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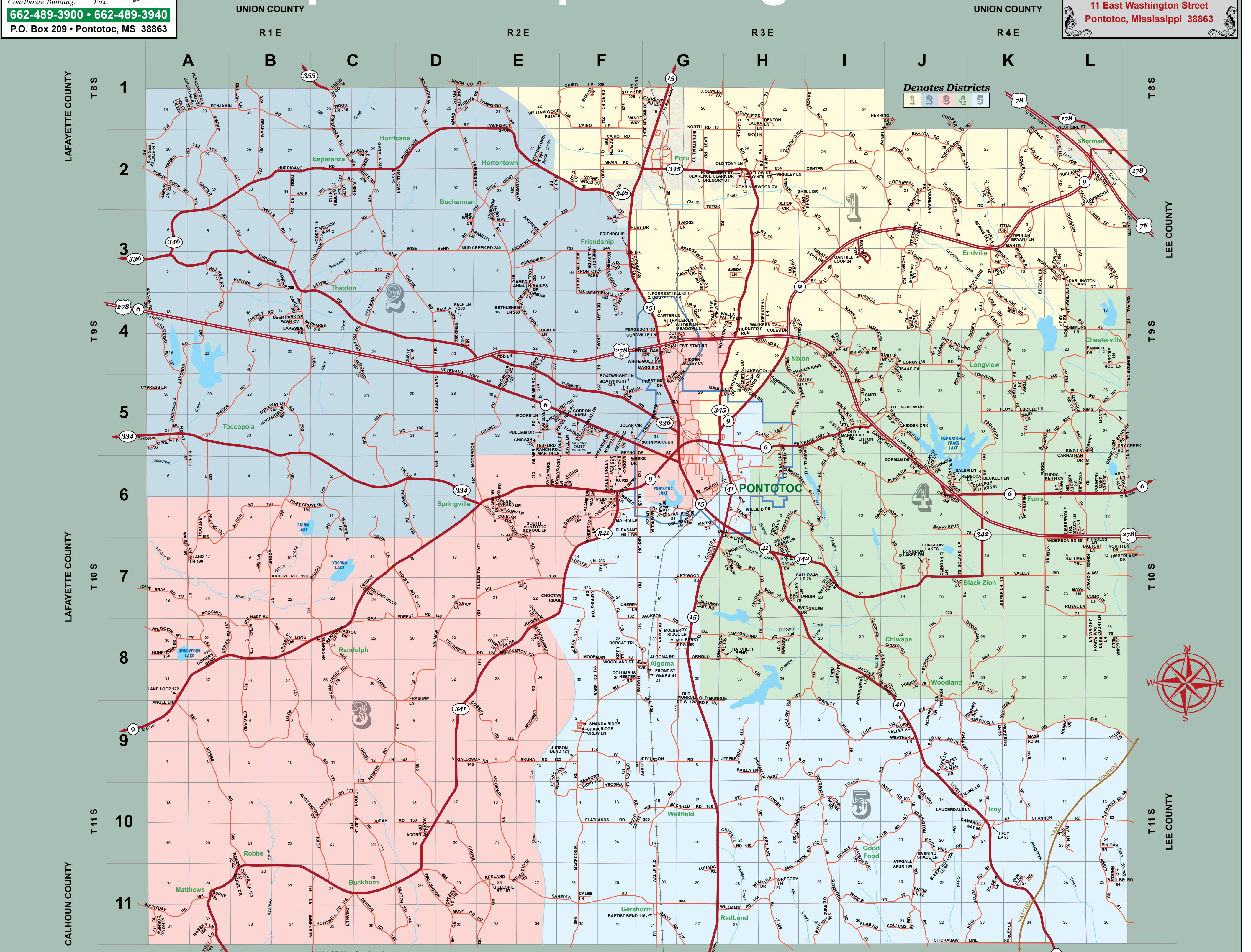
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HISTORIC SITES

1. Nathan Turner Manor on Hwy. 6 at Hwy. 1, erected by D.S.L. in 1923.
2. Butler's School was the first school in the town of Pontotoc. It began in 1799 by the son of Rev. Joseph Butler.
3. The Court House of the Chickasaw was located about one-half mile northwest of the intersection of the Natchez Trace and Highway 10 at the intersection of Hwy. 242 and Palmetto St.
4. Capt. James H. Hays, who was killed at the Battle of Shiloh, was sometimes called "Pontotoc's Hero." His grave is located in the town square.
5. Allen's Tavern. Old Pontotoc was located about five miles southeast of the present town of Pontotoc. Allen's Tavern and Hotel were built in 1820. It was the first hotel in the town.
6. Battle of Ochs's Hill. Ochs's Hill, located on the north side of the town, was the site of a battle between the Chickasaw and the British in 1770. It was the first battle in the history of the town.
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13. Lockhart. The establishment home of Dr. Forrest and Janis Tutor was built in 1822.
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15. Capt. James H. Hays. A soldier in the War of 1812, he was killed at the Battle of Shiloh. His grave is located in the town square.
16. Federal Land Office. Located on the corner of what is now Oxford and N. Brooks St., the land office was built by the Chickasaw lands following the signing of the Treaty of Pontotoc.
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