



Rayne Tate showed the Reserve Champion Duroc during the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28.



Tyler Branch is pictured with his Reserve Champion Light Medium Commercial Doe from the 2017 Dixie National Junior Roundup show in Jackson held February 2-19. Tyler is the son of Angela Love and Cedric Branch of Lexington.
(Photo by Betsy Padgett)



Holmes County Central High School football player Jonathan Ware (second from right) signed his intent to play for Holmes Community College on National Signing Day Wednesday, February 1 in the HCCHS Library. Ware is pictured above with his parents Johnny Day and Tianna Roby. (Photo submitted)



Holmes County Central High School football player Chrishawn Davis (second from right) signed his intent to play for Copiah-Lincoln Community College on National Signing Day Wednesday, February 1 in the HCCHS Library. Davis is pictured above with his parents Pat Porter and Christie Davis.
(Photo submitted)



Hanna Hood showed the Reserve Champion Market Barrow during the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28.
(Photo by Julie Ellison)



Letter to the Editor

My wife and I were following the Mississippi Blues Trail and found ourselves in Lexington near lunchtime on Sunday the 19th. We stopped at Gladys' and had a delicious fried chicken and fixin's. As we got up to leave our server told me one of your locals had paid for our meals. What an

unexpected and pleasant surprise. Whoever did this I want you to know how much this Kansas City couple appreciates this very kind gesture. I will forever have good memories of Lexington, MS.

God's blessings
Robert and Patricia Carlton,
Excelsior Springs, MO

Calendar of Events

**DEADLINE:
4 P.M., FRIDAY**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY SET AT ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Flemmings and Wade Family and Friends Day Program on Sunday, February 25 at 1 p.m. with Sunday School at 11:30 a.m. 2-16,23

APPRECIATION SET FOR HOPEWELL MUSICIANS

Hopewell M.B. Church in Durant will host its Musician Appreciation Program for Leroy Wise, Sr., Jamal Harmon and Demarcus Hogsett on Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. at Sequoia's in Durant. All performance groups are invited. 2-23;3-2

GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA SET AT NEW BEGINNING

New Beginning Nondenominational Church in Durant will hold its Gospel Extravaganza 2017 on Sunday, February 26 at 3 p.m. All performance groups are invited. 2-16,23

INSTRUCTORS SOUGHT FOR SUMMER DANCING

Do All Things Children's Circle, Inc. is preparing for its upcoming 2017 summer program. We are looking for talent of the seasoned and the young to teach tap dancing, ballroom dancing and creative dancing. We welcome any degree of talent. To become involved contact Arnita Knight at 601-660-2207. 2-16,23

HEAD START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR KIDS

Community Development

West Hill Water Association will hold its *Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.* *The meeting will be held in the building next to Fred's at 303 Yazoo Street Lexington, Mississippi* *All members are encouraged to attend.*

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. This is the time for our members to ask questions, voice their problems, and also time to elect board members.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this organization is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 759-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

Head Start is now accepting applications for 3 to 5 year old children. Call 662-212-5289 for information. 2-16,23

ST. PAUL TO HOST MEN/WOMEN'S DAY

St. Paul C.O.G.I.C. will have its Men & Women's Day Program on Sunday, February 26 at 11 a.m. 2-16,23

ST. MARYLAND SET FOR BLACK HISTORY PROG.

St. Maryland C.O.G.I.C. will have its Annual Black History Program/Banquet on Saturday, February 25 at 6 p.m. at St. Paul C.O.G.I.C. in Lexington. 2-16,23

APPRECIATION SERVICE SET AT POPULAR SPRING

Popular Spring M.B. Church is hosting the Pastor's 34th Appreciation Service on Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m. 2-23;3-2

DOLLARS AND DIMES PROGRAM SET AT TRINITY

Trinity M.B. Church in Lexington (Howard Bottom) will host its annual Dollars and Dimes Program on Sunday, March 5 at 11 a.m. 2-23;3-2

CHOIR DAY SET AT UNION GROVE M.B.C.

Union Grove M.B. Church will host its Choir Day Celebration on Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. All performance groups are invited. 2-23;3-2

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE RURAL AREA PROGRAM

The Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress, Inc. of Indianola, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division, for assistance through its Rural Area Program to provide public transportation services within **Holmes County**. Funding is available to state agencies, local public bodies and agencies thereof, non-profit organizations, operators of public transportation services in locations other than urbanized Area, and, under special circumstances, private operators of public transportation on a competitive basis to undertake eligible transportation activities.

The goals of the Rural Area Program are: to enhance the access of people in non-urbanized Area to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services and recreation; to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban Area; to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all Federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non-urbanized Area through the coordination of programs and services; and to provide for the participation of private transportation providers in non-urbanized transportation to the maximum extent feasible.

The purposes for which these funds can be used are capital purchases that include such items as support vehicles, communication equipment, wheelchair lifts, etc.; administrative costs that include such items as salaries, office supplies, insurance, etc.; and operating expenses that include such items as driver's wages, fuel, oil, etc. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements and the program criteria will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at **12:00 pm, on March 1, 2017** at 303 Yazoo Street, Lexington, MS.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

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