

Coffeerville School District Notice of Public Hearing on the FY 2027 Budget

The Coffeerville School District will hold a public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget.

The public hearing will be held on July 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office located at 96 Mississippi Street, Coffeerville, MS.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ESTATE OF JIMMY JAMES BARDO, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 26-cv-41

TERESA A. WHITTEN, EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 8th day of June, 2026 by the Chancery Court of Yalobusha County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Jimmy James Bardo, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 23rd day of June, 2026.

/s/ Teresa A. Whitten

TERESA A. WHITTEN

Executrix of the Estate of

Jimmy James Bardo, deceased

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2022, Shanna Renee Gatlin aka Shanna Gatlin, a single person, executed a Deed of Trust to Tim Williams, Trustee for 21st Mortgage Corporation, Lender, which Deed of Trust was recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Yalobusha County, Mississippi in Book 20221 at Page 2283; and,

WHEREAS, 21st Mortgage Corporation, the present owner of the indebtedness and holder of the above described Deed of Trust, appointed Jeff D. Rawlings in the place and stead of Tim Williams, or any subsequently appointed substituted trustee, said Substitution of Trustee being recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County in Book 20261 at Page 1539; and,

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, 21st Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff D. Rawlings, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on the 10th day of July, 2026, offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Yalobusha County Courthouse, located at 14400 Main Street, Coffeerville, Mississippi to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Yalobusha County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

THIS PROPERTY IS A FRACTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. THIS PROPERTY CONTAINS 3.146 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND IS DESCRIBED IN MORE DETAIL AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN EXISTING 1/2” IRON PIN BEING LOCATED 3430.28 FEET EAST OF AND 996.47

FEET SOUTH OF AN EXISTING 2” IRON PIPE BEING ACCEPTED AS THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29; RUN THENCE SOUTH 32°21’30” EAST A DISTANCE OF 237.48 FEET TO AN EXISTING CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD #436; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY WITH A CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 126.21 FEET, WITH A RADIUS OF 1046.14 FEET, WITH A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 01°27’18” EAST, WITH A CHORD LENGTH OF 126.14 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2” IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°56’06” WEST LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 535.52 FEET TO A 1/2” IRON PIN SET ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY #7; THENCE NORTH 26°53’54” EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 5.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE NORTH 25°29’54” EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 305.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE NORTH 22°38’54” EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 61.20 FEET TO A 1/2” IRON PIN SET; THENCE SOUTH 87°47’38” EAST LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 247.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL BEARINGS ARE DETERMINED BY SOLAR OBSERVATION.

This sale includes a 2023 JESS Manufactured Home, Serial no. JH2W0514TX23BA

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 4th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Jeff D. Rawlings

Jeff D. Rawlings, Substituted Trustee for 21st Mortgage Corporation

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Wicker Report To Be American Is To Debate Founders Invite USA to Negotiate Disagreement

Some headlines proclaim that America’s 250th anniversary celebrations are arriving at a time of peak division. Surveys indicate that partisanship is up and trust in institutions is down. Pollsters have found that young adults disagree with their elders on patriotism and civic responsibility. In one study, only half of respondents said the American Dream is alive and well, with the other half pessimistic. In this election year, the contention feels particularly sharp.

These tensions can make our present moment seem unique. Some have even claimed that Americans have never been more divided. But that view is shortsighted.

Thumbing through the pages of U.S. history puts today’s problems in context. It reminds us that our nation has persisted despite periods of intense division. In fact, time and again, we have proven to be adept at navi-

gating disagreement and emerging stronger.

To be American is to Debate

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation’s independence, we do well to remember that the founding itself was the product of vigorous debate. The delegates of the Second Continental Congress insisted that they approve the Declaration of Independence unanimously. And that consensus emerged only after spirited negotiations. No single delegate got everything he wanted, but by signing together, every delegate changed the course of history.

