Senator Blackmon: State should make

monies available for metal detectors

Recently passed we House Bill 1083 known as the "School Safety Act." It would allow school leaders the option to arm certain staff members and seek proper emergency response training through an approved course by the Department of Public Safety as a means of protecting life in an emergency until law enforcement arrives on campus. I voted against this bill because educators should targets. The New York Po- the Re-Entry council. lice Department that is the most trained in the country that would enable the state only has an 18% rate of hit- Fair Commission to purting their targets in an active chase property to its east crisis situation. If the most when money becomes availtrained Police Department able. in the country has an 18% rate, how can we expect our could teachers to use a pistol or space for the fairgrounds. gun against an assault weapon? We are not addressing Bill 1390 that would create these issues.

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## SENATOR BARBARA BLACKMON

would make parole eligible not have to be trained to inmates who have served protect their students. The 25-percent of their sentence state should make monies if they were not convicted available for metal detec- of a violent crime, drug traftors, trained police officers, ficking, sex crime or other mental health counselors crime that prohibits early and other safety measures release. It also would dias what Florida passed rect the Legislative PEER where the last massacre oc- Committee to conduct a curred. The Pew Center, a one-time jail population non-partisan policy insti- census throughout the state tute found that only 20% and to create the Mississippi of trained police officers in Sentencing Disparity Task a crisis situation hit their Force as recommended by

We passed House Bill 766

buildings The vacant provide expansion

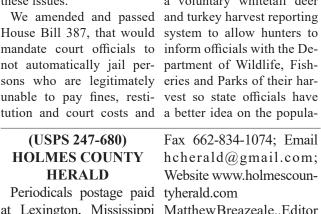
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Our passage of House Bill 1264 would create the Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law that allows a felony charge for those who call in threats to schools or officials. It would carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison. If the offender is a youth, the case would be handled in Youth Court.

We agreed to House changes to certain Senate bills and we approved some House bills that bore identical language to Senate bills we already approved.

We passed a Rules calendar that saluted some of our finest citizens and their contributions to the state.

Other bills passed included:

House Bill 1510 that would ban abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. I voted against this bill because it is the most restrictive in the Nation and the law of the land has been already decided by the United States Supreme Court. We do not provide adequate health care, child care or education to our children but we want to address the womb.

· House Bill 1288 would authorize the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory to charge a \$300 fee for certain analysis.

· House Bill 827 would give owners of mobile homes an avenue by which they could more easily seek mortgage loans on the structures and land like owners of conventional homes do.

House Bill 354 creates an avenue for funding the Local Bridge Replacement

· House Bill 1199 would authorize the Department of Finance and Administration to sell or lease 40 acres of land in Lamar County that belongs to the University of Southern Mississippi, but is not critical to the school's future growth.

allow the Department of Marine Resources to extend from five years to 10 years, the valid time for governmental entity permits.

## for beautiful spring weather and flowers in bloom. For estimated Mississippi's 50,000 wild turkey hunt-

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ers, it also brings something else. The spring turkey season begins on March 15th and ends May 1st. For hunters age 15 and under, the Youth season begins a week earlier on March 8th. Bag limits for the spring season are one adult gobbler (or gobbler with at least a 6-inch beard) per day, not to exceed three per spring season. Youth hunters 15 years of age and younger may har-

· House Bill 1096 would abolish inactive boards, commissions, councils and committees.

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For most, March is a time vest one gobbler of choice per day, not to exceed three per spring season.

> "Turkey hunting is a pretty popular pursuit in Mississippi," said Adam Butler, the Wild Turkey Program Coordinator for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP). "We don't have as many turkey hunters as we do deer or duck hunters, but generally speaking, turkey hunters tend to be a ing the first two weeks of very intense bunch," continued Butler.

> To participate in spring turkey season, Mississippi residents, ages sixteen through sixty-four, must obtain a hunting license unless hunting on lands titled in their own name. All non-resident hunters, except minors under the age of sixteen, are Follow us on Facebook at required to obtain a hunting license while hunting in the or on Twitter at www.twitstate of Mississippi. In addi-

tion to any statewide license requirements, purchase of a Wildlife Management Area User Permit is required prior to hunting on public Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Hunters planning to hunt WMAs or any other public lands are urged to check the area-specific regulations before going afield. Season dates and bag limits on some Wildlife Management Areas may differ from the statewide framework. Hunting on many Wildlife Management Areas is by drawn permit only durthe season; some areas are permit-only throughout the entire season. Other public lands may also require special permits.

For more information regarding Mississippi's spring turkey season, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com or call us at (601) 432-2212. www.facebook.com/mdwfp ter.com/MDWFPonline.



ST. PAUL C.O.G.I.C. St. Paul Church of God in two programs on Sunday, open to the public.

Palm Sunday Program will be at 11 a.m. with the Wide Awake Program at 5 p.m.

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Damascus M.B. Church selections of their choice.

## WEST GROVE M.B.C.

in Lexington will host its Pastor and Wife's 8th Year

Appreciation Service on will be held on Sunday, Sunday, March 25 at 2:30 March 25 at 3 p.m. This Christ in Lexington will host p.m. This event is free and event is free and open to the public. 3-15,22

## F.B.C. DURANT

The Durant First Baptist Church Choir will give two God in Christ in Lexington performances of its Easter will hold Passion Week Ser-Cantata, "Redeeming Love," Saturday, March 24, 6 p.m. 28 and Thursday, March at First Baptist Church of 29 at 7:30 p.m. and then on Lexington and on Sunday, Good Friday, March 30 at 12 March 25, 5 p.m. at FBC Du- noon. rant, with a fellowship time 3-22

in Lexington will host its liams, 13th Year Anniversary Pastor and Wife's 25th Year on Sunday, April 1, at 12 Pre-Anniversary Program on p.m. Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

The Anniversary Program



Guiding Light Church of vices on Wednesday, March

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## SHILOH M.B.C.

Shiloh M.B. Church will host its Pastor and Wife's, Holly Grove M.B. Church Robert and Frances Wil-

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## Program.

at Lexington, Mississippi MatthewBreazeale..Editor



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DAMASCUS M.B.C.

## in Durant will host a musician's appreciation program for Floyd Keys on Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Performance groups can render two

West Grove M.B. Church

to follow.

# March 25.

House Bill 1041 would

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HOLLY GROVE M.B.C.

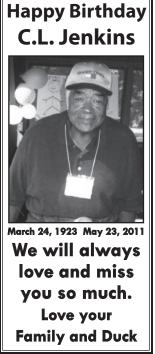
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St. Joseph Church of God in Christ in West will host the Lewis and Keys Family and Friends Day Program on Sunday, March 25 at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

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## **NEWPORT M.B.C.**

Newport M.B. Church in Lexington will hold Spring Revival on Sunday, April 1 at 6 p.m. and Monday, April 2 through Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 nightly.

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