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One reported dead from Sunday storms in county East Holmes County hit hard by possible tornado, widespread damages



Many trees were razed during Sunday's storms that led to the death of one Durant man, Carlton Hurt, according to Durant city officials. Durant Mayor Tasha Davis said Durant's clean-up and recovery will be an ongoing process that will take time. The city's electrical substation was severely damaged as well. Most streets are now open through Durant. Pictured above are shots of debris and damage around Durant. (Photos by Matthew Breazeale)

Southern Cross Transmission files route through Mississippi, Holmes County

Pattern Energy Group LP (Pattern Development) announced on Wednesday, April 26, its affiliate's proposed Southern Cross Transmission project has filed a petition for a siting certificate with the Mississippi Public Service Commission (MPSC). That petition includes the designation of a preferred route for the MPSC's consideration.

“Reaching this major milestone is the result of several years of work to identify the optimal placement of the line through a combination of science, engineering, and engaging with landowners, farmers, foresters, and each of the municipalities in the towns and counties along the route,” said

Mike Garland, CEO of Pattern Development. “The Southern Cross project will be one of the nation's first overhead HVDC transmission lines constructed in nearly two decades – and all of the capital investment required for the project is being provided by private investors. It is the only project to connect low-cost renewable energy in Texas to the Southeast while also creating jobs and generating strong economic benefits in both the southern states and Texas. In addition, it will provide significant reliability and economic benefits by connecting two robust systems. We are now in discussions with parties interested in buying the low-

cost clean power this project will deliver.”

The preferred route would cross the Mississippi River in Issaquena County and continue eastward through Washington, Sharkey, Humphreys, Holmes, Carroll, Montgomery, Choctaw, Oktibbeha, Clay, and Monroe counties before terminating at a converter station to be built in Lowndes County.

Landowners on the route, which has been filed with the MPSC, will receive notice by letter in the coming weeks. The boards of supervisors in each of the respective counties have adopted resolutions of support for the project and its positive impact.

“The Southern Cross Transmission project will have a significant impact on our county tax revenues,” remarked Bill Newsom, President of the Sharkey Board of Supervisors. “We were pleased to have been able to work with company officials well in advance of today's filing and look forward to continuing our partnership into the future.”

In the filing, the MPSC is being asked to approve a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (commonly called a siting certificate). The Commission will be examining the project over the coming months and is expected to issue its order once that review has been completed.

The Southern Cross Transmission project is a ±500 kilovolt high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line

with a base load capacity of 2,000 Megawatts (delivered in either direction after losses and before overloads) that will link abundant and cost-competitive wind energy in Texas to the transmission grid and customers in the Southeast. “The Southern Cross line will provide our region with cost-effective electricity and increased reliability for the entire southeastern electrical grid,” said Joe Max Higgins, CEO of the Golden Triangle Development Link. “Pattern Development's \$300

million investment in Lowndes County strengthens the position that the Golden Triangle possesses some of the most reliable power in the south.”

A recent study conducted by (Continued on page 4.)

HERALD BRIEF

Lexington spring festival set for this Saturday

The City of Lexington annual spring festival is set for this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. around the Court Square.

Vendors with craft, food, junktique, service and informational booths will be on hand. Inflatable jumpers will be available for children. The festival main stage will feature performances from local talent and musical groups.

The event is free and open to the public.

REVIVAL

SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Spirit of Life Ministries in Pickens will host its Annual Spring Revival Services from Sunday, May 14 through Tuesday, May 16 at 7:15 nightly.

Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for May 4 - 10 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL



Thursday
Cloudy
59/52
Precip. Chance 20%



Friday
A.M. Clouds/P.M. Sun
67/47
Precip. Chance 10%



Saturday
Sunny
72/52
Precip. Chance 10%



Sunday
Sunny
78/55
Precip. Chance 10%



Monday
Sunny
82/57
Precip. Chance 10%



Tuesday
Sunny
84/61
Precip. Chance 10%



Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
85/64
Precip. Chance 10%

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