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“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”
I John 4:7-8

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Three applications filed for Lexington mayor in upcoming municipal election

By Matthew Breazeale

The qualifying deadline for primary and independent candidates for municipal office is March 3 with several applications already submitted for the City of Lexington.

The Municipal Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2 with the runoffs, if any, being on Tuesday, May 16. The Municipal General Election, for those running as independent candidates, is set for Tuesday, June 6.

As of Tuesday morning, February 21, three are vying for the office of mayor, Robin McCrory, Doris Alexander and incumbent Clint Cobbins. Applications for aldermen positions were submitted for Ward 1, David Rule (i), Ward 2, Joshua Davis (i), Ward 4, Lee Young and Ella Benson (i), and At Large, Clementene Cooper (i). All candidates who submitted applications are running as Democrats.

According to Lexington City Clerk Willie Mae Forrest, the election commissioners have not met yet to qualify any can-

didates but have met for certification class.

General qualifications for office, as outlined by the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, are "Qualified elector (registered voter) of the State of Mississippi and in the municipality/ward of the office for which the candidate seeks election. Never have been convicted of bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, being defined as a crime punishable by a minimum of one (1) year confinement in the state penitentiary, unless pardoned for the offense. Never have been convicted of a felony in a court of this state or of a felony in a federal court, or of a crime in the court of another state which is a felony under the laws of this state, on or after December 8, 1992; excluding, however, a conviction of manslaughter or a violation of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any violation of the tax laws of this state, unless the offense also involved the misuse or abuse of an office or money coming into a candidate's hands

by virtue of an office."

Forrest said the vetting of candidates is the responsibility of the elections commissioners, ensuring they have committed no crimes outlined by the state secretary's office.

Other requirements for qualifying for office include submitting to the municipal clerk's office "a Qualifying Statement of Intent (for either a party nomination or running as independent)."

A fee of \$10 is incurred for those running as a party candidate, those running as independent "do not pay a qualifying fee."

Those who have not registered still have until Saturday, April 1 to do so. According to Forrest, the deadline in 12 noon that Saturday at Lexington City Hall for the Municipal Primary Election. The deadline for voter registration in the Municipal General Election is Monday, May 1. Two forms of ID, one picture ID, are required for voter registration.

Forrest said the Lexington City Hall will be open every Saturday in March, 8 a.m. to 12 noon for voter registration.



The Holmes County Central High School Jaguars girls and boys basketball teams (pictured above) are in district playoffs this week vying for spots to play in state playoffs. The girls will play at home this Friday. (Photos by Matthew Breazeale)



Folks in and around Tchula got the chance to meet and greet with New York Mets Centerfielder Curtis Granderson on Friday, February 10. Peak's Quick Food in Tchula hosted the three-time All-Star who has also appeared twice in the World Series with the Detroit Tigers and the Mets. Granderson, a native of Chicago, spoke with media outlets and attendees on his time growing up in the Tchula area, his family and his philanthropic efforts. Granderson, whose sister is a professor at Jackson State University, talked on how his Holmes County upbringing shaped him today. (Above left) Granderson signed T-Shirts and baseball cards for kids, both old and young, during the event. (Above right) People filled up the inside of Peak's to catch a glimpse of the athlete and to say hello. Peak's General Manager Avery Rucker said Granderson also has some experience in the kitchen which he hoped to grasp.

(Photos by Matthew Breazeale)



The Lexington Rotary Club named two Paul Harris Fellows during its annual Rotary Ann Banquet that was held at Gladys' on Valentine's Day. Laura Dixon (at left) and Matthew Breazeale were both named for contributing \$1000 to Rotary Programs. Breazeale was also named Rotarian of the Year. (Photo by Barbara Mauldin)

HCC Sports Hall of Fame set for April 27

The 2017 HCC Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus.

The 2017 Holmes Community College inductee for the

Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame is Roy Oswalt for baseball. Oswalt will be honored at Hinds Community College on April 25.

For ticket information, please contact call 662-472-9134.

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Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for Feb. 23 - Mar. 1 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Thursday Sunny 79/57 Precip. Chance 10%	Friday Partly Cloudy 78/46 Precip. Chance 10%	Saturday Sunny 60/35 Precip. Chance 0%	Sunday Sunny 65/43 Precip. Chance 0%	Monday P.M. Showers 72/58 Precip. Chance 40%	Tuesday Cloudy 79/66 Precip. Chance 20%	Wednesday Scattered T'Storms 79/57 Precip. Chance 60%

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