

Supervisors. . . (cont'd from back page)

FEMA and MEMA. Under current guidelines, FEMA is expected to cover 75 percent of eligible costs, with MEMA covering 12.5 percent and the county responsible for the remaining 12.5 percent.

County officials are working to offset much of that share through in-kind contributions such as labor, equipment use and volunteer efforts. Those contributions, tracked by a third-party firm, ER Assist, are nearing the half-million dollar mark and will count toward the county's 12.5 percent cost share.

The in-kind work includes volunteer labor and meals provided in the immediate aftermath of Winter Storm Fern, along

with portions of the county's own expenses for labor and equipment used in the cleanup. Additional eligible work includes fire departments monitoring the burn site where debris is hauled and county sweepers clearing smaller debris from roadways during hauling operations.

A quick projection shows that if the project comes in near the \$8.5 million estimate, the county's 12.5 percent share minus the in-kind contributions would leave just over a half-million dollars to be covered from county funds. Supervisors indicated during Monday's meeting that the cost will likely be split among the five districts, with just over \$100,000 coming from each beat's road and/or bridge fund.

Oakland . . . (cont'd from page 4)

The Chamber is in high gear getting things ready for our Yalo-Ribbon Festival featuring Danica Hart. The Town of Oakland is holding a Cleanup Day on April 18 from 8 a.m. - noon. To help with this, show up at the James Riley Swearengen Walking Track and Park on Walnut St.

The Festival is on May 2. We still have room for vendors and exhibitors. Contact Cassandra Pipkin by texting 662-360-5689.

If you have family or friends who deserve to be recognized as a fallen service member, please let Cassandra Pipkin know. The Oakland Area Lions Club is coordinating a Memory Walk as a part of Oakland's 250America Celebration. These service members do not have to be from Oakland. Special signs will be made for each person as we honor the sacrifices made.

Our free Pickleball lessons were successful as people of all ages showed up to learn the game. The coaches report some real talent in the group!

Let me know if you have news to include. Contact me via email at oaklandareachamber@gmail.com or text or leave a message at 601-853-3942.



Food Safety Certification Class: One Day June 3

ServSafe Food Certification Class will be taught June 3, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The certification exam will begin around 4:00 p.m. and should be completed by 6 p.m. The class will be held at the Yalobusha County Extension Office in Coffeeville. Cost of the course is \$150. **The deadline to register is May 4, 2026.** Call Pamela Redwine at the Extension Office at 662-675-2730 for additional details and to register. When calling to sign up, please inform the office of any disabilities that might interfere with your opportunity to participate in this program. The MSU Extension provides educational opportunities to the public on an equal opportunity basis and will make every reasonable effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Our theme for this year is: Mental Health and Self Care. Registration fee is \$10.00 each. You may pay at the door or mail to Sis Rosie Jenkins at P. O. Box 128, Oakland, Ms 38948. **This year we are doing a parade of shoes and hats.** We are looking forward to seeing you and your shoes and hats on April 18, 2026. Sincerely yours, Philadelphia M.B. Church Women's Ministry Sis. Cassandra Parker, Coordinator Rev. Columbus Bell, Pastor

Philadelphia M.B. Church County Road 211 Oakland, Ms

We, the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry, cordially invite you to our annual Women's Fellowship Conference (young ladies 18 and up) on April 18, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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