

**HERALD
BRIEF**

County sells Durant facility to Louisiana based plastic producer Deltech



Baton Rouge based Deltech Corporation bought the former Nissan distributor facility on U.S. Highway 51 north in Durant officially on March 13 from Holmes County for an undisclosed amount, according to county officials. The building and property has been closed since 2008 and has been vandalized many times since, resulting in copper and other materials being stripped from the building. County officials said many renovations will be needed before the building will be presentable for any public viewing. Deltech is labeled as a plastic manufacturer for reusable sports bottles, cups and similar products and will possibly employ up to 100 people. Holmes County Supervisor James Young said it will be good for the county to have the building back on the tax roll. "We got a good deal on the sale of the building because it was debt free," according to Young. "At first they are going to operate as just distribution, as they move their line in, they'll be making what they're distributing." The new owners are expected to be in the county this week to continue property assessments for renovations, according to Holmes County Administrator Charlie Joiner.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

Lexington Egg Hunt set for this Saturday at 1 p.m.

The City of Lexington will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt for youth children up to age 12 at the new walking track on Mulberry Circle, this Saturday, March 31 at 1 p.m. Children should bring their own baskets to the free event.

Former Georgia coach to headline chamber banquet

The Holmes County Chamber of Commerce will host the "most successful coach in the University of Georgia history," Vince Dooley, to give the keynote address at the annual awards banquet set for Thursday, April 5.

Providing entertainment for the evening is native Mississippian and vocalist, Ora Reed.

The event takes place at 6 p.m. in the Carroll Cafeteria on the Goodman Campus of Holmes Community College.

Tickets are \$25.00 and available from chamber members Jim Thompson, Watt Ervin, Maria Porter, Verlinda Alexander, Robin McCrory, Melissa Griffin, Jonathan Moore, Powell Rucker, Angel Meeks and Michael Lawshe or by calling the chamber office at 662-834-3372.

Benefit slated for Pickens resident with cancer

A benefit service will be held for Idella Jefferson of Pickens who is suffering from cancer. The event will be on Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m. at the Pickens Community Center/former Methodist Church.

Spring festival set in Pickens on Sat., April 7

The Pickens Spring Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Pickens. Vendor space is \$25.00 and can be reserved by calling Pickens Town Hall at 662-468-2171.

Former Lexington hospital a "total loss"



Fires were still burning Tuesday morning at presstime as Lexington Firefighters were called around 4 a.m. on March 27 to the former Lexington hospital on Bowling Green Road. Fire Chief Derrick Hodges said the building is a total loss and that the blaze began on the west side of the building. The cause is under investigation. (Photos by Matthew Breazeale)

A Dash of Courage



It was mud, sweat and fears Saturday morning, March 24 out at Castalian Springs Retreat outside Durant as runners and trekkers descended upon Holmes County woods. The Wyatt V. Courage Foundation held run and hike events, similar to Iron Man Triathlons, to raise awareness of Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and raise money for the Heart Center at Blair E. Batson Hospital for children in Jackson. This foundation was created in memory and honor of Wyatt Everette Vowell, son of Craig and Melody Vowell of Philadelphia, MS, who courageously fought CHD his 5 months of life. Winners for the Wyatt V. Courage Dash were: 1st place male Ryan McGough and 1st place female Carrie Shrock-Haggard, both of Philadelphia, MS. Winners for the Wyatt V. Courage Hike were: 1st place male Cade Vowell of Forrest, MS and 1st place female Natalie Young of Ninah Waiya, MS. Money was raised through race sponsors, race proceeds and participants sponsors.

(Photos By David Irby)



NOTICE:

In observance of the Good Friday, March 30, all Holmes County government offices will be closed. Municipal offices will also be closed for Lexington, West, Tchula and Cruger.

Goodman municipal offices will be closed per its usual alternating days.

Pickens and Durant municipal offices will be open.

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