

FEMA approves five additional counties for public assistance for Winter WX Disaster

PEARL, Miss. – FEMA approves Mississippi’s request for additional counties to receive public assistance following February’s Winter Weather Event. Throughout the week of February 11-19, 2021, Mississippi experienced multiple rounds of winter weather resulting in an estimated \$25 million worth of damage to public infrastructure. With the additional counties, a total of 36 counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians are eligible to apply for federal public assistance. After further assessments, the following five counties are now eligible to apply

for public assistance for FEMA Disaster 4598: Clay, Holmes, Quitman, Webster, and Wilkinson.

Here’s a complete list of counties approved by FEMA for public assistance: Adams, Attala, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clay, Copiah,

Covington, Franklin, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Pike, Quitman, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Talla-

hatchie, Walthall, Warren, Webster, Wilkinson, Winston and Yazoo and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

The purpose of the Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program is to support municipalities and counties re-

covering from major disasters by providing them with grant assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure. This assistance is not for homeowners or business owners.

Experience the Mississippi State Capitol premieres July 15 on MPB Television



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Jackson – *Experience the Mississippi State Capitol: A National Historic Landmark* will air Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Mississippi Public Broadcasting Television. This 30-minute video tour highlights the history, architecture and majesty of the Mississippi State Capitol and was produced for the Capitol’s web page.

For the past few years, the Capitol Visitor Services department considered providing a virtual tour of the place that houses Mississippi’s seat of government. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, the idea became

more urgent. Though the Capitol remained open to the public, guided tours and visitation came to a halt.

“With the devastation of the pandemic consuming so many, we all needed something positive to focus our efforts on. In that regard, 2020 was the opportune time to secure a virtual tour of the Capitol,” said Brenda Davis, curator of the Mississippi State Capitol. Davis, along with Capitol Visitor Services Director Kathy Broom and Assistant Visitor Services Director Ashley Kincses, began in earnest seeking a company to produce the video.

They wanted top-quality,

affordable work and didn’t want to look outside of the state for it. Hence, the call to MPB. John Gibson, MPB’s Director of Television, wrote a “beautiful proposal” at a cost significantly lower than what other companies would have charged, Davis said.

Recognizing the value and educational significance of the project, the House of Representatives Management Committee and Senate Rules Committee approved funding for production, which began in late summer, early fall of 2020.

Weeks of filming, mainly on weekends, followed. MPB’s Katie Savage produced the program, and Art

McAlpin was the Director of Photography. Along with Visitor Services, the Capitol’s maintenance, police and IT departments assisted MPB staff along the way. The completed work has left many blown away.

“Our TV team did a fantastic job producing this historical video of the state Capitol, with videography that is simply stunning,” said MPB Executive Director Ronnie Agnew. “It is an amazingly insightful look at the history of the state Capitol and the visionaries who spared no detail in making it special. It is my desire to see that this gets into the hands of every school in Mississippi.”

In a letter to Agnew, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann said, “I watched the Virtual Tour of the Capitol you and your team at Mississippi Public Broadcasting created and it is exceptional. The video is seamless from the history and architecture to capturing every detail which makes our Capitol so ornate and refined. Your work is a visual reminder of our State’s ‘public spirit, pride, and integrity’ to every Mississippi citizen and those who transcend our State lines. I greatly appreciate your work.”

MPB is a state agency that also operates as a PBS and NPR affiliate broadcasting station. For more information visit www.mpbonline.org.

Obituaries

CHARLES EARL MATTHEWS

The Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Charles Earl Matthews will be held on Thursday, July 15, at 11:00 a.m. Family and friends will gather for the service at the Durant Baptist Church, 16455 North Jackson Street in Durant. Interment will be in Georgeville Cemetery in Durant.

Services entrusted to Winters Funeral Home, Kosciusko, MS.

CHARLES DURWOOD O'BRIANT

Charles Durwood O'Briant, “DAGWOOD”, 80, of West, MS was born on September 18, 1940, and passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 in Jackson of natural causes. He was a longtime farmer and logger and factory worker. He was preceded in death by his parents, D.C. and Nellie Welch O'Briant, his siblings, Dottie Ponders, Shirley Douglas, Bill O'Briant and Edwin O'Briant and one son James Michael O'Briant.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Dorothy W. O'Briant; one son Dana (Donna) O'Briant of West; and one daughter Debra (Robert) Conner of West, MS. He has three grandsons, Zac (Hilliary) O'Briant, Wade (Ashley) O'Briant and 9 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brother Bobby Joe (Linda) O'Briant of McAdams, MS.

Funeral services were held Saturday July 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington with burial in Mizpah Cemetery in Durant, MS.

MARY ELIZABETH EUBANKS

Mary Elizabeth Eubanks, 93, of Lexington passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Lexington Manor Nursing Home. She was born to Tommie and Mable Bailey Ware who preceded her in death.

Mary Elizabeth had worked at Henson-Kickernick for 30 years as floor supervisor. She also did alterations for people in and around Holmes County after her retirement. She was a member of Oregon Memorial Church being the oldest member.

Mary Elizabeth is survived by her daughter Beth (Jef-fie) Alford of Lexington; her sister Carolyn Rinicker (Dudley) of Lexington; and daughter-in-law Kathy Eubanks of Miner Wells, TX. She is also survived by her granddaughters, Wendy Maness (Jonathan) of Clinton, TN, Crystal McFarland (Chris) of Scott, MS, and Lisa Britt of Brandon, MS; five great grandchildren; and several great great grandchildren.

Mary Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband Welborn Eubanks, sons, James Eubanks and Walter Eubanks, brothers, Walter Ware, Eugene Ware and Robert Ware.

The family requests memorials to Oregon Memorial Church, P.O. Box 163, Lexington, MS 39095 or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 237, Lexington, MS 39095.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday July 14, 2021 from Southern Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. with burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lexington.

ABLES REUNION

Descendants of Phil and Mamie Ables will have a family reunion on Sunday, July 18 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Coxburg Community Center.

All family and friends are invited to attend. This event is free and open to the public.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Lexington Public Library will hold the quarterly book sale at Lexington Public Library July 26-30. Sale prices will range from 10 cents to \$1.00. The hours for the book sale

will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All proceeds will be used to provide library materials and to fund programming for Lexington Public Library. For more information, please call 834-2571.

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OPEN AIR CHURCH SERVICES

Open air church services for the month of July are being held throughout Holmes County. Calling all Christian Evangelists. Luke 14:21-23. Call 662-472-0563 for in-

formation, locations and set up.

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WESLEY YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Wesley Youth Foundation and the Women of Freedom Ministries will sponsor a One-Day Youth Summer Camp on Saturday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Larry Davis Recreational Park (old Mileston Elementary School) in Mileston. There will be COVID-19 health information, outdoor interactive games, food, treasure hunt and other activities. This is a free event.

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