

Princess Diana dies in a car crash:
Shortly after midnight, Diana, Princess of Wales—affectionately known as “the People’s Princess”—dies in a car crash in Paris. She was 36. Her boyfriend, the Egyptian-born socialite Dodi Fayed, and the driver of the car, Henri Paul, died as well.



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New “Blackout” Tags Available

A vanity plate option that gives back to fallen first responders’ families

BY ANGELA ROGALSKI
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The new “Blackout” tags have been available to Mississippi drivers since July 1 and are not standard Mississippi Tags, but instead are a vanity plate option that gives back to fallen first responders’ families.

“A percentage of each blackout tag will go towards the law enforcement and firefighters’ death benefit trust fund,” said Bolivar County Tax Assessor/Collector, Will Hooker. “This

fund helps the families of law enforcement and firefighters who die while performing normal job duties.”

Hooker further explained that the plate was created with House Bill 446, which passed both state chambers and was signed by Gov. Tate Reeves. Half of the cost of the license plates goes toward the State Law Enforcement and Firefighter Death Benefits Trust Fund. The new vanity plates are all black with white lettering.



Hooker

Hooker says the plates are available for cars and light-duty pickups. At this time there is no blackout option for motorcycle plates.

“The total cost for these blackout tags will depend on the make and model of the vehicle, but like all vanity plates, there will be an additional cost of \$53.00 plus the registration fee,” he said. “In addition, there is a

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BPAC Fall Film Series

Three free events are scheduled

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The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers connects documentary filmmakers and their impactful work with audiences throughout the South. The Bologna Performing Arts Center (BPAC) is proud to be one of 12 selected Southern communities and the only Mississippi Screening Partner for the 2022 Fall Southern Circuit Tour!



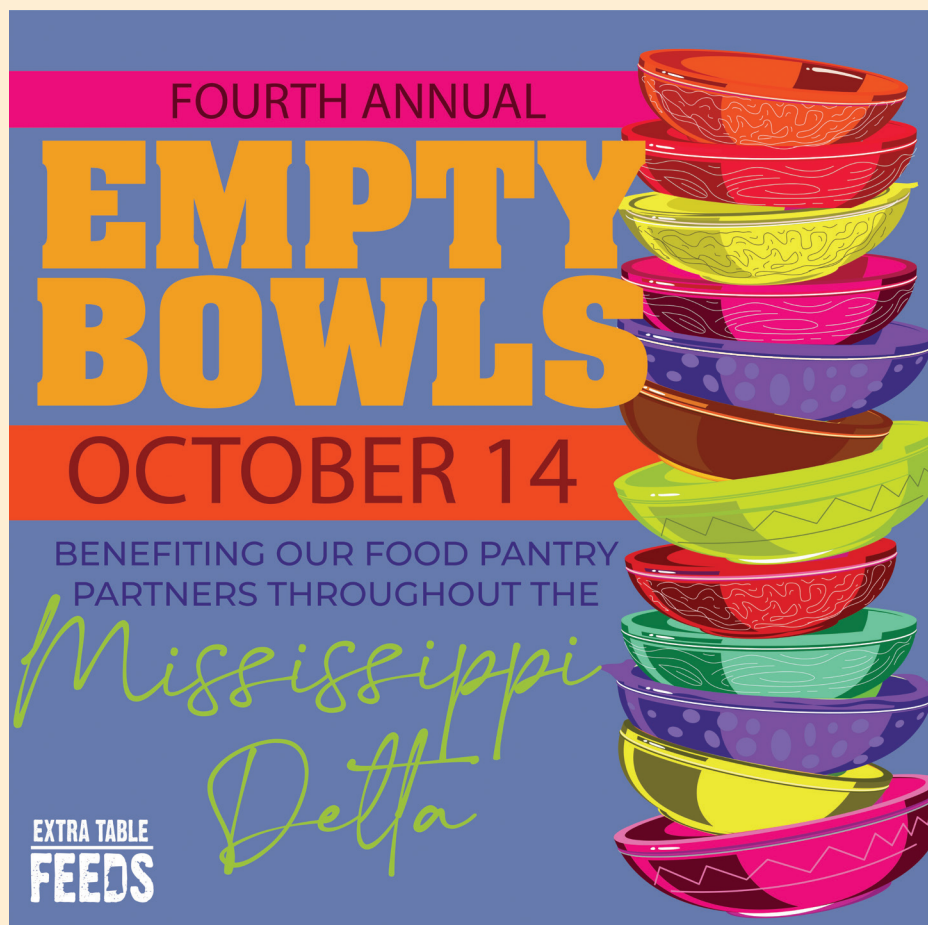
From September through November, the BPAC will present three films free of charge to the community. Along with a screening of the film, the filmmakers are made available to the local community for workshops and discussions. The filmmakers also conduct a Q&A with audiences immediately following the film screening to discuss the film, its subject, and their work.

