead. The quality of the interactions and outcome will be much better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Keep reaching out to others at a distance. Don't hesitate to make a call to an expert or get more information. You might feel as if you need to be as knowledgeable as possible. Others will admire your desire to learn more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You have a way of moving situations in new directions, but right now others seem to dominate. Kick back and see how things play out. You'll enjoy taking a backseat. Internalize what you are learning about those around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You might be taken aback by everything that is happening around you. Understand what is motivating others. The unexpected colors a relationship. You tend to be at the mercy of others, whether you want to admit to it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You have a lot of energy to expend. Your caring attitude needs to emerge, as you often seem to have a difficult time expressing your feelings. A child or loved one is likely to surprise you with some news. Maintain a sense of humor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your protective instincts kick in, and you will want to take a stand on a developing matter. You will find time to do everything you want if you relax. You also might want to make an adjustment to your daily life; discuss this change with a loved one first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You'll clear the air by having a caring conversation. You might hear something that is likely to shock you. Try not to let others see your knee-jerk reaction. Process first, then respond. Your openness will be more appreciated than you realize.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Toying with an idea is one thing, but acting on it is another, especially if it has any financial implications. Explore your options, and test out your ideas on others. A good idea will withstand criticism, but you'll want to be sure of yourself.

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals W

LOCAL

Storm provides example of MSWIN's value

BY STEVE ROGERS news@dailytimesleader.com

The new statewide MSWIN emergency radio communication system is getting rave reviews in its first month of use by West Point police. That comes after similar response from Clay County deputies who went to the system earlier this year.

"Yes, much better," Police Chief Avery Cook said when asked whether the system that moved through the area provided one of the first opportunities to test the value of the system, which is designed to provide seamless communication between agencies. With the city and county, including firefighters, other first responders, volunteer agencies, and public works crews on the system now, emergency information is available in real time.

"Those storms that came through were pretty good and we had the information right then without any kind of radio problems, at all," Cook said. "That was a good test for us."

Sheriff Eddie Scott, whose department has been on the system, since January, agreed. "The weather is a good example. No outages, no problems," Scott noted Tuesday.

The city spent almost \$172,000 on its radios for police, fire, public works and others. The only problems were some faulty hand-held units, but Cook said the company responded, diagnosed the problem and repaired them immediately.

"Other than inside parts of the Henry Clay building, we haven't had any problem anywhere. We can talk to our folks not only in town but anywhere else they go," Cook said.

The Henry Clay building in downtown West Point apparently has some old structural steel that disrupts some radio transmissions.

"We haven't had any problems anywhere, it's been outstanding," added Scott. "Being able to communicate with everyone without interruptions or having to change a bunch of channels is so much better."

The county spent \$236,000 for deputies, E-911 and emergency management, volunteer firefighters, and other departments, including trash trucks.

The MSWIN radio system is designed to provide seamless communications statewide. Local agencies not only will be able to talk to each other easily but also can communicate with agencies anywhere else in the state. That's particularly important an everything from natural disasters and statewide emergencies to regional issues such as chemical spills or crimes.

The system was developed following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and has slowly been expanding across the state. The Highway Patrol, fish and wildlife and other state agencies already are on the system, as are several other law enforcement and emergency response agencies in the region.

In addition to broader communications, it also eliminates "dead zones" that were a major problem in remote areas of Clay County with the county's old digital system.

In addition to improving coverage and communication capabilities even in remote areas, the system will reduce maintenance costs which have particularly plagued the county in recent years. Once in place, the state handles major maintenance on towers and related equipment.

THE SUN, MOON STARS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE



StarMan Bob Swanson, the singing weatherman who also is known as StarMan Bob, brought his combination of education and music to the Summer Reading Program at the Bryan Public Library in West Point. Swanson, a professor at Kawawita Community College in Tupelo, combines simple demonstrations with music to teach kids about everything from the phases of the moon and tricks about the sun, stars and constellations. Swanson is leaving ICC for job at Mississippi State University this fall. The summer reading program at the library continues on Tuesdays through July 23. The next two major programs are July 9 when Mother Goose comes to visit and July 23 when the always-popular Snakeman comes. The program closes out July 30 with the annual reading awards.

Clay man nabbed for cocaine trafficking

DTL STAFF REPORT

A 48-year-old man who moved to Clay County from Wisconsin three years ago apparently brought one of his old trades with him.

Cleotis Gregory Crump, who lives at an address of 3248 Strong Hill Road in West Point, is charged with distributing cocaine after Lowndes County Drug Task Force agents found just under an ounce of the illegal drug during

a search of a home at 1419 Sixth St. N. in Columbus last Thursday afternoon.

