



The City of Lexington continued the tradition of hosting the summer Police and Fire Camp for kids during the week of June 19 heralding in summer. Young participants were exposed to a variety of topics relating to law enforcement, fire safety, general health, the justice system and environmental issues. Pictured at top right, a demonstration on the usage of SWAT gear was given last week. Pictured at top left, during the last day of camp kids played team building games including giant word find puzzles. Pictured above, participants received their camp completion certificates on Friday, June 23 at Lexington City Hall.

(Photos by John Newton and Matthew Breazeale)

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(continued from page 1.) students free of charge. The academy helps students who have the aptitude and work ethic needed to succeed at a high level reach their full potential. MSU faculty members and researchers, with input from local high school math and physics teachers, designed the curriculum for the preparatory academy. The students are taught math and science methods in the morning and get to see practical applications of the lessons in the afternoon. Program participants were selected by the participating school districts, which include Aberdeen, Booneville, Coahoma County, Holmes County, Pontotoc County, Quitman County and Scott County. “Low-income, rural students can help build a better and more prosperous future for our country, and they deserve the same opportunities as other students to get a good education and go as far as their abilities take them,” said Cooke Foundation Executive Director Harold O. Levy in a release announcing a \$200,000 grant for the con-

sortium. “Talented students, regardless of their geographic location and family income, need to be supported so they can reach their fullest potential.” The Mississippi Public School Consortium for Educational Access is working in partnership with the Global Teaching Project, which has a mission of providing “a platform for great teachers from great schools around the world to bring high-level instruction to students everywhere.” Both groups are hoping to use this year’s pilot program to scale and grow their efforts, which would continue to enhance educational opportunities for Mississippi students. According to the College Board, approximately 85 percent of selective colleges report that a student’s AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions, and millions of students have been able to graduate from college more quickly and at significantly lower costs because of colleges and universities awarding credit for AP scores. Additionally, AP courses help

prepare students for higher education by providing access to rigorous college-level work. “We want these students to think about themselves differently, revise their ambitions accordingly and begin to transform their communities,” Global Teaching Project CEO Matthew J. Dolan said. The residential physics summer academy at MSU is providing students with intensive training in math and science. The students are receiving instruction both at MSU and in their AP physics classes from experts at MSU, Yale and Stanford University. While at MSU, the high school students are visiting the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems and Raspet Flight Research Laboratory. “We’re trying to show the kids how what they learn is applied to the real world,” said Christina McDaniel, summer academy coordinator and an MSU instructor in secondary science education. “We want them to see how it is relevant.” A pre-assessment and post-assessment test will be admin-



June 29 - Sherman and Debbie Partain
June 30 - Charles Christopher and Teresa Bates, Chuck and Nikki Edwards, Michael and Dea Bowling, Frankie and Lane Vargas, Blake and Brittany Powell, Jarrett and Karey Johnson
July 1 - Chris and Christina Farmer
July 3 - Todd and Mitzi



June 29 - Raymond Jackson, Haley O. Woodward, Donna Diggs, Mary Elizabeth Diggs, Carolyn C. Smart, Steve Sizemore, Linda Dickerson, Jim Haffey, Misty Goering
June 30 - Justin Develin, Cedric Brown, Lindell Epps, Jhayden Moore, Ashley Davidson, Addie Burrell, Gia Turner, Cade McBride
July 1 - Drew Parrish, Lyndsey Tutor, Dominique Bullocks, Leah Gilbert, Gibbs White, Colton Howell, Hollie Belle Boykin, Cleveland Whiteside, Jr.
July 2 - Randy Langford, Angela Hammons, Allison Langford, Edna Newton, Ashley Box, Shane Sanford, Brian Wooten, Drennan Word, Dwayne Payton
July 3 - Alston Gilbert, Shannon Lewis, Maggie Carter, Brent Richardson, Kelsey Watts, Faye Engle
July 4 - Phil Cohen, Debbie Byrd, Jerry McCrory, Liz Mansoor, Jordan Taylor, Morgan Taylor, Bro. Steve Jordan, Kristen Stevens
July 5 - Vera Marshall, Emily Thomas Holland, Gene Grantham, Ryleigh Scott, Ben Hudson, Donnie Doshier, Markus Horton, Susie Lane Pritchard, Tim Greer, Dea Hammett Bowling

istered at the summer academy to identify strengths and weaknesses in the students’ physics knowledge. Once the students have completed the course, MSU researchers will examine their scores on the AP physics exam to test the effectiveness of the instruction. For more on the Mississippi Public School Consortium for Educational Access, visit www.educationaccessms.org.

Wilson, William and Brenda Powell, Scotty and April Pritchard
July 4 - Jeff and Dana Holmes, Cleveland and Diane Whiteside
July 5 - Sammy and Diane Massey, Harold and Jackie Hammett, Edward and Causey Johnson



USDA to gather data on bee colony loss from honey producers

In July, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will reach out to Bee and Honey Producers across United States to collect information for its Quarterly Colony Loss report. Each quarter, Delta Region Colony Loss surveys monitor hive health of Beekeeping operations in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. By gathering this data, NASS will identify factors which affect the beekeeping industry and determine their effects within each state. “National food and crop security are challenged by the recent decline in number of productive colonies and other health issues within Bee and Honey operations. Colony Collapse Disorder, while significant, is not the only factor affecting the industry in the Delta Region,” said Esmerelda Dickson, State Statistician, Mississippi Field Office, Delta Region. “Mississippi depends greatly on bees as crop pollinators for cotton, soybeans, and other cash

crops.” In Mississippi, employees of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) will survey approximately 50 Beekeepers. By providing NASDA their information, producers ensure timely, accurate and objective data from which all sectors of U.S. Bee and Honey industry can use to make sound business decisions. Accurate information helps reduce uncertainty and provides more reliable facts on bee colony health. Information provided by respondents for all NASS surveys is confidential by law. NASS safeguards privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring no individual operation or producer can be identified. NASS will publish survey results in its annual Honey Bee Colonies Report on August 1, 2017. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/publications. For more information, please call NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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