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CFD to get more paramedics

By Randy Bell

It's been a struggle for the Clinton Fire Department (CFD) to meet its goal of having a paramedic on duty for each shift at all four fire stations. That would mean having at least twelve medics, and CFD currently has only four following the recent retirement of two veteran firefighters, both of whom were certified as paramedics.

"Jake DeLaughter, who was a deputy chief here, retired at the end of April; and Jeremy Wallace, who was also here for twenty-five years, retired in February," says Fire Chief Levius Buckley.

However, efforts are underway to get more paramedics trained, and the Board of Aldermen, at its May 5 meeting, approved tuition assistance agreements with two firefighters under which they'll attend paramedic school

at the City's expense.

Hollice Maulden and Joshua Wilson are committed to working for the Clinton Fire Department for two years after passing their Paramedic National Registry exams.

"In the event that they don't, they're liable for the money spent by the Fire Department and the City," Buckley says.

According to the chief, much of the course work is done online, so Maulden and Wilson will continue to man some regular shifts except during the clinical portion of their training. Buckley says a third firefighter is expected to begin working toward paramedic certification in August but is not asking for tuition assistance.

Joe McGee Construction Company of Lake was awarded the contract to tear down the old bridge and replace it.

Clinton athletic teams shine in classroom

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Clinton High School athletic teams continued to show dedication not only in competition, but also inside the classroom during the 2025-26 academic year.

All twenty-six Clinton varsity sports teams achieved a cumulative grade-point average of three point zero or higher and were recognized by the Mississippi High School Activities Association as Scholar-Athlete Teams for the 2025-26 school year.

"Our student-athletes, coaches, and teachers who are a part of Clinton athletics have done an amazing job this school year, once again," Clinton Athletics Director Judd Boswell said. "Twenty-six sports teams have met the mark set by the Mississippi High School Activities Association for the Scholar-Athlete Team award, which is a combined team grade-point average of three point zero or higher."

"This is a remarkable achievement and a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our Lady Arrows and Arrows on and off the field. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive representation they bring to our school district," Boswell added.

Fifteen of Clinton's twenty-six varsity teams achieved a combined grade-point average of three point five or higher. Girls tennis led the way with a cumulative grade-point average of three point nine six nine, while boys tennis and girls soccer tied for the second-highest team grade-point average at three point eight two eight.

Girls golf, girls swim, boys cross country, boys swim, softball, girls archery, girls cross country, boys golf, volleyball, girls track and field, baseball and boys soccer rounded out the list of Clinton teams that achieved a three point five grade-point average or higher.

Other Clinton teams recognized as Mississippi High School Activities Association Scholar-Athlete Teams were boys bowling, girls bowling, cheer, girls powerlifting, girls basketball, esports, boys track and field, boys archery, football, boys powerlifting and boys basketball.



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