

# 2019 CERTIFICATION

## Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

CITY OF POPLARVILLE

Public Water System Name

#0550006

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: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2020    \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2020    \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2020

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  - As an attachment
  - As text within the body of the email message

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Name of Newspaper: THE POPLARVILLE DEMOCRAT

Date Published: 5/7/2020

- CCR was posted in public places. *(Attach list of locations)* CITY HALL Date Posted: 04/28/2020

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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

[Signature] Mayor  
Name/Title *(Board President, Mayor, Owner, Admin. Contact, etc.)*

6-2-2020  
Date

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P.O. Box 1700  
Jackson, MS 39215

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**CCR Deadline to MSDH & Customers by July 1, 2020!**

2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report  
 City of Poplarville  
 PWS#: 0550006  
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<b>TEST RESULTS</b>								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
8. Arsenic	N	2019	.9	No Range	ppb	n/a	50	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

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16. Fluoride**	N	2019*	.912	.572 – .912	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2015/17*	0	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

### Disinfection By-Products

Chlorine	N	2019	1.4	1.16 – 1.63	MG/L	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
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### Unregulated Contaminants

Sodium	N	2019	11000	9800 - 11000	PPB	NONE	NONE	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents.
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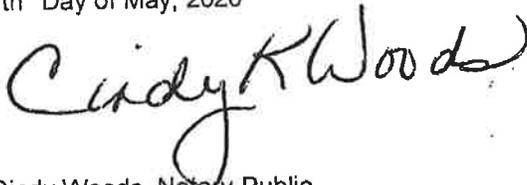
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Report

City of Poplarville  
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# Three girls raise funds for Backpack Buddies of Poplarville

By Cathy Cook  
The Poplarville Democrat

Three girls raised \$2,300 for nonprofit Backpack Buddies of Poplarville within 48 hours. Lori Barrett was looking for activities for her two daughters to do while they were home due to school closures. The family also wanted to find a way to help someone else

during the pandemic. With Barrett's encouragement, her daughters 10-year-old Abeni and 8-year-old Annistan, along with their best friend 10-year-old Brelyn Lee, decided to paint rocks and small pieces of wood and offer them on Facebook in exchange for donations to Backpack Buddies of Poplarville. Backpack Buddies provides free food to children in Poplarville during the school year. Lee's grandmother is a volunteer with the nonprofit, which inspired the choice.

"We put it out there expecting some family members to give, but we had no idea that there would be such a huge response," said Barrett. The Facebook post and donate button went online Tuesday afternoon and had raised \$1,200 by Wednesday night, said Backpack Buddies organizer Carol Williams. By Thursday, the three girls

had raised \$2,045 through Facebook and received additional donations in the form of checks and cash. "When we start back in August, this is going to make things so much easier for us, because we're starting out with a gift we weren't expecting," said Williams.

The nonprofit normally spends \$500 a week to provide free food to 137 kids, so the fundraiser will provide meals for five weeks, said Williams. Backpack Buddies will continue to distribute food for the last two weeks of the school year, and then begin offering free meals again in August. The nonprofit makes sure Poplarville kids stay fed over the weekends when they don't receive food from school. The girls have been delivering the painted rocks by leaving them on front porches and in mailboxes, said Barrett.

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## Local businesses navigating tough times

By Cathy Cook  
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The economic impact of the pandemic has not been felt equally across industries. Many essential businesses that have remained open during the statewide shelter-in-place order have seen an influx of sales, while small or businesses that had to close have suffered, said Pearl River County Economic Developer Blaine LaFontaine.

Two weeks ago, 100 businesses in the county were surveyed about the effect COVID-19 had on their business, said LaFontaine. Feedback from businesses in Poplarville, Piquette and the county indicates that small business owners of hair salons, gift shops and businesses in the dining and food service industries have suffered losses since the pandemic began.

While it is early to evaluate economic impact, industries like banking, insurance and real estate have seen no net loss, some have even seen an increase in activity or revenue, said LaFontaine.

Local businesses have been taking advantage of two federal programs that can help: the Economic Disaster Loan through the Small Business Administration and the Paycheck Protection Program, which is also running through the SBA.

The majority of businesses started the process to receive federal funds three to four weeks ago, said LaFontaine.

"There's been some success stories of people who got a quick response and an equal amount of people who were still waiting," said LaFontaine.

The majority of frustration with the federal assistance has come from people who were self employed, since state unemployment benefits were not previously set up to process the self employed, said LaFontaine.

"The old slogan of shop local is more important than ever," said LaFontaine, as small business owners seem to have suffered the biggest losses and economic damages.

"It's vitally important that instead of our retail leakage continuing to go to St. Tammany Parish, try to order out, continue to support local food and beverage and local retail areas as we can," said LaFontaine.

Supporting local businesses gives the local government more tax revenue to reinvest in infrastructure like roads, and small businesses are often willing to support youth and community programs, said LaFontaine.

Preventing a second wave of COVID-19 and avoiding a large spike in cases or deaths by taking appropriate precautions will also be crucial to protecting the local economy, said LaFontaine.

Although the pandemic has damaged local businesses, it has not shifted the kind of industries operating in the county, said LaFontaine, or the Economic Development Council's plan for bringing more industries to the area. The council is still focused on bringing in more businesses in the fields of distribution, aerospace, defense, polymers and light manufacturing, because they typically offer higher wages to county residents.

## Alfa Insurance names Shawn Keener Agent Of The Year

Special to the Democrat

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alfa Insurance Agent Shawn Keener of Poplarville was recently honored with the 2019 Agent of the Year Award for Mississippi during the company's annual awards ceremony.

He also received the 2019 Top Auto Producer Award and the Distinguished Service Award - Gold Level.

The ceremony, held Feb. 18 at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre in Montgomery, recognized Alfa's best agents and managers for their dedicated service and commitment to poli-

cyholders. Keener joined the Alfa family as an agent in October 2014. This is his second time earning the title as Alfa's Agent of the Year for Mississippi. Keener represents the company's full line of insurance for auto, home, life and business.

Keener and his wife of 15 years, Latara, are the proud parents of daughters Carson, Caroline and Callie Grace. They are members of Calvary Baptist Church. Alfa and its affiliates provide insurance and other financial services to nearly 1 million customers in 11 states.

Learn more at AlfaInsurance.com.