

Rhodes for MS District 36

By Brian Rhodes

Rankin County farmer and businessman Brian Rhodes filed to run for state senate at 10 a.m. today on the first day of candidate qualifying. Rhodes is running as a Republican in the newly drawn Senate District 36, which includes Smith County and a portion of Rankin County.

At the Mississippi Republican Party headquarters in Jackson, where he filed papers to officially qualify as a candidate, Brian Rhodes said, "Ashley and I are excited about this campaign and the opportunity to share our vision for the future of Smith and Rankin counties and Senate District 36. As a conservative farmer and small business owner who has been deeply involved in Farm Bureau and other organizations in our community, I seek to bring a wealth of practical, real-world experience to the state senate along with a commitment to transparency and responsiveness for our citizens. Ultimately this is about leaving Mississippi a better place for not just for my children but for all of our children."

Brian Rhodes is a Christian, a husband, a father, a farmer, and a conservative Republican. A life-long resident of Rankin County, Rhodes is a third-generation poultry and cattle farmer. He bought his first poultry farm while in college in 2007. In 2008, he married the former Ashley Laird of Morton. Together they own ten poultry houses and a cow-calf operation of about 100 head of commercial beef cattle.

Ashley and Brian are both graduates of

East Rankin Academy and Mississippi State University. They've been married for 14 years and have three children

— two daughters and a son. Ashley taught in the Rankin County school district for five years before becoming a full-time homemaker.

• Recognized as the Rankin County Farm Family of the Year by the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce • Lifelong active member and leader in The Church at Shiloh • Appointed by Gov. Tate Reeves to serve on the Mississippi Land, Water and Timber Resources Board • Member of the Rankin County Farm Bureau Board of Directors; served as President for 4 years • Served on the Mississippi Farm Bureau Board of Directors 2020 – 2021 • Member of the Mississippi Poultry Assoc. • Member of the Rankin County Cattlemen's Association; served as President for 3 years • Served as Area Vice President of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association • Served on legislative policy development committees for several years with both Mississippi Farm Bureau and the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association • Member of the Rankin County Republican Executive Committee and the Rankin County Republican Club • Associate member of the Rankin County Republican Women • Awarded the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award in 2020 • Placed 4th nationally in the American Farm Bureau Achievement Award competition in 2020

A map of District 36 can be viewed here: <https://rhodesforsenate.us/district-36/>.



Johnson named as 2022 Fall Dean Scholar at Alcorn State



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The Alcorn State University's Honors Curriculum Program announced its 2022 Spring and Fall President's and Dean's Scholars, and among that list is Janay TyShonda Johnson, a graduate of Pelahatchie High School. Johnson earned

this honor as a student of the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Students who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher will be honored at the 84th Annual Honors Convocation on March 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. The location of the event is undetermined at this time.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	ARRANGEMENTS
W. C. Lloyd	78	Morton	2/5/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
Nena Elizabeth Welch	93	Newton	2/7/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
Leaser Franklin Burnside	51	Morton	2/11/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
Dorothy (Joy) Sumerall	70	Morton	2/20/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
Deward Earl Denton	75	Morton	2/21/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
Zayden Blake Havard	3 wks	Forest	2/21/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
James Chester Sawyer, Jr.	85	Morton	2/22/2023	Wolf Funeral Services
Vallie R. Gilbert	70	Morton	2/28/2023	Wolf Funeral Services



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