

## USDA designates Mississippi counties as primary natural disaster areas

### Press Release

President Donald Trump designated eleven (11) Mississippi counties as the primary natural disaster area. Producers in Attala, Carroll, Claiborne, Clay, Copiah, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Leflore, Warren, and Yazoo counties who suffered losses caused by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides that occurred February 10-18, 2020, may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans.

This natural disaster designation allows FSA to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts.

Producers in the contiguous Mississippi counties of Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Oktibbeha, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Webster, Winston and Yalobusha are also

## Mississippi hospital lays off 250 to offset COVID-19 losses

### Associated Press

The University of Mississippi Medical Center has laid off 250 employees to offset financial losses due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Hospital leaders said the facility is projecting more than a \$100 million deficit through September.

The hospital outlined the reductions in a memo sent to employees Wednesday, news outlets reported. Other steps put in place to counter the financial situation include salary reductions, restrictions on hiring and travel and other capital budget cuts.

Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs, said the hospital has never faced this type of challenge in all of its 65 years.

“It will take guts, grit and fortitude to pull through to the other side,” she said. “Today’s action is an example of how very tough decisions with difficult consequences will be required. However, I am confident we can, and we will, weather this storm and emerge stronger than ever.”

eligible to apply for emergency loans.

The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is December 23, 2020.

FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of additional programs to help farmers recover from the

## COVID-19 cluster reported from northeast Mississippi funeral

### Press Release

On Thursday, May 28, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reported a cluster of COVID-19 infections related to a recent funeral in Northeast Mississippi.

The funeral and after-service gathering were held on May 17, 2020, in the city of Baldwyn (located in Lee and Prentiss counties) and were attended by approximately 100 people.

As of Thursday, May 28, at least seven COVID-19 cases in Mississippi and at least two cases in out-of-state residents have been identified in individuals who attended the event. Several other potential cases are under investigation.

Individuals who attended the graveside service on May 17 at 1 p.m. and the after-service gathering from 2-6:30 p.m. are advised to monitor

## Delta Honor Graduates named from Holmes County

### Press Release

For 16 years, Delta Council has bestowed special honor upon two exemplary students from each of the high schools throughout the 19-county Mississippi Delta Region, including public, parochial and private schools, at the Delta Council Annual Meeting. Students are selected by school administrators based on leadership, extracurricular, scholastic, and community service.

In addition, a \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to the top Delta Honor Graduate, as selected by higher education officials in the Delta, to help defray tuition and expenses as the student’s college of choice sees fit.

Due to COVID-19, Delta Council is postponing the Annual Meeting. This decision was not made lightly. This is only the third time in over eight decades the meeting has been altered – the first one was during World War 2, the second was during the Flood of 2011, and now the Coronavirus in 2020.

“Delta Council is grateful to recognize these special young men and women throughout the Delta,” said Tom Gresham of Indianola, President of Delta Council. “Our message to

impacts of this disaster. FSA programs that do not require a disaster declaration include: Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program; Emergency Conservation Program; Livestock Forage Disaster Program; Livestock Indemnity Program; Operating and Farm Ownership Loans; and the Tree Assistance Program.

Farmers may contact their

for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath.)

If symptoms develop, they should immediately isolate themselves and contact their healthcare provider.

Gatherings of individuals, including funerals, weddings or other events, pose a risk of spreading the virus if appropriate precautions are not in place. Cloth masks and social distancing of 6 feet or greater are recommended in public settings, especially in group settings, and gatherings should be limited to groups of 20 outdoors and groups of 10 indoors.

Keep up with the latest COVID-19 information by downloading the free MS Ready mobile app or follow MSDH by email and social media at [www.HealthyMS.com/connect](http://www.HealthyMS.com/connect).

these young people is to continue your high achievements in education and leadership by going to college, but please come home to Mississippi and the Delta to help us continue to make our communities better.”

