

Candidate: Woman reporter needs chaperone to cover him

Associated Press

Robert Foster, Republican candidate for Mississippi governor says he would not let a woman journalist follow him while campaigning unless she was accompanied by a male colleague — and now he’s trying to raise campaign money based on that because he says the “liberal media” are attacking him.

“Before our decision to run, my wife and I made a commitment to follow the ‘Billy Graham Rule,’ which is to avoid any situation that may evoke suspicion or compromise of our marriage,” the candidate, Foster, said in a fundraising email Wednesday. “I am sorry the liberal media doesn’t share our views, but their attack on us is all the more reason we need a conservative that will protect these values we share.”

Larrison Campbell with the online publication Mississippi Today wrote that she requested to “shadow” Foster to report about his campaign before the Aug. 6 primary, and his campaign director told her Foster wouldn’t ride in a vehicle alone with her because people could insinuate Foster and Campbell are having an affair.

Foster told The Associated Press on Wednesday, July 10, that he won’t be alone with any woman other than his wife, even while working or campaigning, because of the possible public perception that he was doing something

to hurt his marriage. He said being alone with a man is no problem.

Foster said he has hired women to work for the agricultural tourism business that he and his wife run in northern Mississippi, and that he would hire women staffers if he is elected governor. He said, however: “It’s unprofessional to be alone with a woman who’s not my wife.”

Campbell wrote that Mississippi Today rejected Foster’s condition that she bring a male colleague.

“My editor and I agreed the request was sexist and an unnecessary use of resources,” Campbell wrote.

Foster, in response to a question from AP, said he could not ensure that one of his own male campaign staffers would always be with him if Campbell or another woman journalist were to ride along with him to ask questions for reporting.

Foster is a first-term state lawmaker and has raised significantly less money than the other two Republicans seeking the gubernatorial nomination, Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves and former Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr.

Attorney General Jim Hood has raised the most money among the eight Democrats running for governor.

The current governor, Republican Phil Bryant, could not seek a third term.



As a young adult, I worked for a mining company. My job allowed me to stay in the mountains all day. We only saw a boss on Mondays and Fridays. I prospected for coal by core drilling. It was a great job. It was there I learned about trees, and how to find ginseng, and morel mushrooms. Those short years impacted by outdoor life more than any other stage of my life. It was at that time when I really did come to the point I believed “A country boy can survive.” Even though I was gullible toward some things, I knew in order to get to the good stuff, I had to be willing to jump in even when I wasn’t sure about the outcome. More than once, I was the brunt of a joke because I ate something or did something that I really shouldn’t have. Like the time I ate the root of a plant because my mentor told me that Indians did. It turned out that it was some sort of bitter root that made me feel like I had swallowed my grandmother’s pin cushion. You may ask why somebody would do you that way. Because they knew I would bite (pardon the pun). They knew I would try it. They knew I would jump in.

How many times have you offered a child a bite of food that he has never tried, only to have him respond “I don’t like it?” You say, “But you’ve never even tried it!” And he says, “I don’t like it.” And you scratch your head (because he’s just like you were). Well, when I was a young adult, I was willing to try most anything. I knew since my little city offered very little, I must expand my horizons when given the opportunity. Sometimes I was glad I did and other times I was not. But I do think it is certainly the way to go because I also think regret is more painful than failure. For me, regret lingers longer and has nothing to fall back on. If I fail, I can at least say I tried, and move on. If I take no action, I wallow, wish, and wonder about what could have been.

If you are a follower of Christ, God calls us to step out into areas that are risky and unknown. He does so, so that He can do miraculous things in and through our lives, so others will become followers as well. Every now and then you may taste the sting of a bitter root, but I promise the sting of regret will hurt more... and longer.

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IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Former Lexington resident, Mr. Clanton Pitchford, who currently lives in Chicago with his wife, stopped by the office of the *Holmes County Herald* on Friday. He relayed that the wife of former Lexington resident MacArther “Billy” Alexander of Maywood, Illinois, passed away Friday, July 12. Her name was Albertine and she was formerly of Yazoo City.

Mr. Jim Kitchens passed away Monday night, July 8. He used to live in Lexington. He moved to Tchula then to Greenville. At the time of his death, he and his wife Dorothy had moved back to Tchula. Keep Dorothy and the rest of his family on your prayer lists.

Mrs. Tilla Rucker’s husband is still sick. Keep him in your prayers. He’s going to doctors in Ruleville. Mrs. Tilla runs back and forth to visit him. Sometimes he’s at a nursing home in Greenwood and sometimes in the Greenwood hospital.

