

A swift transition takes place for new school district

Holmes County School District

As one day ends, a new day must begin.....the once familiar Holmes County School District and Durant Public School District have closed, and the legislatively mandated Holmes County Consolidated School District is now open.

On Friday, June 22, 2018, the Holmes County Board of Education commemorated the final phase of this transition with a "Passing of the Gavel" ceremony. During this observance, Ms. Francine Jefferson, president of the Holmes County Board of Education presented a new gavel to Mr. Anthony Anderson, president of the Holmes County Consolidated School Board of Education as an outward expression symbolizing the transfer of authority and a prayer for prosperity as he responds to the call to leadership that will have a significant impact on the



Pictured above (at left), Francine Jefferson, president of the Holmes County Board of Education, presents a new gavel to Anthony Anderson, president of the Holmes County Consolidated Board of Education. The consolidated school district's official first day is July 1.

(Photo submitted)

Greenville police officer charged in relation to Tchula murder suspect

On Thursday, June 28, a former Greenville police officer, Arsenio Robinson, was found guilty of Accessory after the Fact to Murder and Participation in Gang Activity.

This conviction is related (Continued on page 15.)

Jurors convict ex-police officer of aiding 2015 murder

Associated Press

A former Mississippi police officer has been convicted

lives of students and the Holmes County community.

Through the years, a tremendous progress has been made. Incredible efforts were devoted to improving relations among all stakeholders, increasing student access to technology and improving parent and community engagement.

In the most recent years,

there has been a greater emphasis on the quality of academic programs for students in Holmes County. As a result, academic gains were consistently demonstrated in various areas of the state's (Continued on page 19.)

ed of being an accessory to murder and of participating in gang activity.

WLBT-TV reports Arsenio Robinson was found guilty Thursday.

Jurors agreed Robinson helped Fred Hogan by giving (Continued on page 2.)

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. to return millions in tax savings to customers

Regulators approve agreement that lowers bills and future rates, pays for grid investment

Beginning July 1, Entergy Mississippi customers will see more than \$300 million in benefits under a plan approved by the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

"The plan, a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, will let us reduce future rates and provide prompt credits

its that will lower bills during the high-usage summer months," said Haley Fisackerly, Entergy Mississippi president and CEO. "It also lets us avoid a rate increase that would have resulted from nearly \$1 billion in improvements we've made to strengthen and modernize

the grid for our customers during the past three years."

Under the plan, the typical residential customer bill for 1,000 kWh will drop more than \$12 per month from July through September. Of that amount, \$7.59 stems from tax reform. The remaining \$5.05 is from a MPSC fuel

Goats get their grub



A menagerie of animals were on the front lawn of the Tchula Public Library on Thursday, June 28 as part of the library's continuing summer programs. G and J Traveling Pettin Zoo based in Saltillo, Mississippi had a number of critters including goats, camels, a baby kangaroo, pony and others. Pictured above, Karsyn Lacy, 4, looks on as her sister, Kayleigh Lacy, 8, and Ida Neal, of Tchula, offer pellet feed to some hungry goats at one of the enclosures set up at the library. More photos from the event came be seen on page 19.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

order last January that was designed to reduce bills during the hot summer months. That portion will remain in effect through February 2019. This means that the current typical residential customer bill for 1,000 kWh will drop from \$114.01 to \$101.37 from July through September, and from the current \$114.01 to \$109.24 from October through February 2019.

Bills are a combination of rates and usage. Customers

who use more electricity than 1,000 kWh per month will see larger savings, while customers who use less than that will see lower savings.

The Tax Cuts and Job Act reduced the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. provides electricity to approximately 449,000 customers in 45 counties. Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric

power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, including nearly 9,000 megawatts of nuclear power. Entergy delivers electricity to 2.9 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Entergy has annual revenues of approximately \$11 billion and more than 13,000 employees.

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