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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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School consolidation on topic for county work session set today

By Matthew Breazeale
School stakeholders for both Holmes County Central School District and Durant Public School District will have another opportunity to hear about state legislation on consolidation for both districts this evening in Lexington. The Holmes County Board of Supervisors is holding its monthly work session this evening (March 2) at 6:00 in the county administration building on the Square. Mike Kent, from the Mississippi Department of Education will be present to talk about House Bill No. 926, the bill proposing the consolidation. Issues regarding the financial aspects of the pending consolidation will be discussed, according to Holmes County Administrator Charlie Mae Joiner.

Kent has previously moderated other open meetings in both Lexington and Durant to answer public concerns. House Bill No. 926, authored by Representative Toby Barker, proposes “An

act to provide that in the Holmes County and Durant Public School Districts there shall be an administrative consolidation into one school district to be designated as the Holmes County Consolidated School District effective July 1, 2018.” A financial conservator has already been assigned by the Mississippi Department of Education, Debra Jones, to monitor and approve expenditures of both districts. Jones is to “continue duties for one (1) year after the consolidation to ensure that all financial matters are in

place,” according to the bill. Superintendents and school board members are personally responsible for any school purchase outside Jones’ permission, in accordance with the bill. The new district would be divided and allocated by county supervisors into five new single member board of education election districts that fall in line with the supervisors’ district. New board members of the consolidated district are set to be elected in November of this year in a special election.

Jaguars advance over New Hope’s loss

By Adam Minichino
The Dispatch
You better excel in at least one area when you don’t have a player taller than 6-foot-2 on your roster. Holmes County Central High School boys basketball coach Antwayn Patrick is blessed with a squad that can do multiple this exceptionally well. Not only can the Jaguars shoot the 3-pointer from well behind the arc, but they also have the athleticism and quickness to attack the backboards with relentless abandon. That combination proved to be too difficult for the

New Hope Trojans to handle Saturday night. LaMondre Brown hit five 3-pointers as part of a game-high 25-point effort to Holmes County Central to a 64-59 victory against New Hope in the second round of the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 5A State tournament. “We have three or four guys who can shoot it from deep, and that kept us in the game a lot in the first half,” Patrick said. “I give all of the honor to God because if it wasn’t for Him we wouldn’t be here. When they were

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Lexington blood drive set for March 4

Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) will be holding a community blood drive at Fred’s in Lexington on Saturday, March 4, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The MBS Donor Coach will be parked at Fred’s Dollar Store, located at 301 Yazoo Street in Lexington. Donors will receive an MBS T-shirt. Donors can now check their total cholesterol on their MBSCoast Account. March in Mississippi sees its fair share of stormy weather—but for patients in Mississippi the forecast can spell disaster if there isn’t blood available to them when they need it.

Mississippi blood donors cannot control Mother Nature, but they can help patients see a sunnier future. Donate blood and be breath of fresh air to someone in need. Donating blood is safe, simple and it saves lives. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with signed parental consent, visit our Web site for a copy of the form), weigh at least 110 pounds and have a valid ID. Visit us at mbsblood.com or call us at (888) 90-BLOOD (902-5663) for information. You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/give2live and follow MSbloodservices on Twitter.



Workers were scaling the Holmes County Courthouse in Lexington on Tuesday, February 14, in efforts to repair some roof damage and to stop leaking along with repairs needing to be done on the clock tower.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

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Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for March 2 - 8 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Thursday Sunny 63/37 Precip. Chance 0%	Friday Sunny 66/38 Precip. Chance 0%	Saturday Partly Cloudy 69/46 Precip. Chance 0%	Sunday Partly Cloudy 72/57 Precip. Chance 10%	Monday Partly Cloudy 76/54 Precip. Chance 20%	Tuesday Showers 69/47 Precip. Chance 40%	Wednesday Sunny 71/48 Precip. Chance 20%

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