Mr. William Wright of the Bowling Green Community is doing good. He’s able to be at home. He’s eating much better. He’s not getting around too good. He has a wheelchair. I sent him word to get in his wheelchair, pretend it is a Cadillac and go wherever he wants to go in his house and around his yard.

On Tuesday, July 9, a combined birthday party was given for John Williams, Fannie Archer, Geraldine Guest, Norvella Harris, Ruthie Bailey and Betty Jean Hooker. This was done by the senior citizens feeding group at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Members from the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Ontario, California visited this area and conducted vacation Bible school at various churches, schools and apartments July 8-11. Some of the places they visited included Holiness Pentecostal Church in Tchula; Good Hope Baptist Church in Mileston; Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Tchula; Greater Fair View Church in Pickens; Summerfield M.B.C. in Winona; Leawood Apartments in Lexington; Mileston Middle School and the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building.

For the July 10 Lexington Mayor’s Health Council meeting at the Multi-Purpose Building, we did hand and foot exercises for the warm-up activity. Also at the meeting, one of the Mount Zion members said she was once a criminal but she changed her way of living. Now she is a Christian and a comedienne. Her name is Cynthia Rudd and we enjoyed the jokes she told. She wanted me to print one of her jokes, so here it goes: “A man that was always drunk, managed to get to church every Sunday. He told the pastor he wanted to be baptized. The pastor told

him to be at church early the next Sunday. The drunk came early. The pastor baptized him in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Then he asked him did he see Jesus. The man said “No.” He dipped him again in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Again he asked him did he see Jesus. Again the man said “No.” So the pastor dipped him the third time in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This time when the pastor asked him, did he Jesus, he answered “No” and asked “You sure he’s under there?” Other mission members, David F. Barnett, Delores Lewis and Al Lewis “Big Al” the prayer man. They gave out Bibles and a care package that had eyeglasses and other things in it. They were invited by Mrs. Wionia Hester. Also while there at the Multi-Purpose Building, they announced they were having a basketball game at S.V. Marshall School. While in the area they gave away tablets, gifts cards and big screen TVs. They came last year too, so looking forward to seeing them next year.

Statements of Qualifications

NOTICE is hereby given that **the Town of Cruger, Cruger, MS**, intends to solicit Statements of Qualifications for Professional Grant Preparer and Grant Administration Services on the Mississippi Home Corporation HOME Grant. Packages will be accepted until the hour of **12:00 p.m.** local time on **Monday, August 5, 2019** at the office of the **City Clerk, 225 Railroad St., Cruger, MS 38924. Qualifications will be read during the regular Board Meeting of the Town of Cruger on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

The selected firm must have proven ability to effectively implement the rules and responsibilities related to the HOME-Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

Those desiring consideration should submit proposals by the time and date stated above and must include the following:

1. Qualifications: List of qualifications of each staff person to be assigned to the project.
2. Experience: Information regarding the experience of the firm. This should include the types of projects undertaken.
3. Capacity for performance: Identify the title of staff available to be assigned to provide services.

Respondents will be evaluated according to the following factors:

1. Qualifications: 20 Points
2. Experience: 20 Points
3. Capacity of the Consultant: 20 Points
4. Familiarity with the HOME Project: 40 Points

Interested parties must submit their qualifications for consideration by Monday, August 5, 2019 at noon.

Information should be mailed to: Town of Cruger, ATTN: RFP 2019 HOME Project: Post Office Box 214, Cruger, MS 38924. Proposals may be hand delivered to: City Hall, 225 Railroad St., Cruger, MS 38924

POTENTIAL POLL WORKERS TRAINING

All Poll Workers Training will be held at 6:30 P.M. nightly for the Democratic and Republican Primary Election. It is mandatory you attend a training if you want to be considered a potential poll worker.

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

REMEMBER:

- **If you are not a registered voter, you cannot work as a POLL WORKER.**
- **If you are campaigning for a candidate, you cannot be employed as a Poll Worker.**

Wednesday, July 17, 2019	Beat 1 Acona Beat 1 Lexington Beat 3 Coxburg Beat 3 Ebenezer Beat 3 Goodman Beat 3 Pickens
Thursday, July 18, 2019	Beat 4 Lexington Beat 4 Thornton Beat 4 Walden Chapel Beat 5 Cruger Beat 5 Tchula Beat 5 Lexington
Friday, July 19, 2019	Beat 2 Durant Beat 2 Sub-Durant Beat 2 West Beat 1 Durant
Friday, July 26, 2019	ENCODERS ONLY (Mandatory Attendance) To become more knowledgeable, 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.

Submitted by Earline Wright-Hart, Circuit Clerk
If questions, please call 662/834-5028.