

## Lewis announces Alderman-at-Large candidacy

By Kenny Lewis

I am a lifelong resident of Clinton and a graduate of Clinton High School. I am excited for the opportunity to represent citizens of the city I call home. My parents, Robert and Clara Lewis, moved their family to Clinton over sixty years ago. This was during a time when everyone in the neighborhood knew one another, and family and church was the central foundation.

I attended Delta State University and received a BS degree in Criminal Justice in 1993, but my educational pursuit did not stop there. In 2003, I graduated from Leadership Clinton, Vehicle Theft School (2004), New Investigator School (2004), MS First Investigator School (2005), and then from New Foundation Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Theology in 2016.

I became actively involved in public



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service and community activism by serving the residents of my beloved city as a Clinton police officer from 1994-2005. I also use my experience as an ordained minister to serve the residents of Clinton. My strength of character never went unnoticed, leading to a promotion at the Hinds County District Attorney's Office as the Court Facilitator from 2006-2008 and then as a Criminal Investigator from 2008-2016. Most recently, I was hired by the Attorney General's Office within the Public Integrity Division.

Being a business owner in the city of Clinton has allowed me and my family to give back to this community, one that has nurtured us over the past twenty years. As an experienced board member, I have the opportunity to be an activist for education of our children or advocating for expansion projects within the community. I have served on the

CPSD Federal Planning Committee, CPSD SACS Accreditation Committee, CPSD Career Complex Director's Advisory Board and the Mississippi School Board Association Superintendent Academy Board. Being hands-on in my community will always be of great importance.

My most important duty as Alderman-at-Large is to represent and protect our residents and improve the quality of life in Clinton. I believe in and fully support stellar education, distinguished economic development, accountable public safety, reliable infrastructure, budgetary integrity and transparency.

My tenure in Clinton and my involvement in the community makes me the best and most qualified candidate for the position of Alderman-at-Large. I want Clinton to be a city where all people would desire to live, learn, work and serve. I humbly ask for your prayers, support and votes on June 6, 2017, to elect Kenny Lewis as your Alderman-At-Large.

## Click It or Ticket campaign starts May 22

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As summer kicks off and families hit the road for vacations, the Clinton Police Department is reminding motorists to *Click It or Ticket*. Aimed at enforcing seat belt use to help keep drivers and families safe, the national seat belt campaign will take place May 22 through June 4, concurrent with one of the busiest travel and holiday weekends of the year.

"Our law enforcement personnel see firsthand the loss of life when people re-

fuse to buckle up," said Clinton Police Chief Ford Hayman. "It's such a simple thing, and it should be an automatic next step after sitting down in a vehicle."

As the Memorial Day weekend approaches and the summer vacation season ramps up, "we want to keep our community members safe, and make sure people are doing the one thing that can save them in a crash: buckling up. If the enforcement crackdown wakes people up to the dangers of unrestrained driving and gets them to buckle up, we'll consider it a suc-

cess," said Hayman.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly half of the 22,441 passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2015 were unrestrained. At night from 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., that number soared to 57 percent of those killed. That's why one focus of the *Click It or Ticket* campaign is nighttime enforcement. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night.

## CPSD to conduct 2017 summer school session

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Four schools in the Clinton Public School District will hold summer school from June 5 through July 14.

Clinton High School, Sumner Hill Junior High, Clinton Junior High and Lovett Elementary all received approval from the school board to conduct summer sessions.

CHS will offer all courses for credit re-

covery to students in grades ten through twelve. Driver's education and health will be offered to first-time students only.

Tuition for full-credit courses is \$300 for students in the district and \$350 for students outside of district. Tuition for half-credit courses is \$150 for students in the district and \$175 for students outside of district.

Sumner Hill will offer remediation

courses at the same rate as CHS. Courses for seventh- and eighth-grade students will cost \$150 each. Students may enroll in a maximum of two courses. All students will report to CHS.

"Summer school classes for junior high students would be held at Clinton High School," said Dr. Bill Hardin, CJHS principal. "All classes offered in summer school would be through an online resource for accredited courses."

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