THURSDAY, JUNE **HERALD**

Census shows Miss. lost population and diversified

but it is also one of only three increased by about 11,200. states that lost population, numbers released Monday.

The population loss was this time. The state dropped about 38%. from five U.S. House seats seats after the 2020 Census.

loss of about 6,000 residents from 2010 to 2020. That is a 0.2% decrease in a state of nearly 3 million residents.

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The Census numbers show sissippi gained nearly 20,000 and Laura Jane Giaccaglia, residents, 16,700 Hispanic residents agent in Bolivar County, and about 4,500 Asian resi- helped in planning the event.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — dents. The number of people Mississippi became more di- who identify themselves as verse during the past decade, being of two or more races

Mississippi lost about according to 2020 Census 48,400 white residents during the decade.

White people still make up not large enough to cost Mis- 56% of Mississippi's popusissippi a congressional seat lation, and Black people are

Hispanic people are about to four after the 2000 Census 3% of the state's population, because other states grew and Asian people are about faster. It will remain at four 1%. People who identify themselves as being of two The new Census numbers or more races are about 1% show Mississippi had a net of Mississippi's population.

(Continued from page 1.) The other states that lost Association. The lifelong population were West Vir- Lexington resident will still ginia, with a 3.2% decrease, be around the barns come

> Jacque Word, Padgett's about Padgett's fellow extension

ts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,00

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Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL/MRDL	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	MCL Like	Likely Source of Contamination	
Microbiolo	gical Co	ontamin	ants						
Total Coliform Bacteria including	Y	November	Monitoring	0	NA	0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of month		

E. Coli								samp	les	animal fecal waste	
	-		-			-					
Inorganic	Conta	minants									
10. Barium	N	2018*	.0092	.00560092	pp	m	2		disch	arge of drilling wastes; arge from metal refineries; on of natural deposits	
13. Chromium	N	2018*	1.9	.8 – 1.9	pp	b	100			Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural depos	
14. Copper	N	2018/20	0	0	pp	m	1.3	AL	plumt	sion of household bing systems; erosion of al deposits; leaching from preservatives	
16. Fluoride	N	2018*	.169	.166169	pp	m	4		water	on of natural deposits; additive which promotes g teeth; discharge from ter and aluminum factories	
17. Lead	N	2018/20	1	0	pp	b	0	AL	plumb	sion of household bing systems, erosion of al deposits	
Disinfection	on By-	Product	s								
81. HAA5	N	2020	27	No Range	ppb	0		60	60 By-Product of drinking water disinfection.		
82. TTHM	N	2020	45	No Range	ppb	0		80 By-product of drinking water			

Kosciusko Softball Tournament champs



and Illinois with a 0.1% de- livestock show time, we're The Bluff Springs Paper softball team played in the Kosciusko Softball Tournament held on Saturday, June 12. The team beat all four opponents that they faced. Pictured front row: Claire Tate, Anna Duke, Daynie Parrish and Emma Word; back row: Coach Robert Box, Katelyn Box, Olivia McBride, Hannah Hood, Allie Rae McBride, Kelby Wade, that, from 2010 to 2019, Mis-close friend from Lexington, Ryleigh Scott and Coach Jonathan McBride.



The Trickle Down Impact of Student Loan Debt

Today, Americans hold where the median individual more than \$1.7 trillion in student loan debt, and it's having a tremendous impact on the way we live, work, and build our future. Here in Mississippi, students tend to graduate with about \$30,000 worth of debt. In a state

income is just \$24,500, that's an outsized financial burden.

The consequences of this student loan debt go well beyond simple dollars and cents, however, often affecting workers' take-home pay, future savings and retire-

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City of Durant is considering applying for 2021 rehabilitation funds from the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) HOME Investment Partnerships Program- Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program. The State of Mississippi has allocated approximately \$3 million that will be made available to cities, and counties, on a competitive basis to undertake homeowner rehabilitation /reconstruction activities.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of affordable housing for low and very-low-income persons. The City of Durant proposes to apply for grant funds through the (MHC) HOME Rehabilitation Grant Program. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided. Due to Covid-19 restrictions an in person public meeting will not be held. Written public comments can be submitted to the City of Durant City Hall located at 253 West Mulberry Street, Durant, Mississippi or to John Wiggers Planner at North Central Planning and Development District at 28 Industrial Park Blvd, Winona, MS 38967. If a translator is needed for non-english speaking persons, please contact John Wiggers at (662)283-2675 in an effort to accommodate this request

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ment, and lifestyle.

Bank survey, one-fifth of even rent. Here's where the Mississippi 529 plans that trickle-down impacts begin.

nothing at all.

up in a multitude of ways. learn more. Nearly half (41 percent) expenses.

finances to lifestyle is easy at (601) 359-3600. to see. The TD Bank survey become obvious: Major life MS.gov.

milestones are getting postponed - or skipped altogether - because of student loan

So, what do we do about it? Financial gurus advise borrowers to make the minimum monthly payment every month and, when appropriate, consider refinancing your loans.

Of course, for future grad-According to a recent TD uates (and their families), the best thing to do is pretake-home pay is used to re- pare. College Savings Mispay student loan debt, often sissippi, a division of your surpassing car payments and State Treasury, offers two can help reduce - or elimi-With such a significant por- nate - the need for student tion of one's paycheck going loans. Many families choose to student debt repayment, to lock in today's tuition many borrowers have less to rates and prepay college spend, and more importantly, altogether with MPACT, save. In fact, the vast major- while others opt to contribity of borrowers (61 percent) ute to a tax-advantaged savare putting away less than ings account with MACS. one-tenth of their income There are huge advantages each month; many are saving to both, so if you are a parent or grandparent it's worth This lack of savings shows a look on our website to

Beginning on July 15, most of the TD Bank survey re- Mississippi parents will bespondents reported delaying gin receiving a monthly 401(k) contributions and Child Tax Credit payment about the same portion said from the federal governthey lack a rainy day fund, ment. Consider investing leaving many to max out those funds into your child's credit cards for emergency education. To learn more, visit Treasury.MS.gov/Col-How this translates from legeSavings or call my office

Mississippi Treasurer found that 60 percent of stu- David McRae is the 55th dent loan borrowers don't Treasurer for the State of take vacations. 36 percent Mississippi. In this role, he delayed becoming a home- helps manage the state's owner. 35 percent rarely cash flow, oversees College dined out. 26 percent de- Savings Mississippi, and layed having kids. 21 percent has returned more than \$20 put off their wedding. The million in unclaimed money list could go on, but I think to Mississippians. For more the bottom line has already information, visit Treasury.