

Clinton named number eight on list of safest places to live in MS

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Clinton was ranked as the number eight safest places to live in Mississippi for 2019 by a recent study done by homesnacks.net. The site analyzed thirty cities in Mississippi with a population of more than 5,000, using the latest FBI crime

data. Specifically, the site used the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, which summarizes the number of property crimes and violent crimes in each city per year. For more information, visit homesnacks.net/cities/safest-places-in-Mississippi.

Sixth-grade students plan anti-texting and driving campaign

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Sixth-grade gifted students were so moved by a recent unit on law and forensics that they are starting an awareness campaign on the

attorneys, witnesses and others," Brunson said. "The defendant admitted to texting and driving on a late rainy night with four other



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Jeff Franks, retired FBI agent and a Law and Public Safety teacher at Clinton High School, speaks to students about the criminal justice system at the school's recent Forensics Fair. Lovett's gifted students were so moved by the recent forensics unit that they are planning a community awareness campaign on the dangers of texting and driving.

dangers of texting and driving. "They have designed and created posters, flyers, bookmarks, pledge cards, T-shirts, a bulletin board, and many other things," said Lovett ACCENT teacher Ellen Brunson. The campaign will be held this spring, with exact dates and events still being planned.

Students studied more than a dozen forensic sciences, including anthropology, ballistics, biology, chemistry, pathology, fingerprinting, toxicology and others. They held labs with earth science to analyze evidence and solve crimes. The unit ended with mock trials, including one for a nineteen-year-old charged with vehicular manslaughter.

"Students role-played the judge,

teens in the car. One teen was killed and another seriously injured."

The mock trial inspired the students to research statistics on texting and driving, she said. They also watched videos of people who had been injured by drivers who were texting.

When plans for the campaign are finalized, students will coordinate with the Clinton Public School District, the City of Clinton and other community entities to promote their materials and measure campaign outcomes.

"They plan to have an event in the community where they have a wrecked car on display, a large screen to show the motto, statistics, video, a commercial that the students created, and other activities that display the dangers of this behavior," Brunson said.

Clintonians receive AMR scholarship



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The Hinds Community College Foundation recently recognized 2018-2019 scholarship recipients, donors and honorees at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Among those recognized were (l to r), front row: Lauren Tapley of Raymond, Shelby Lovell of Clinton and Kaur Smile of Clinton; and back row: Chad Martin of Jackson and Justin Ford of Clinton, who received the AMR Ladder to Success EMT Scholarship.

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