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*"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."*  
I Peter 5:10

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## Multiple burglaries reported throughout county

### Sheriff urges property owners to better document valuables

By Matthew Breazeale

The Holmes County Sheriff's Department has been investigating several reports of burglaries in the county starting since April.

On April 22, a tenant at an apartment complex in Pickens reported that someone had taken four gold rings, two gold chain necklaces, a gold chain rope necklace, a camera recorder lamp, an Apple laptop computer and game stoppers with joy sticks, all according to a sheriff's department report.

On April 28, a resident on Busy Bee Road in Lexington



Several firearms were recovered by the Holmes County Sheriff's Department with the arrests of Kenji Friar and Randy Skinner. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

reported that his Polaris SPRT MN 850 four-wheeler valued

at \$12,000 was taken from his

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## County receives \$5,000 grant for web site development

When it comes to economic development, Mississippi communities are often edged out of the competition when companies consider where to establish or expand their businesses. Entergy Mississippi's economic development team has set out to change that. Through the new Excellerator Competitive Communities Program, the company recently awarded more than \$125,000 in grants to support economic development.

Holmes County received one of those grants. The county received \$5,000 for website development to market available sites and buildings, existing industries and overall community quality of life.

"We're only as successful as our communities," said Lauren

Moore, Entergy Mississippi customer service representative. "As a regulated utility, we're limited to growth within our service area. To foster that growth, we need to bring in new business as well as provide support for existing businesses. We can encourage that and the economic development health of Holmes County by improving the competitiveness of our entire 45-county service area. It's a win for all involved."

"Excell-erating" Competitiveness The Excellerator program collaborates with communities to improve their competitiveness. They already have advantages like proximity to major waterways and interstate systems, low cost of living and low utility rates, but that's not

## Twin Oaks Animal Clinic to host free canine Distemper vaccines

Staff Reports

A free vaccination clinic for dogs will be held at the Twin Oaks Animal Clinic in Lexington in efforts to prevent canine distemper in dogs.

Two hundred vaccines are being donated by In Defense of Animals, an international animal protection organization, for the free clinic on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vaccines are for dogs and puppies four weeks or older and in good health.

According to a press release, "Canine Distemper is a lethal viral illness with no known cure. The disease affects dogs and certain species of wildlife. Ferrets can carry the virus. Canine Distemper is of the Morbillivirus class of viruses. Unvaccinated puppies or dogs are more susceptible to the disease.

"Distemper is spread in the air and by direct contact. Bowls, water, bedding and the shoes and clothing of a person can harbor the virus."

The disease attacks a dog's tonsils and lymph nodes first then moves to respiratory, urogenital, nervous and gastrointestinal systems.

Initial symptoms listed are fever, reddened eyes, and a watery discharge from the nose and eyes that can progress to yellow or green mucous, even containing blood.

"Canine distemper has been called 'hard pad disease' because it can cause enlargement or thickening of the pads of an animal's feet," said the release. "Dogs may die within two to five weeks, but the progress of the disease depends on the immune system of the animal."

enough. With Entergy's expertise and financial support, these communities can improve their site readiness, marketing and other key areas that will help them stand out to prospective businesses.

The Excellerator program includes three different grant categories, focused on increasing competitiveness, leadership capacity and organizational excellence.

In addition to Holmes County, in its first year, the Excellerator program will fund projects in these communities:

- Adams County: Phase 1 environmental update and engineering plans and mapping for the 110-acre Belwood Industrial Site.
- Desoto and Tunica Counties: Third-party assessment on a 2,021-acre mega site in Tunica and the 1,667-acre Northwest Mississippi Mega Site.
- Hinds County: Phase 1 environmental study update and retention pond work for the I-55 South Wynndale Industrial Park.
- Rankin County: Clearing and grubbing of a 25-acre industrial site in East Metro Center Business Park in Brandon.
- Walthall County: Phase 1 environmental study on a 50,000 square-foot town-owned facility.
- Washington County: Digital marketing initiative for website videos of available buildings.

In addition to the assessments and grants, the Excellerator program will offer training and workshops to all counties in our service area. The Entergy Mississippi Economic Development team will conduct community assessments annually so communities can prepare for the grant cycle each year.

"The Excellerator program (mission) is about more than (Continued on page 5.)

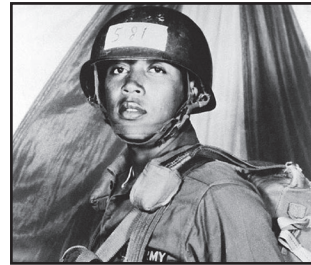
## July 4 set as day of honor in unveiling of Milton Olive memorial

Staff Reports

On Tuesday, July 4, a day to celebrate the birth of this nation will also celebrate the sacrifice of one man who died to save his fellow soldiers.

Milton Lee Olive, a Holmes County native, will be honored during Independence Day with a memorial program and monument unveiling in Lexington.

In October of 1965 while on patrol near Phu Cuong, Vietnam, soldiers of Bravo Company 2nd/503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade



MILTON LEE OLIVE

were given the mission of securing a 60-square-mile area known as War Zone D, or the "Iron Triangle." As the soldiers moved through the thick jungle

brush trying to locate Viet Cong, they came under fire but were able to push the enemy back. As PFC Milton Lee Olive and four other soldiers were in pursuit of Viet Cong, one of the enemy turned and threw a hand grenade into the middle of the platoon. PFC Olive dashed forward yelling "I've got it," tucked it into his middle and moved away from the others, falling on the grenade and absorbing the full blast. His selfless act of bravery saved the lives of four soldiers and ended his life. He was just 18 years old.

Starting off the July 4 events will be a Meet and Greet from (Continued on page 7.)



The Lexington Farmers' Market is now open on Fridays every morning at 8 a.m. in the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building. "The City of Lexington has embarked on the farmers/vendors of surrounding counties to help bring 'Healthy living with Healthy food in,' and throughout Holmes and Carrollton Counties," according to Market Manager Brenda Powell. "The market is responsible for fresh fruits and vegetables. We are looking forward to the upcoming farming season." Some of the available produce include bell peppers, pears, black eye peas, cabbage, onions, collard greens, corn, peppers and rutabagas. Pictured above, vendor Sarah Bailey (at right), from Vaiden, holds one of her five dollar cabbages for sale, with vendor Mary Keys looking on. For more information on the market contact Powell at 662-834-1261 or 662-417-6234.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

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### Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for JUNE 22 - 28 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL

<b>Thursday</b> Thunderstorms 85/75 Precip. Chance 80%	<b>Friday</b> Thunderstorms 83/73 Precip. Chance 80%	<b>Saturday</b> Thunderstorms 82/71 Precip. Chance 90%	<b>Sunday</b> P.M. Thunderstorms 83/66 Precip. Chance 60%	<b>Monday</b> A.M. Showers 83/62 Precip. Chance 50%	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 85/63 Precip. Chance 10%	<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny 87/67 Precip. Chance 20%

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