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New director named for state's homeland security

Press Release

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security will soon be under the new leadership of a familiar face.

Mississippi Department of Public Safety Commissioner Marshall Fisher announced Wednesday that Jenny Williams, the current Director of the Mississippi Analysis and Information Center – also known as the Fusion Center – will take the reins at MOHS tor Williams has agreed to ac- of MSAIC for two years. on December 1.



JENNY WILLIAMS

cept this position. Her decades "We are grateful that Direc- of experience in federal law en-

forcement as an FBI agent will prove invaluable in this important leadership role," Fisher said. "She's a proven leader with a can-do attitude and has a stellar reputation in the law enforcement community in Mississippi for her work ethic and ability to produce results. I am honored to have Director Williams as a member of my executive staff."

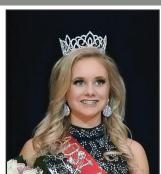
Williams served as director

"It has been a distinct privilege to serve as the Director of the Fusion Center. I am incredibly proud of the success of my team, and fortunately I will not be far away as the Fusion Center falls under the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security," Williams said. "I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Mississippi in my new capacity as the Executive Director of MOHS."

Williams has 31 years of law enforcement experience, having retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in December 2014. During her time with the FBI, Williams oversaw various criminal programs and worked closely with the criminal intelligence analysts.

Williams was recently selected as the National Fusion Center Director of the Year at the yearly conference in Virginia. She is married and has three sons, and is a graduate of the University of Akron.

The mission of MOHS is to partner with federal, state, and local emergency response personnel during both man-made and natural disasters, as well as working to prevent, protect, and respond to threats and acts of terrorism in Mississippi. It acts as the nexus for information sharing through the Fusion Center and leads efforts in prevention, preparedness, and response, as well as educating citizens through awareness and outreach efforts to train and equip Mississippians on how to stay vigilant and prepared.



LIVI HOWELL

County native wins Most Beautiful

Livi Howell was selected Most Beautiful at Benton Academy, on Saturday, November 17. She competed in interview and on-stage competition to win the title.

Howell is the daughter of Scott and Tara Howell, granddaughter of Austin and Babs Edwards all of the Coxburg Community.

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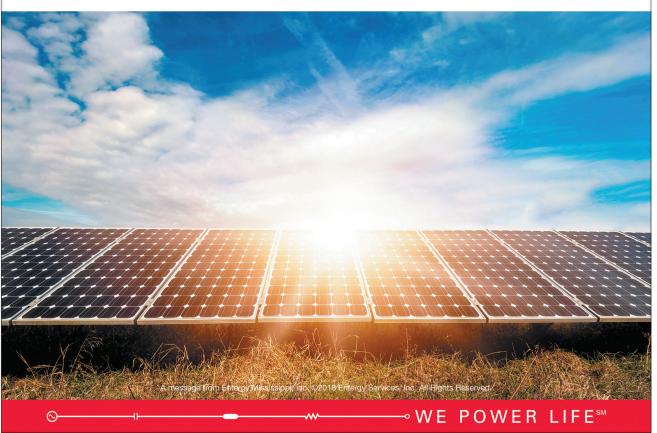
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Salvation Army Red Kettle spotted in Lexington, seniors and children benefit from public giving





The Salvation Army's Red Kettle was posted in front of Fred's Dollar Store in Lexington on Monday, November 26 with former Lexington mayor Clint Cobbins (pictured above at right) serving as volunteer bell ringer. The Salvation Army, local office in Greenwood, annually accepts applications from both senior adults aged 65 and up, and for children up to age 12. Salvation Army Lieutenant Jamaal Ellis reported on Tuesday, November 27 that currently the Greenwood office, which serves Holmes County, has received 65 applications for senior adults and 25 applications for the Angel Tree Program. "We haven't tapped into all of Holmes County yet," said Ellis. Seniors were asking for items such as food vouchers, small kitchen appliances, slippers and comforter sets with kid request centered around toys and bicycles. Ellis added he believes that this is the first red kettle to be set up in Holmes County. Cobbins said the Red Kettle is set to be at Fred's to receive donations until Christmas Eve. Those wanting to volunteer as a bell ringer can contact Ellis at 662-466-6440. Pictured at top, Pickens resident Flora Holmes makes a cash donation to the kettle. Picture above, Lashunka Kirklin of Lexington followed suit soon after with her donation.

(Photos by Matthew Breazeale)