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New mayors elected in Lexington, Tchula and Durant

Staff Reports

The three municipalities of Lexington, Tchula and Durant will all see new mayors in office by July after the May 2 general election.

According to unofficial elections results, in Lexington mayoral race Robin McCrory received the most votes with 463, followed by Clint Cobbins, 284, and Doris Alexander with 35.

In Ward 1, David Rule received 182 votes; Ward 2, Joshua Davis, Jr., 147; and Ward 3, Richard Spencer, 144. In Ward 4 Ella Benson received 147 votes with Lee Young receiving 63. For Alderman at Large Clementene Cooper received 448 and Dudley Farmer 317.

In Tchula, General Vann won the mayoral race with 321 votes

followed by Annie Polk with 246; Rashaad Williams, 44; and Albert Goodman, 20. The top six candidates elected for aldermen are Leroy Buchanan with 376 votes; Derrick Wilson, 333; Erma Head, 277; Larry Jefferson, 238; Leo Wilson, 201; and Dorothy Jefferson, 183.

Remaining votes for aldermen are: Samuel Calahan, 125; Dolly Collins, 154; Demarcus Hogan, 79; Rogerine Johnson, 156; Willie Love, 118; Henry Saffold, 135; Vernell Sago, 129; Cleveland Whiteside, 172; and Debra Young, 98.

In the Durant election, Dr. Henry Robinson, Jr. received 446 votes in the mayoral race with incumbent Tasha Davis trailing at 275. Johnny Pritchard received 59 votes and Adaline

Williams, 31. In the Alderman races, there will be a run-off on May 16 between Ward 5 candidates Mary James, 37 votes, and Linda McDonald, 64 votes. An-



Holmes County Attorney John Gilmore (fourth from left) leads in a prayer for recovery for Holmes County after the April 30 storms during the National Day of Prayer event that was held on the west lawn on the Holmes County Courthouse on Thursday, May 4 at noon. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

nie Green received 34 votes. For Ward 1, Carolyn Riley received 126 votes; Ward 2, Leatha “Bo” Patterson, 111; and Louise Winters, 59; Ward 3, Ronnie

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Murderer receives life for killing wife in front of kids

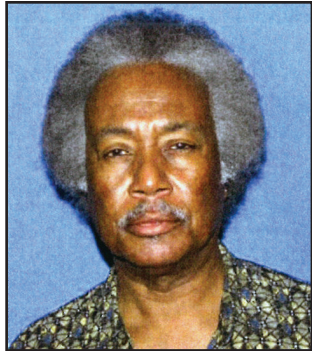
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After a three-day trial, ending Wednesday, May 3, a Holmes County Jury returned a verdict of guilty for Walter Blanden, Jr. of Lexington, according to a press release from the office of Holmes County District Attorney Akillie Malone-Oliver.

Blanden was charged for the April 2016 slaying of his wife, Rimmell Blanden, also of Lexington.

Blanden was sentenced to serve life in prison for the killing which took place within their family home in front of her three children, said the release.

According to Malone-Oliver, “It was an awful tragedy what



WALTER BLANDEN, JR.

those children had to witness.” Malone-Oliver went on to say she is glad that justice has been served. Blanden’s defense counsel was Richard Carter of Kosciusko.

Lexington Spring Festival

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Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for May 11 - 17 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy	Thunderstorms	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T'Storms
85/65	77/57	78/54	83/58	88/62	86/65	86/66
Precip. Chance 10%	Precip. Chance 80%	Precip. Chance 10%	Precip. Chance 10%	Precip. Chance 0%	Precip. Chance 20%	Precip. Chance 40%

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