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JACKSON

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Wilhelmina McCullough, benefit specialist, can be reached at 1-800-721-7255 or (601) 969-0601 for details.

Party exec to address Dems

The Mississippi Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson-Hamer Dinner is set for Friday at the Old Capitol Inn on North State Street.

Clyde Williams, the political director of the Democratic National Committee, will be the keynote speaker.

He will discuss the upcoming midterm elections and the political landscape for the next two years.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased by contacting Jared Turner at (601) 969-2913 or jared@mississippidemocrats.org.

MENDENHALL

Lane closures set on U.S. 49

U.S. 49 will have lane closures for about two weeks starting today for work that includes the removal of crossovers and a new turning lane, the Mississippi Department of Transportation said.

The lane closures will begin a half mile south of the intersection of U.S. 49 and Mississippi 540.

PEARL

Police to push littering tickets

The officer who gives out the most citations for littering in Pearl will be rewarded with a Smith & Wesson handgun.

The Pearl Police Department and Keep Pearl Beautiful have teamed up to end littering in the city.

The officer will be honored at a December event.

"Littering is a crime, and both residents and visitors alike need to know that we are serious about cleaning up our city," Pearl Mayor Brad Rogers said in a news release.

Among those subject to being ticketed are persons seen littering from a car window, allowing litter to be blown out of a vehicle or leaving litter on the roadside or on private property.

Persons found guilty may be fined a maximum \$250 and may be required to remove the litter, repair or


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