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Graduation Edition

Winter Storm Fern Debris Removal Set To Begin

JACKSON, MISS. – Contractors for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will begin removing debris that was left in the wake of historic Winter Storm Fern. All work must be completed no later than Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Piles of debris on the sides of interstates and highways will be removed in north Mississippi and portions of the Mississippi Delta. For reimbursement purposes, MDOT was required to advertise and let a debris evaluation contract before the substantial amount of debris could be removed. Contracts for both debris evaluation and debris removal were advertised in accordance with state procurement law, which specifies certain advertising periods and procedures.

“This storm was unlike any we have seen since 1994, and the damage to the Delta and north Missis-

sippi was catastrophic,” said MDOT Executive Director Brad White. “Our crews worked tirelessly to keep our roads as clear as possible while being away from their own loved ones who were also affected by the storm. Removing the massive amount of debris caused by this devastating storm is the next step in the recovery process.”

At the height of Winter Storm Fern, which occurred in late January, ice was reported on roads and bridges in 37 counties and nearly 300,000 residents were without power, some for weeks. MDOT began a historic pretreatment of roadways several days in advance, using more than 206,000 gallons of brine.

For more information about MDOT, visit GoMDOT.com, download the MDOT Traffic App and follow @MississippiDOT on Facebook, Instagram and X.



Joshua Logan
Valetorian



Jakaiya Ciara Smith
Salutarian

Coffeeville High School Graduation

The graduating Class of 2026 will say farewell to the halls of Coffeeville High School Thursday evening, May 21nd. Thirty-one graduates will receive diplomas sporting nine honor graduates.

The Valetorian is Joshua Logan, he is the son of Shikita Mister and Rakedrick Logan. The Salutarian is Jakaiya Ciara Smith, she is the daughter of Chanquisa Armstong.

The graduation ceremony will start at 5 p.m. at CHS gymnasium located at 1 Pirates Drive and will surely be a time of joy and happiness as one chapter of their lives comes to an end and a new one begins.

To the Class of 2026, congratulations on your accomplishments so far and good luck as you each choose separate pathways into the future.

Congratulations To CHS Class Of 2026



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