As a result of Delta Council Day being postponed until after the onset of the Fall school semester, the Salute to Delta Honor Graduates ceremony has been cancelled for 2020, but the students’ honors and great achievements have not gone overlooked by Delta Council staff and supporters. Delta Honor Graduates will receive a certificate signed by Governor Tate Reeves and Delta Council President Tom Gresham certifying that each student is celebrated as a Delta Honor Graduate of 2020. Each student will also be invited to and recognized at the Fall meeting of 2020.

The recipient of the \$2500 scholarship will be announced soon.

### Holmes County

Jasmine Carthan, Holmes County Central High School; Wykece Johnson, Central Holmes Christian School; Hannah Malone, Central Holmes Christian School; and Issac Randle, Holmes County Central High School.

local USDA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <https://www.farmers.gov/recover>.

## Pickens students named for Mississippi College honors

### Press Release

Hallie Westbrook of Pickens was named to the Fall 2019 President’s List at Mississippi College.

The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the president’s list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the President’s List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

Qwinnetta Stokes of Pickens was named to the Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Mississippi College.

The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the dean’s list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the

## Central Holmes students accepted into scholars program

### Staff Report

Two students from Central Holmes Christian School will be participating in this year’s Rural Medical & Science Scholars Program at Mississippi State University from May 31 to June 26.

Breann Bell and Calvin Head were accepted into the program.

The four-week program Dean’s List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

gives high school juniors a jump-start on college and the opportunity to explore a career in health or science. Participants take two college-level, health science courses during the program.

This year’s program is being conducted virtually due to COVID-19. The usual on-site shadowing of healthcare professionals will be replaced with medical simulation software, video instruction technology and real-time videoconferencing.

Scholarships for the program are provided by the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care/MS State Department of Health; AIM for CHangE Grant/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Toyota Wellspring Education Fund/CREATE Foundation; Southern Farm Bureau Federation; 4-County Foundation; and North MS Health Services. Other supporters are the MSU Extension Service, MSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President.



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### REQUEST FOR BID

COMPETITIVE BIDS PROPOSALS, addressed to Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc Board of Directors, will be received in the office of **MCHC Administration Department - Procurement, 17280 Hwy 17 South, Post Office Box 479; Lexington, MS 39095** (Phone: 662-834-2566) **Until 5:00 PM, from Wednesday, May 27, 2020 through Wednesday, June 10, 2020 For Proposal To Install New Roof.** Summary of Task for MCHC Greenwood Clinic located at 201 E Washington Street Greenwood, MS 38930 will include but are not limited to: remove loose debris and roof over existing, if there is any rotten or damaged decking replace it at modern additional charge, furnish and install polyester mat, furnish and install TPO white single ply roof system with term bar and trim at back per manufacturers specifications, clean up trash generated by company, Two year guarantee on workmanship. Proposals Will Be Opened on Wednesday, **May 27, 2020 at 8:00 A.M.** The Successful Bidder Will Be Required To Provide Proof Of General Liability Insurance. The Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc Board Of Directors Reserves The Right To Reject Any Or All Bids Or Responses.

#### BID DETAIL SUMMARY:

MALLORY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER is requesting bids for Installation of New Roof for 2020 at the listed locations:

Greenwood MCHC  
201 E Washington Street  
Greenwood, MS 38930

The bid should include a price for removing the old roof and installing a new roof at the Mallory Community Health Center Greenwood Clinic:

- Remove loose debris and roof over existing
- If there is any rotten or damaged decking replace it at a modest additional charge
- Furnish and install polyester mat
- Furnish and install TPO white single ply roof system with term bar and trim at back per manufacturers specifications
- Clean up trash generated by company and haul away
- Two year guarantee on workmanship

Bids will be accepted from **Wednesday May 27, 2020-Wednesday June 10, 2020** (please provide proof general liability insurance with proposal)

Mallory Community Health Center – Procurement (Roof Bid)  
P.O. Box 479  
Lexington, MS 39095