



Bridal Registry

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May 19

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May 25

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June 2

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June 30

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Peoples Drug Store

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Conservation Corner

by James Cummins
Executive Director
of Wildlife Mississippi

With warmer weather approaching, many boaters and anglers are getting or have gotten their boats out. Some of you have found that there is some work to be done on the boat that requires a professional.

In order to help avoid faulty repairs or disagreements with bills, the BoatUS Consumer Protection Bureau has come up with these tips that will help ensure the job goes smoothly.

A tight budget is OK: In today's economy, a tight budget is expected—just make this clear before the job begins. The shop may be able to suggest ways to complete the project in stages. Always ask the cost of similar repairs and the potential problems that could occur along the way. Write it up—or take your

chances: Get a written estimate before work begins, and remember that it is based on an approximation of how much the job will cost.

With boats, it's not unusual to have unforeseen problems crop up later—so taking your frustrations out on the shop personnel won't help. You can always ask the shop to obtain your authorization before proceeding with unforeseen repairs or when work goes beyond the estimated price.

Ask for evidence: Ask to get back old or damaged parts.

OK to second guess: If you're not comfortable with the first estimate, get a second opinion from another mechanic.

Follow a plan: Once you approve the estimate, a work order should be drawn up. Ask for a target completion date and write this into the

work order.

Keep everyone in the loop: Always be sure the actual mechanic working on your boat has a copy of your work order when the project begins.

Get help with the big stuff: For complex repairs, it's wise to consult with a marine surveyor and consider having the surveyor serve as a liaison with the repair shop. Ask around for a referral.

The payment plan: Understand that when tackling large jobs, boat repair shops often require payments at various stages of completion. Be sure to verify that each stage has been completed before paying. If you cannot be on hand to check progress yourself, consider hiring a marine surveyor to make periodic checks.

Don't be hasty: If you are unhappy with the work do

not stop payment on your check after you pay your repair bill. This can be interpreted as intent to defraud the repair shop and put you in deep trouble.

Know when to walk: Understand that when asking for all of the things above, you may not get everything you want.

On the other hand, walk away if you get the feeling a marine repairer isn't interested in helping you with most of these basic protections that get the job done right. Reputable shops know the importance of customer service.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

Crop	CBOT Month	Delivery Period	Futures Price	EGT Basis	Net Price	Change
Wheat	Jul 18	2018 May	5.12	-0.22	4.90	-0.04
Wheat	Jul 18	2018 July	5.12	-0.22	4.90	-0.04
Milo	Dec 18	2018 Aug-Sep	4.17	-0.57	3.60	-0.04
Corn	Jul 18	2018 May	4.01	-0.05	3.96	-0.05
Corn	Sep 18	2018 Aug	4.09	0.03	4.12	-0.05
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soybeans G'wood	Jul 18	2018 May	10.12	-0.12	10.00	-0.18
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	10.18	-0.16	10.02	-0.19
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rice	May 18		12.530			-0.150
Rice	Sep 18		12.120			-0.085
Cotton	May 18		85.99			-0.360
Cotton	Dec 18		80.33			-0.240

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Ebenezer statesman bestowed degree at MSU graduation

Former Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank J. Williams encouraged Mississippi State's spring 2018 graduates to embrace the qualities that will make an impact on themselves and the world around them.

The retired judge and noted historian served as the commencement speaker for the university's three graduation ceremonies held this week [May 3-4] on the Starkville campus.

"We build resilience into ourselves — as no one is born with it," Williams said. "We build resilience into the people we love, and we build it together as a community. It is an incredibly powerful force, and it's one that our country and world need a lot more of right now. It is in our relationships with each other that we will find our will to endure, our capacity to love and the power to make lasting changes in the world."

This spring, approximately 3,200 graduates join the growing ranks of Mississippi State alumni, a group

that now totals more than 142,000 living around the world.

In addition to serving as commencement speaker, Williams was honored Friday [May 4] with an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from MSU. As the longtime president of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, Williams has played a key role in making MSU one of the nation's leading centers for study of the American Civil War. Last year, Williams and his wife, Virginia, donated their collection of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia, valued at nearly \$3 million, to the university. Williams also was instrumental in locating the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at MSU in 2009.

"We wanted [the Williams Collection of Lincolniana] to come here for many reasons, and one of those is to give you access to the rudiments that Lincoln possessed — a fundamental vision, a golden temperament and a shrewd strategy for how to cope with

the realities of the moment," Williams said.

MSU also honored Robert G. Clark Jr. of Ebenezer, former Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives, with an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree on Thursday [May 3]. After earning degrees from Jackson State University and Michigan State University in the 1950s, Clark returned to Mississippi and was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1967, becoming the first African-American elected to the Legislature since Reconstruction.

As a legislator, Clark worked effectively with members of both political parties and gained the respect of his colleagues, garnering several influential committee appointments. In 1992, he was elected Speaker Pro Tempore. He was re-elected to that prestigious leadership position again in 1996 and 2000 before his retirement in 2004, after nearly four decades of service in the Legislature.

ATTENTION!! POTENTIAL POLL WORKERS

All Poll Workers training will be held at 6:30 P.M. nightly for the June 5, 2018 Primary Elections (Democratic & Republican). It is mandatory you attend a training.

Due to the preliminary work required by the Circuit Clerk no make-up training will be offered.

REMEMBER:

- If you are not a registered voter, you cannot work as a POLLING OFFICIAL.
- If you are campaigning for a candidate, you cannot be employed as a Polling Official.

Monday, May 14, 2018	Beat 2 Durant Beat 2 Sub-Durant Beat 2 West Beat 3 Coxburg Beat 3 Ebenezer Beat 3 Goodman Beat 3 Pickens
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Beat 1 Acona Beat 1 Durant Beat 1 Lexington Beat 4 Lexington Beat 4 Thornton Beat 4 Walden Chapel Beat 5 Lexington Beat 5 Tchula Beat 5 Cruger

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 **ENCODERS ONLY (Mandatory Attendance)**

If interested you may attend a workshop for the Regular Poll workers & Encoders.

All training sessions will be at the **Circuit Court Complex located at 22549 Depot Street next door to the Lexington Multi-Purpose Bldg. formerly known as the Old National Guard Armory.**

NO MAKE-UP TRAINING WILL BE OFFERED.
If questions, please call
The Circuit Clerk's Office @ 662-834-2476.



Mississippi State President Mark E. Keenum, right, presents an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Robert G. Clark Jr., former Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives, during the university's spring commencement ceremonies. Looking on is Clark's wife, JoAnn Ross Clark. (Photo by Megan Bean)