

Lexington native named to Dean’s List

Jessica Brownlow of Lexington, MS, was named to the fall 2017 Dean’s List at Mississippi College. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average. Mississippi College, affiliated with the Mississippi

Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, Christian university of liberal arts and sciences serving more than 5,100 students, from 40 states and more than three dozen countries. Founded in 1826, Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi, the largest private university in the state and America’s second oldest Baptist college. Mississippi College is home to 84 areas of under-



A Pasture for the Soul

When God gave the Ten Commandments and it came to Sabbath rest, His message was clear: If creation didn’t crash when I rested, it won’t crash when you do! You graduate study, 16 graduate programs, a doctor of jurisprudence, a doctor of education leadership degree and a doctor of professional counseling degree. Mississippi College seeks to be a university recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ.

horse projects. Tara has already had shooting sports meetings and will be setting more. Horse entries will be due in late April. Work towards Project Day and Club Congress will also commence shortly. And for those interested, we will be setting cookout practices soon as well. We, also, hope to install a demonstration garden at our new office site and will be teaching gardening to youth interested in that.

know we need to rest. For a field to bear fruit, it must occasionally lie fallow. And for you to be healthy, you must rest. When David says in the 23rd Psalm, “He makes me to lie down in green pastures,” he’s saying, “My shepherd makes me lie down in his finished work.” With His own pierced hands, Jesus created a pasture for the soul. He pried loose the huge boulders of sin. In their place He planted seeds of grace and dug ponds of mercy. Can you imagine the satisfaction in the heart of the shepherd when the work is completed and he sees his sheep rest in the tender grass? Can you imagine the satisfaction in the heart of God when we do the same?

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IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

I wish to make a correction in last weeks’ news. Mrs. Beatrice Grants’ funeral was held at Williams Sullivan School instead of Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church as stated last week. Alderwoman Clementene Cooper’s son was shot and killed. As of this printing, no details have been given about the shooting. Please keep Clementene, the Cooper family and the Jordan family in your prayers. On Tuesday, February 13 the senior citizens feeding group at the Multi Purpose Building in Lexington had a Mardi Gras day and a birthday party combined. Most of the people wore beads and some wore green hats and glasses. They had two Mardi Gras cakes. For the birthday celebration, pound cake and ice cream was served. The birthday celebrants were Mrs. Verna Ford, 96 years old and Deborah Wright. On Valentine’s Day, the Holmes County Volunteer Homemakers carried over 50

homemade Valentine pillows to Lexington Manor Nursing Home. The receptionist Mrs. Johnnie Thurmond greeted us with thanks and kindness. The manager then gave the ladies and Mr. Arthur Runnels, the bus driver, permission to distribute the pillows. All the patients were happy to get a pillow. They thanked the ladies and had big smiles on their faces. The ladies are still making and giving quilts to house fire victims, needy families and other good community causes. They are in need of some long quilting frames to make queen and king size quilts. The Mayors’s Health Council met at the Multi Purpose Building in Lexington on February 15 at 10 a.m. The speakers for the meeting were Derrick Hodges, Lexington fire chief; Rev. Danny Johnson, volunteer firefighter; and Deputy Kenny Wilson, fire investigator. Chief Hodges stressed the importance of having smoke



A new face can be seen around the Lexington square on Wednesday afternoons. Hannah Malone, 16, daughter of Bubba and Roxann Malone, all of Lexington, will have weekly copies of the *Holmes County Herald* available for purchase at just fifty cents a paper. Hannah started her new walking paper route on February 7. *Herald* Editor Matthew Breazeale said local readers are eager to have a paper girl again. “Local advocates of the *Herald* said they missed seeing papers sold around the square each week in Lexington so we’ve answered, thanks to Miss Hannah,” said Breazeale. Hannah is a tenth grader at Central Holmes Christian School. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