Crump apparently was living there, according to Task Force Director Archie Williams, who said the investigation had been ongoing for "a few months."

The cocaine has a street value of about \$1,200, Williams said. Crump, who was a DJ at at least one



bar in Columbus, is free on a \$10,000 bond.

In addition to the cocaine, agents confiscated just under an ounce of marijuana and THC vaping cartridges, both of which are misdemeanors.

While Crump has no prior convictions in the Golden Triangle area, he has four prior cocaine-related convictions in Milwaukee, Wis., Williams said.

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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

12-year-old makes basketball all-stars

DTL STAFF REPORT

Alexander 'A.J.' Jones, a 12-year-old rising seventh-grader at Fifth Street School in West Point, is having a busy summer.

First, A.J., whose favorite player is the great LeBron James, is traveling and playing with the Mississippi Splash AAU basketball team under Demano Cisrunk.

Last weekend, he was in Cleveland, Ohio for the two-day Neo National Youth Elite camp to show off his skills and get ranked on the national level, playing alongside players from more than a dozen states during two days of drills, training and games.

The 4-foot-8-inch point guard, the son of Alex and Jennifer Jones, made an impact, ranking in the top 20 which earned him a spot on the Neo Elite Sixth Grade All-Star team, which played Sunday afternoon.

That will take him back to Oluo and Indianapolis, Ind., later this summer for a circuit of camps where he will continue to compete against top players in his age group.

And this weekend, he'll be in St. Louis for another top camp and then it's back on the road with his AAU team in Jackson and Atlanta.



(Left) A.J. Jones with his All-Star trophy (Right) A.J. and the rest of his Neo Elite sixth-grade all-star team

- Courtesy Photos

FISHING

THE FISH DON'T KNOW IT'S WET



The fish don't know when it's wet so the fishermen can't worry about it either. West Point teenagers Lidia Porter and Mollie Brown got a taste of fishing in wet, rainy conditions Tuesday at Pickwick Lake in a practice round for the 2019 Student Angler Federation High School Fishing National Championship. The championship starts today and runs through Saturday. Based on Tuesday's catch, which duplicated several big fish they had in Monday, the girls are ready. If only the fish and their skills will continue to cooperate. Once they got in out of the rain, they also were able to show off their West Point fishing team uniforms which they hope to wear during better fishing conditions this week. Weigh-ins begin each day at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in following the results can do so at <https://highschoolfishing.org/saf-live/>. More information about the tournament and the Student Angler Federation can be found at <https://highschoolfishing.org/2019-saf-tournament-schedules-info-results/>.

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Siloam Water 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

Is my water safe? Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Mississippi State Department of Health drinking water standards. This report is a snapshot of last years water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing the best information about the quality of your drinking water.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Where does my water come from? Our water comes from 8 different wells that draw from the Eulaw, Gordo and MoShan Aquifers.

Source water assessment and its availability: Our source water assessment is available on request.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

How can I get involved? Our board members meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:00 pm at the Siloam Water Office. Our annual meeting is the 1st Monday in April. The exact time and place will be printed on your water bill. This is a very important meeting and we encourage all of our members to attend.

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CHLORINE

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	4	4	1.00	1.00	1.00	2018	N
Gates/Griffith	130015	4	4	1.30	1.20	1.30	2018	N
Pine Bluff	130017	4	4	1.00	1.20	1.20	2018	N
Una/Muldon	130023	4	4	1.20	1.20	1.40	2018	N

Typical Source : Water additive used to control microbes. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

NITRATE/NITRATE

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Violation	Sample Date
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18
Gates/Griffith	130015	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18
Pine Bluff	130017	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18
Una/Muldon	130023	10	10	0.1	No	Jan-18

Typical Source: Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.

LEAD

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Violation	Sample Date
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	0	15	0.001	No	Sep-14
Gates/Griffith	130015	0	15	0.001	No	Sep-14
Pine Bluff	130017	0	15	0.002	No	Sep-17
Una/Muldon	130023	0	15	0.002	No	Sep-17

Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

COPPER

Well	PWS ID#	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Violation	Sample Date
Beasley I/Beasley II	130016	1.3	1.3	0.20	No	Sep-14
Gates/Griffith	130015	1.3	1.3	0.00	No	Sep-14
Pine Bluff	130017	1.3	1.3	0.30	No	Sep-17
Una/Muldon	130023	1.3	1.3	0.40	No	Sep-17

Typical Source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

Additional Information on Lead If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Siloam Water Association is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap water for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing for \$10.00 per sample. Please contact 601-576-7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

Term	Definition
PPM	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
PPB	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
MCL-Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology
MCLG-Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
TT- Treatment Technique	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, contaminant in drinking water. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
AL- Action Level	
MRDLG- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL-Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.