When they wrote that the government’s power should come from the “consent of the governed,” the delegates did more than rebel against King George. They replaced royal decree with democratic deliberation. In doing so, they made debate central to the American way of life. In the Declaration of Inde-

pendence and later in the Constitution, the founders compelled Americans from all regions, backgrounds, and points of view—and for generations to come—to sit down at the common negotiating table.

July 4th Traditions Inform Today’s Division

Despite today’s apparent divisions, one data point shows a path forward. In one survey, participants were asked what it means to be an American. Nearly 90 percent of respondents said that an American is someone who believes in the principles of the Declaration of Independence. In that spirit, I believe our 250th anniversary is an ideal time to revive an old July 4th ritual: a reading of the document that gave birth to our nation.

When the delegates of the Second Continental Congress affixed their signatures to the parchment, they knew they were igniting a revolution and arguably committing high treason. But the drama of that moment did not make the evening news. In fact, it took several weeks for the Declaration of Independence to reach the King of England and all of his now-former 13 colonies.

Many heard the words of the founding document during public readings. The first of these were held simultaneously in Pennsylvania and New Jersey on July 8, 1776. The next day, General George Washington had the document read to his soldiers in New York City.

Eventually, a tradition emerged. In the early decades of the nation, Americans marked July 4th with parades, prayers, and public

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did not say in the name of the Jesus whom we preach. They said in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches. There was no Jesus in them. They had no relationship, no personal belief in Jesus. They had no authority to use His name. Again, the question is, “Does evil know you?” These Jews did not know Jesus, and looked what happened to them (Acts 19:16). They were overpowered, stripped naked, wounded, and sent running from the house. Evil devoured them, humiliated them, made a wreck of their lives.

Like all of you, I am a long way from where I want to be in my Christian life, and there are questions I have and things I struggle with, and I fail miserably at times. But I want evil to say I know Jesus and I know Craig, not because of some deed or work that I have done, but because of what Jesus has done in me. Does evil know you?



readings of the Declaration of Independence. The Mississippi congressional delegation paid honor to that tradition in 2024 when all six of us recorded a video reading portions of the text.

As we celebrate this year’s historic Independence Day, we acknowledge that 2026 is a time of division in our nation. But we are also reminded that—over the course of 250 remarkable years—we have successfully negotiated intense debates. We will have to do the same as we enter the next 250.

CONSERVATION CORNER July is National Park and Recreation Month by James L. Cummins

Designated in 1985 as National Park and Recreation Month by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the month of July is ideal for small groups and families to rediscover their local parks and visit new ones. Encouraging outdoor physical activity and actively promoting parks and recreation in communities across the country, the NRPA actively supports and promotes creative celebrations through their magazine Parks & Recreation and encourages communities and townships to submit their own celebration and activity information.

For over 40 years, we have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. This month is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals—along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers—who maintain our country’s local, state, and community parks.

This year's theme—“The Power Of”—parks and recreation and the people who make it all possible celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

The object of the NRPA and National Park and Recreation Month isn’t just to encourage outdoor recreational activity and increase park visitation, but also to recognize and salute those who work in the parks sys-

tem to make our park experience enjoyable and unforgettable. The beauty of a park can reside within our hearts and minds long after we have left, and children and adults alike will certainly enjoy the tranquility and peace of such natural serenity. We should consider the care and effort that goes into maintaining our parks by the vast number of park employees who dedicate themselves to the difficult but rewarding task of park maintenance.

You can check your park websites, or activity listings in your local papers, to find out what programs and activities may be occurring in your area in honor of National Park and Recreation Month. Many communities celebrate enthusiastically with park pride days, park picnics, group hikes, park beautification activities, and much more.

Outdoor recreation is a key factor of National Park and Recreation Month, focusing on the need for physical activity, and what better place to enjoy physical activity than during the many beautiful summer days in the month of July. Although the many activities and celebrations can be overwhelmingly fun, the importance of physical activity should not be forgotten, and should especially be instilled in children and young adults.

The NRPA website, nrpa.org, contains more information and tools for communities to utilize to create their own list of activities and celebrations.