By Betsy Padgett Holmes County Extension

So much has happened since the first of the year with settling in to a new office space, beginning the new year, conducting our county livestock show, traveling (out West) in-between and during shows, and finishing up with the Dixie National Sale of Champions, that it all seems a blur now. Allow me to recap. Early in December (in the “throws” of our livestock prep season), I realized that our new office space was nearing completion and that there would be a few final steps needing to be made so that we could actually move in. We celebrated the new space (before functionally moving in) with the Board of Supervisors that had graciously provided and prepared the new space for Extension. Then came the challenge to actually get stuff moved. By God’s grace, and the willingness of our own staff with one former 4-H’er, Robert Washington, we moved all that we could prior to Christmas. The result, we are now in business (and have been “freed” from our former incarceration under the old jail) at 299½ Yazoo St. in Lexington (the former location of Factory Connection). Hours are the same 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Holmes County Livestock Show came and went without major weather problems. Two Attala County 4-H’ers brought their goat and Red Angus Beef Cattle to add to our show. Our 4-H’ers were able to show off their skills and fit livestock for the local audience, and those in attendance enjoyed the event. The district show in Greenwood yielded Champion Beef Cattle and Meat Goats, and outstanding showmanship in each of the specie from Holmes County. The grand finale’ for the 2018 show season was the Dixie National Junior Roundup. Our youth excelled as was reported in last week’s edition of the *Holmes County Herald*. Highlights worth mentioning again were our three graduating seniors each receiving a Dixie

National exhibitor scholarship – those being Tyler Diffe, John Thomas Murtagh and Rayne Tate. (It is worth noting that a total of 25 scholarships were awarded and our 4-H’ers took three of those.) Additionally, we saw both Tyler Branch and Jayce Eldridge win their respective Premier Exhibitor Contests (Meat Goat and Swine) earning each a \$2000 scholarship. Tyler Branch, also, had a Reserve Champion Meat Goat earning him a spot in the Sale of Champions – another highlight for Holmes County and his 4-H work. Our 4-H’ers work hard – as evidenced by the awards they have earned. Just as important, are the families that have backed them. The 4-H Youth Livestock Program stands successful where there is deep commitment and support from family and community. We have seen this for over 60 years here in Holmes County. Families working together, bringing in “new-bee’s”, nurturing along those who are participating, and wonderful supporting community partners. From the 4-H Youth Development Program, Mississippi State University Extension, the Junior Livestock Association Membership and Board, and me, personally, I extend many thanks and much appreciation for all the cooperation, making of and inclusiveness of this extended family, and community support. (If you are reading this, you are among that community to be thanked – just so you know.) To those who are wondering – what is up next? Our 4-H efforts will be shifting focus to shooting sports and

alarms in homes. He said the windows are one means of escape, so don’t cover windows with beds or other furniture. He also stated to put your address where it is visible to the fire department, law enforcement, medical emergency, etc. The fire investigator stated that wires in homes do wear out and need to be checked. He said dollar store heaters are not safe. Rev. Danny Johnson asked him to explain why bars on your house are not safe in case of a fire. He said do not imprison yourself in your own home. On February 10, the Rose Hill District Association had a successful planning session for 2018. They are asking the lax churches to please come back to the association. Your church can contact Rev. Dan March, the moderator, at 662-834-4888, Rev. Leroy Gibson, the vice moderator, at 662-834-4373 or Mrs. Leona Fields, the secretary, at 662-834-1489. Also on Valentine’s Day, the Holmes County Volunteer Homemakers raffled off the quilt they made for a fund raiser to purchase supplies needed to make community projects. The winner of the quilt was Christine Gibson. I’m glad the staff and patients at the nursing home enjoy reading the *Holmes County Herald* newspaper.

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Corn	Sep 18	2018 Aug	3.90	0.03	3.93	-0.01
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	10.22	-0.26	9.96	-0.02
Soybeans G'wood	Mar 18	2018 Feb	10.22	-0.07	10.15	-0.03
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	10.22	-0.17	10.05	-0.02
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