Screenings begin September 15 with *Refuge*. A feature documentary that is set in the most diverse square mile in America—Clarkston, Georgia—and follows a Syrian Kurd, a former Klansman, and a town of refugees who seek belonging in a country that blames them for its problems. Ultimately, *Refuge* uncovers

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4th Annual Empty Bowls Coming Back to Cleveland

“Our bowls are empty so others can be full”



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The state of Mississippi is one of the most food insecure states in the America, with one in five Mississippians unsure if they can afford their next meal. In the Delta, 21% percent of households are food insecure, double the nationwide rate of 10.5%. These food insecure homes in the Delta lack the ability to obtain nutritious and adequate food for a healthy life.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The

4th Annual Extra Table Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held at Delta Arts Alliance, 104 S Court Street in Cleveland, Mississippi, on Friday, October 14th, from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Indoor dining and To Go dining will both be available.

“We are glad to be back in Cleveland and have the support of the Delta Arts Alliance, Junior Auxiliary and our amazing sponsors,” said Extra Table Executive Director and Clarksdale

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Gladden Named In *Best Lawyers*

Cleveland native recently recognized

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Cleveland native David Lee Gladden, Jr. was recently chosen to be recognized in the 29th edition of The Best Lawyers in America® for his high caliber work in Insurance Law. Gladden is the co-founder and Senior Partner of Gladden & Ingram, PLLC, which is based in Madison, MS. For more than 40 years, Best Lawyers has been regarded—by both the profession and the public—as the most credible measure of legal integrity and distinction in the

Gladden

United States. As such, recognition by Best Lawyers symbolizes excellence in practice. Inclusion in Best Lawyers is based on a rigorous peer-review survey comprising more than 12.2 million confidential evaluations by top attorneys. As always, no fee or payment to participate is allowed. Consequently, as a Best Lawyers honoree, Gladden will possess the elite privilege to participate in the exclusive voting process for next year’s edition. Best Lawyers increases visibility of recognition to referring attorneys, worldwide counsel and clients of legal services through its partnerships with *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Dallas Morning News* and *Tampa Bay Times*, plus regional, business, local and consumer publications, both in print and online.

“I am truly honored by this prestigious recognition,” said Gladden. “But, I believe it is also a credit to our entire firm for the work we do to provide only the best and most attentive counsel to our many clients.”

Health & Wellness Fair Held Aug. 27

Similar events scheduled in the weeks ahead

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Just the Right Motivation Consulting, LLC (JRM Consulting) and the Greater New Kingdom (GNK) M. B. Church Health and Wellness Ministry of Cleveland partnered with the Shaw Family Medical Clinic of Shaw and the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health (IAMH) and the Mississippi Community Engagement Alliance—both located in Jackson—to co-host the Greater New Kingdom Health and Wellness Fair in Cleveland held last weekend.

Rev. Randolph Seals, Jr., the pastor of GNK, had always wanted a Health and Wellness Ministry to help his church meet both the spiritual and health and wellness needs

of the congregation and fellow community members. To fulfill those needs, Seals formed a 12 member Health and Wellness Ministry that was established in May 2022.

Joyce Roundtree-McCoy, the owner/consultant of JRM Consulting and the chair of the GNK Health and Wellness Ministry said, “The ministry members and I are so grateful to all of the partners for coming out last Saturday to make our first health event for the year a success.” Some 33 church and community members came out to receive free healthcare services from the Shaw Family Medical Clinic such as COVID-19 tests, vaccines, boosters, HIV tests, and blood pressure and blood glucose screenings.

Their partner in the event, IAMH, also gave away

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The August 27 health fair was provided by the following local institutions: Shaw Family Medical Clinic, Just the Right Motivation Consulting, and the Greater New Kingdom M. B. Church Health and Wellness Ministry.