

Wicker, Hyde-Smith encourage Mississippi students to apply for U.S. Senate Youth Program

Application Deadline is Oct. 1 for \$10,000 Scholarship Program
WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senators Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) today encouraged high school juniors and seniors in Mississippi to apply to represent the state

58 Mississippi Counties Added to Hurricane Ida Emergency Declaration

An additional 58 Mississippi counties have been designated for federal emergency aid to supplement state, local, and tribal response efforts for areas affected by Hurricane Ida, beginning on Aug. 28 and continuing. Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Clay, Coahoma, Copiah, Desoto, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Leake, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Madison, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Warren, Washington, Webster, Winston, Yalobusha, and Yazoo Counties have been added to the emergency declaration approved by the President on Aug. 28, 2021. Under the emergency declaration, FEMA is authorized to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating

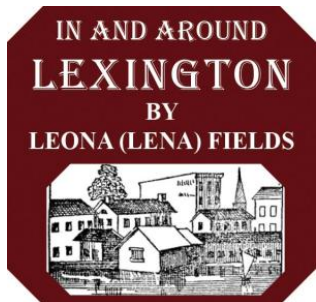
at the 60th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Washington Week. Two students selected for the 2022 USSYP Washington Week will each receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. This year's the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to save lives, to protect property, public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the storm. Reimbursement for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 75% federal funding. With the additions, every county in Mississippi has now been designated for federal emergency aid under the emergency declaration. The initial list included: Adams, Amite, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, Wayne and Wilkinson Counties.

MPB hosting Best Campaign Slogan

Contest for K-12 students Deadline to enter is Oct. 29
JACKSON, Miss. — Calling all students! Mississippi Public Broadcasting is hosting a Best Campaign Slogan contest from now until Oct. 29. The contest is held in conjunction with the Mississippi Secretary of State Office's annual comprehensive K-12 voter education program - Promote the Vote. The theme of this year's Promote the Vote program is "Vote Local" and encourages students to learn about local offices and challenges them to consider a candidate who can make a difference in their respective communities. Participants will have the opportunity to "campaign" and "run for office" during school-organized mock elections and will ap-

ply other skills through various PTV contests, such as art and essay contests. MPB's contest is open to students in grades K-12. Teachers can represent their class to enter. The purpose is to have fun while learning the importance of campaign slogans and why politicians use them during election time. General contest rules include creating a catchy slogan a politician in a local community would use, showcasing the slogan with a poster or video and then post and tag entry to MPB Education's social media sites. For complete contest rules visit education.mpbonline.org. "We are pleased to continue this partnership with the Secretary of State Office. It is exciting to be a part of this year's initiative because of

program will be March 5-12, 2022. "The U.S. Senate Youth Program brings some of America's most promising young leaders together to explore future careers in public service and engage with representatives from each of our branches of government," Wicker said. "I highly encourage all eligible Mississippi students to apply for



Keep Rev. Dan March on your prayer list. He's going back to a hospital for a little time. He's not "sick, sick" as the old people used to say. He's just getting some serious check-ups and minor repairs. Rev. March is a preaching man and a hard

Mississippi woman illegally takes \$34K in benefits

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi woman has been arrested for illegally receiving more than \$34,000 in food benefits, state officials said. Investigators with the Mississippi Department of Human Services, in a news release Wednesday, said Tiffany Combest, 36, received an over-issuance of SNAP benefits for multiple children who were no longer living with her. Combest is being held on \$5,000 bond in the Jones County jail. It was unknown if she has an attorney who could speak on her behalf. Combest, of Laurel, Mississippi, was indicted in June. Laurel Police arrested her on unrelated charges Wednesday and she was

the focus on local elections," said MPB's Director of Education Tara Y. Wren, Ph.D. "MPB Education is always intentional about ensuring that our programs and projects are hyperlocal across the state. This partnership provides an opportunity for us to hear from students and to help them learn why local elections matter. We hope this contest helps students learn while being creative." All entries must be posted by Oct. 29. Three winners will be announced. Students and teachers across Mississippi are encouraged to take part in this hands-on civic engagement learning initiative. For more information about this contest, contact Erica Shelton at Erica.Shelton@mpbonline.org. MPB is a state agency that also operates as a PBS and NPR affiliate broadcasting station. For more information visit www.mpbonline.org.

this once-in-a-lifetime experience." "The United States Senate Youth Program offers opportunities for a couple of Mississippi's brightest, community-minded students to interact with national leaders and their peers from around the country. I hope many students in Mississippi will apply for the 2022 program,"

working carpenter. Pray that he does not go back to hammering and nailing too soon. I went for my three month check-up on Friday morning. I hope everything went well. To get your news in this column, call 662-834-1489 or 662-709-0648. Watch out for scammers. One called me pretending he was from Publisher's Clearing House. It's time to start getting the booster vaccines for COVID-19. Myron Smith passed away recently. Keep the family uplifted in prayer.

served with the indictment, the department said. "This investigation and ultimate prosecution demonstrate the controls we have in place to identify, investigate and eliminate fraud in our programs," MDHS Executive Director Robert G. Anderson said. "This is also a great example of cooperation between our county office, investigations team and local law enforcement."

Hyde-Smith said. In addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work, USSYP delegates generally rank high academically in their states among high school juniors and seniors. The USSYP brings the highest-level officials from each branch of government to meet with high school juniors or seniors representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. The weeklong education and leadership program includes meetings with Senators, the President, cabinet secretaries, a justice of the Supreme Court, senior members of the national media, and other key policymakers. The Hearst Founda-

tion fully funds and administers the USSYP without the use of any government funding. Interested students and educators can visit <http://www.ussenateyouth.org/> for more information. The 2022 Official Program brochure and rules are available here. The deadline to apply for the USSYP program in Mississippi is October 1, 2021. Applicants may also contact their high school principal or Mississippi's state-level selection administrator: Mrs. Sandra Hilliard Education Specialist, Sr. Mississippi Department of Education shilliard@mdek12.org Mississippi's 2021 USSYP delegates were Jacob Pearson of Corinth and Weston "Archer" Taylor of Petal.

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