

Repairs begin to Broadway Street



Photos by Doris Bynum

businesses located in the area were without water, but service has been restored.

During the repairs, only the right eastbound lane of Broadway Street will be open for vehicular traffic. All other eastbound and westbound lanes are closed until further notice. Motorists needing to access Hampstead Boulevard are asked to detour to Broadway Street via the intersection with Highway 80 near CSpire.

City officials say no timeline for completion of the project will be available until contractors remove the asphalt and assess the surface of the roadbed impacted by the ruptured water line.

For continued updates on the project, visit www.ClintonMS.org/roadclosures or www.Facebook.com/clintonmiss.

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At press time, Birdsong Construction had begun to make repairs to Broadway Street, between Springridge Road and Hampstead Boulevard, for damage caused by drilling contractors providing utility drilling services for AT&T. The drilling damaged a water main, which then resulted in the collapse of portions of the street from the roadbed being compromised.

Necessary repairs will include removing asphalt to rebuild and repave Broadway Street. Initially, four

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Williams family celebrates reunion

Glasper's cousin's funeral.

"My cousin's service was so hilarious. The stories people told; my cousin was always comical. He was into horses," Glasper said, adding that the family has experienced so many deaths lately that they have to find a balance in order to continue. With an abundance of relatives, there are always many births, deaths, weddings and celebrations.

Historically, the family has had a reunion every year; however, in recent times, they have been taking a break, meeting every other year. They are waiting until 2020 for the 46th reunion, which the committee hopes they can celebrate in Hawaii.

Glasper maintains a genealogy chart, which traces the family back to nearly nine generations.

"I keep track of our family, and

we have [around] nine generations charted, because it's just who we are," Glasper said. "Grandparents are the most important people you will ever have in your life, in your family. We try and remember where we came from, at all times."

Her ancestors were cotton and sugar cane producers.

"My great-grandfather, Tom [Williams], also made molasses and was a blacksmith. My great-great grandfather, Jim Norman Williams, died when a bale of cotton fell on him and broke his neck," Glasper said. Her aunts and uncles were carpenters, electricians, schoolteachers, auto mechanics and factory workers.

Glasper has also written a booklet, "Gone, But Not Forgotten," about her ancestors.

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