

Holmes' 4-H'ers show top livestock at Neshoba County Fair

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Holmes 4-H'ers represented the county well at the recent Neshoba County Fair. Davian Powell and Malachi Williams showed in Beef Cattle Show with Davian winning his age division in Showmanship, then going on to win the Overall Showmanship award when being called back to compete against all the class winners. Malachi, also, did well taking 3rd in his age division.

Davian, also, won his classes with his English Commercial Heifer and Registered Hereford Heifer, "Tootie Two." Tyler Branch and Jordan Brooks competed in the Meat Goat Show, as well. Both Tyler and Jordan won their age divisions in Goat Showmanship. In the weight division classes, Jordan placed 1st with his Lightweight division Commercial Doe Goat and went on to be named Champion of that category. Tyler placed 1st with both his Medium weight and Light weight division Market Goats with both being named Champion of their weight divisions. Tyler's Market Goat, also, went on to be selected as the Grand Champion Market Goat of the Neshoba County Fair.

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Tyler Branch and Jordan Brooks (left to right, respectively) are pictured after having won their age divisions of Meat Goat Showmanship at the Neshoba County Fair with the judge (center). (Photo submitted)



Davian Powell is pictured after having won the Overall Champion Beef Cattle Showman at the Neshoba County Fair. (Photo submitted)

Mississippi's Grenada Railroad now owned by Florida company

Associated Press
A Mississippi railroad is changing hands.

International Rail Partners said Tuesday, August 7, that it bought rights to the Grenada Railroad from Iowa Pacific Holdings last week. The Boca Raton, Florida, acquirer didn't name a price.

The new owner is leasing and can eventually buy the 180-mile (290-kilometer) railroad from Southaven to Canton. It's now owned by the North Central Mississippi Regional Railroad Authority, which bought it with state money to prevent rails from Grenada to Canton from being scrapped.

The railroad moves 10,000 carloads of freight yearly.

International Rail Partners CEO Gary Marino says the Grenada Railroad is his new company's first acquisition.

Marino says his company still intends to restore service south of Grenada, closed since 2011. The federal government gave \$7.5 million to pay half the price of restoration.

Metro Center Mall driver services office to close

The closure of the Metro Center Mall will force the Mississippi Highway Patrol Driver Services office located at 1101 Metro Center Mall, Space #1 will close. The closure will be effective August 15.

Alternative Driver Services offices include:

- Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 1900 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson (renewal only)
- Mississippi Highway Patrol Troop C, 3851 Highway 468, Pearl
- Juvenile Detention Center, 1100 Grove Street, Suite D, Vicksburg

Additionally, all commercial driver's license testing and renewal will relocate to a new Driver Services Office at 442 Highway 49 South in Richland beginning August 20. CDL services will not be offered at MHP Troop C in Pearl after August 20.

For a complete list of driver's license offices, please visit: <https://www.dps.state.ms.us/driver-services/new-drivers-license/district-one-locations/>.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF TCHULA

The City of Tchula will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year 2019 on September 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 1027 Main Street, Tchula, MS.

The City of Tchula is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$733,423.00. (22.66%) or 202,942.00 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$732,177.00 of that amount (22.52%) or \$164, 954.00 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year (2019) above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures, equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for the fiscal year 2019.

The City of Tchula millage rate remains the same as last year at 47.05.

Any citizen of the City of Tchula is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for the fiscal year 2019 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.