

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker: Don't Forget About Rural America

New Administration Should Pursue Greater Access to Health Care, Broadband

The Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress are committed to putting Americans back to work and reforming our health-care system. New plans, however, should be shaped with our rural communities in mind. As Mississippians know, rural areas have unique challenges and needs that may not always be addressed when government policies are applied

in broad strokes.

I have urged my colleagues and members of the new Administration to support policy-making that pays attention to the most remote and rural parts of our country. For example, living in a rural area should not stand in the way of receiving first-rate health care. As I recently wrote to new Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, "Health care is constantly evolving in our country, and rural providers, patients, and facilities need reliable partners at all levels in order to be successful." Forty other Senators joined me in sending this letter, reiterating the importance of high-quality health care that is truly accessible to all Americans, no matter where they live.

Rural Hospitals Are Key
How might we promote this

success? One way is to recognize the value of rural hospitals in providing life-saving services, not to mention local jobs. Dozens of these hospitals have closed their doors in recent years, and hundreds more could join them. When these facilities close, it can be even more difficult for patients to find a health-care provider, forcing them to drive miles from home to receive care. Removing costly regulations can help direct resources where they are needed most.

Encouraging advancements have already emerged to improve rural health care, including innovative developments in telehealth and remote patient monitoring. These groundbreaking technologies can help Mississippians in need of emer

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Calendar of Events

DEADLINE:
4 P.M., FRIDAY

WEST M.B. CHURCH SET FOR EASTER PROGRAM
West M.B. Church will have its Easter program at 11 a.m. with morning worship services on Sunday, April 16. 4-6,13

Thursday, April 20 at 3:15 p.m. Third Thursday is co-sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library.

A parent or responsible caregiver must accompany any child under 9 years of age.

For movie title and further information, please call 834-2571-4-13,20

RESURRECTION DAY SET AT GOOD SAMARITAN
A Resurrection Day celebration will be held at Good Samaritan Ecumenical Church in Tchula on Sunday, April 16 at 11:30 a.m. 4-6,13

MAIN STREET BAPTIST SET FOR EASTER CANTATA
Main Street Baptist Church in Goodman will present its Easter Cantata *Amazing Love - How Can it Be* on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Food and fellowship will follow. 4-13

HENSON-KICKERNICK REUNION DATE SET
The annual Henson-Kickernick reunion will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Lexington First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will be pot luck. Bringing a small gift to exchange is optional. 4-6,13

HOMECOMING SET AT FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN
Franklin Presbyterian will hold its church homecoming on Sunday, April 23 with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. and services at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow at noon. 4-13,20

IT'S A GIRL THING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 28
Good News Christian Center Church will present It's A Girl Thing on Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Building in Tchula. Girls of all ages are invited to enjoy fun, food, fellowship and a fashion show. 4-6,13

SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET SET FOR APRIL 22
The Nora and William Travis Memorial Scholarship Benefit Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 6 p.m. at William Dean Jr. Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$25.00. 4-13,20

CITY OF LEXINGTON TO HOST EASTER EGG HUNT
The City of Lexington will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. on the grounds of the former Lexington Elementary School. 4-13

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA SET AT WALDEN CHAPEL
Walden Chapel U.M. Church in Goodman will have its Annual Musical Extravaganza on Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. Performance groups are invited to attend. 4-13,20

APPRECIATION SERVICE SET AT WEST GROVE MBC
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will hold its Musician's 15th Year Appreciation Service on Sunday, April 23 at 11 a.m. 4-13,20

THIRD THURSDAY MOVIE AT LEXINGTON LIBRARY
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Harland Creek Community Water Association

will have its annual meeting Monday, April 17, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the Coxburg Community Center.

The Long And The Short Of It



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECRUITMENT

Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc.'s (MCHC) Board Development Recruitment and Retention Committee is searching for possible candidates for board service. We are requesting that interested candidates give serious consideration to a nomination for a position as a member. Since its founding in 1993, MCHC has become recognized as an effective health care provider to neighbors in need, having real impact within the community. We invite you to become a part of this growing tradition.

A primary responsibility of board directors is to participate in the development of policy and major decision-making at monthly board meetings. Another key responsibility is to be active on a committee of the board. Board nominees will be asked to make a committee commitment before they are voted onto the board.

As you consider this opportunity, we ask that you review the position description. As you will see, we are expecting the board to be actively involved.

The next several years promise to be an exciting time for MCHC. The organization will continue to have a positive impact on the community we serve. The Board of Directors will play a central role in this important work.

If you wish to be considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors or if you would like to nominate a person as a potential candidate, please call Pamela Riley at 662-834-2566 or send an email to mchc.admin@mallorychc.org with the subject- MCHC Board Recruitment and we will extend an invitation to that person on your behalf.

A member of our Board Recruitment and Retention Committee will contact you to discuss your application and to schedule a meeting to review board responsibilities in more detail and to receive additional information about Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc.'s (MCHC).

Sincerely,
Alice M. Scott, Chairperson
MCHC Board of Directors

IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

On Wednesday, April 5, the Holmes County TRIAD met at the Multi-Purpose building in Lexington. The Right Information and Direction was about the Holmes County School System. The speakers for the meeting were Superintendent Dr. Angel Meeks and two consultants. They talked about improving student achievement and maintaining financial stability. Holmes County schools are currently being assessed. The consultants are talking to teachers, students and others. The consultants presented this information to the TRIAD attendees.

The TRIAD Luncheon will be held Wednesday, May 31 at 11 a.m. at Holmes County Central (Jacob J. McClain) High School Gymnasium in Lexington.

The government has cut funds. The TRIAD is asking for your financial support to help in this event. Any amount you give will be greatly appreciated. Churches, clubs and any other organizations are asked to give a donation. Over 300 seniors (elderly) are expected at this event.

If you need additional information please contact Sheriff Willie March or Verlinda Alexander at 662-834-1511. This information came from a flyer distributed by TRIAD.

The City of Lexington Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the grounds of the former Lexington Elementary School grounds on Saturday, April 15 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Ann Brown fell and broke her hip. Keep her in your prayers.

A group of people from the Lexington Feeding Program went to visit the nursing home in Durant. They went to visit Mrs. Jamas Whisenton and Ms. Mary Ann Benford. Mrs. Benford was coming in from dialysis. She was able to walk on her own. Mrs. Whisenton is in a wheelchair. While they were, Rev. Tom Collins showed up, they had prayer with Mrs. Whisenton. While at the nursing home, this writer had a chance to see two of her friends, Mr. Will Young from Mileston and Mrs. Lee Wade from the Bowling Green Community. They were doing fine.

Five birthdays were celebrated with a combined birthday party for Mr. John Barnes, Mrs. Beatrice Hoover, Mrs. Viola Dixon, Mrs. Mary Patrick and Mayor Clinton Cobbins.

Mr. Lee Wright's electricity was cut off Thursday evening April 6. It took his neighbor over an hour to get in touch with someone at the Yazoo Valley Electric Association. That's too long. Suppose he needed his electricity to operate some medical equipment. Later on that evening some other customers had electrical power outages as well.

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