



The Symbol of Christianity

The cross is the universal symbol of Christianity. An odd choice, don't you think? Strange that a tool of torture would come to embody a movement of hope. Its design couldn't be simpler. One beam horizontal—the other vertical. One reaches out like God's love. The other reaches up, as does God's holiness. One represents the width of His love; the other the height of His holiness. The cross is the intersection. The cross is where God forgave His children without lowering His standards. God treated His Son as a sinner,

so that Christ could make us acceptable to God. Why would He do it? John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world." Aren't you glad the verse doesn't read: For God so loved the rich? . . .the famous? Or the sober or successful? No, it simply reads: "For God so loved the world!"

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Community Heritage Preservation Grant applications open

Press Release
MDAH is accepting applications for preservation projects across the state. The 2020 Mississippi Legislature has provided funding for another round of the Community Heritage Preservation Grant (CHPG) Program, which helps preserve, restore, rehabilitate, and interpret historic courthouses and schools.

In Certified Local Government communities grant funds may also be used for projects involving historic buildings other than courthouses or schools.

The MDAH Board of Trustees will award the grants at a special meeting in December. County or municipal governments, school districts, and nonprofit organizations grant-

ed 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status may submit applications. A cash match of at least 20 percent is required, and grant awards are reimbursed upon the successful completion of the project.

Guidelines and applications may be downloaded from the following link: CHPG Application. The deadline to submit completed applications is October 2. For more information call 601-576-6940.

The fifty-five CLG communities in Mississippi are Aberdeen, Baldwin, Biloxi, Booneville, Brandon, Canton, Carrollton, Carthage, Claiborne County, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Clinton, Columbia, Columbus, Como, Corinth, Durant, Gautier,

Greenville, Greenwood, Hattiesburg, Hazlehurst, Hernando, Holly Springs, Indianola, Jackson, Kosciusko, Laurel, Leland, Lexington, Louisville, McComb, Meridian, Mound Bayou, Mount Olive, Natchez, New Albany, New-

ton, Ocean Springs, Oxford, Pascagoula, Philadelphia, Port Gibson, Quitman, Raymond, Senatobia, Sharkey County, Starkville, Tunica, Tupelo, Vicksburg, Water Valley, West, West Point, and Woodville.

DRA accepting applications for the Delta Workforce Grant Program

Press Release
On Wednesday, August 12, the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) opened the application cycle for the 2020 Delta Workforce Grant Program (DWP).

The program invests federal resources in communities across the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions particularly hard hit by industrial downsizing, business closures, and job losses as a result of the public health and economic crisis.

"DRA is committed to investing in workforce training and education that supports job seekers, incumbent workers, and employers to help strengthen economic development in Delta communities," said DRA Federal Co-Chairman Chris Caldwell. "As our economy recovers, it

is critical that we make these resources available to Delta and Alabama Black Belt communities to strengthen their workforce, create jobs, and improve quality of life across the region."

DWP supports projects and initiatives that create a more vibrant economic future for the DRA footprint by expanding job training and re-employment opportunities, aligning workforce and economic development strategies, creating sustainable talent pipelines, establishing or enhancing locally/regionally significant public-private partnerships, and supporting enhanced workforce productivity through investments in innovative programming.

Under the program's Request for Proposals, DRA makes available \$1.5 million in grants ranging from \$25,000-150,000 to support industry-driven workforce development programs and initiatives in Delta and Alabama Black Belt communities. Applications must target workforce training and education for individuals residing in the DRA region and include at least one employer partner seeking to hire more skilled workers in a high-demand industry sector.

To complement this funding opportunity, DRA will offer post-award technical assistance to grantees to ensure projects are effectively and sustainably implemented.

To submit a grant application, visit the Delta Workforce Grant Program portal at workforce.dra.gov.

All applications must be submitted in the grant portal by October 12, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST. Additional information about the Delta Workforce Program, including important dates and resources, is available at dra.gov/workforce.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR HOLMES COUNTY NO TAX LEVY INCREASE

The Holmes County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2021 on August 28, 2020, 8:00 A.M., at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room in Lexington, Mississippi.

The Holmes County Board of Supervisors is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$14,190,344. 56.87%, or \$8,069,570, of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$14,995,823. Of that amount, 54.01 %, or \$8,099,730 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, Holmes County plans to keep your county wide ad valorem millage at 131.37 mills. This means that you will pay the same in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile, tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property unless your assessed value has changed.

Any citizen of Holmes County is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levy and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

*Arrests made

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bond set at \$265,000.

In related news, the Lexington Police Department is also currently investigating multiple reported crimes and searching for related suspects.

If you know the whereabouts, have any information, or have seen the following suspects, please contact Holmes County Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099 of the Lexington Police Department at 662-834-3508.

Adrian Howard and Alize Anderson are wanted for aggravated assault on a police officer and possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

Charles Williams is wanted for aggravated assault and possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

All person are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

*Governor Reeves

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a way that can't be replicated," said Governor Tate Reeves at his press briefing Friday, August 14. "That said, we are living through a pandemic. One of my greatest concerns heading into this school season has been sports and those other events which cause the community to come out in crowds. Twenty-two players on a field is not going to overwhelm a local hospital. Two thousand people in a small school's bleachers might."

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