

TWO TEAMS, TWO WINS!

Trojans overtake Rebels

Jaguars get jump on Indians



Central Holmes junior Wykece Johnson (20) dodges Amite players assisted by team members (from left) Ethan Ables (25), Wes Hudson (32), Robbie Rogers (64) and Nathan Taylor (4) during Friday, August 17, night's game. The Trojans beat the Amite Rebels 36-22 in Lexington. The Trojans play against Deer Creek School Friday, August 24 at home.

(Photo by Amy Lindsay)



Holmes County Central High School's Ortez Head (6) zooms into the end zone outrunning Yazoo City's Rorecoss Willis (16) during the Jaguars bout against the Indians Friday night, August 17 at the S.V. Marshall football field. The Jaguars will face off with Greenwood Bulldogs on Friday, August 24, 7 p.m. at home.

(Photo by Avery Rucker)

Lexington Mayor dedicates clean-up efforts in memory of the Queen of Soul

Press Release

In a good gesture of her heart, Mayor Robin McCrory dedicated Saturday's Aug. 18th successful Clean-Up Day in memory of the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin.

McCrory made the impromptu announcement at the Lexington Library as she and cleanup participants posed for a group photo following the event. She and others were fans of the legendary Gospel and Soul Re-

cording artist -- acclaimed as one of the greatest musical icons of all times. Franklin succumbed to a battle with pancreatic cancer last week.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T," Mayor McCrory belted out as she and the group posed for the photo. She asked them to say, "Respect" instead of "cheese." "We must have respect for one another and respect for the city in which we

live by keeping it litter free," she said.

More than 184 people of all ages came out and registered at 9 a.m. and braved the overcast and later rainy skies to pick up trash in their city. The beautification event was coordinated by the City of Lexington in partnership with Keep Holmes County Beautiful. More than 200 bags of trash were collected.

"We picked up a lot of stuff," said student Jerry Reese of the Lexington Colts Youth Football Team. "It was good to cleanup." His

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Salary overpayments received by state auditor from former and current Tchula aldermen

Staff Reports

State Auditor Shad White announced last week the release of the report listing the instances of misappropriation of public funds over the past year. Known as the Audit Exceptions Report, this report for fiscal year 2018 shows that the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor issued 43 formal demands and recovered nearly \$3 Million on behalf of Mississippi taxpayers.

"I am proud of the exceptional work of our staff," said White. "This report is the re-

sult of the hard work of our investigators, other staff, and former Auditor Stacey Pickering. I'm thankful for what they did for the taxpayers of Mississippi."

One current Tchula alderman and four former Tchula aldermen were overpaid a total of \$52,743.83 by Tchula taxpayers.

The state auditors office issued a formal demand to the municipality for salary overpayments to Larry Jefferson, who is currently serving as alderman, Dolly

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Off road vehicle stolen from Court Square business



Thurmond's business owner Michael Lawshe (pictured above) was reviewing security camera footage in his office Thursday morning, August 16 after a Polaris off road vehicle was stolen from its fenced enclosure in the early hours, that same day. Lawshe had the vehicle parked behind his Court Square, secured behind the fence with lock and chain, also motion sensors. Lawshe obtained security footage from a nearby office showing a dark colored pick-up truck pulling up near the enclosure with one suspect exiting the vehicle and stealing the Polaris by cutting the chain. The keys were left in the Polaris' ignition and the suspect drove the vehicle onto Yazoo Street toward MS Highway 17, according to Lexington Police Chief Robert Kirklin, Sr. Lawshe said the vehicle, which is insured, was valued at between \$14,000 and \$15,000. Lawshe said the motion sensors did not alarm him to the theft as he didn't discover the vehicle stolen until he arrived at work around 7:30 a.m. Kirklin said the case is under investigation as he believes the suspects have a criminal history in Lexington, and estimated one suspect to be around 19-20 years of age. If anyone has information on this case they are encouraged to call anonymously to Holmes County Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099 with the possibility of receiving up to \$1,000.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

Early Deadlines:

In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the Holmes County Herald will be closed Monday, September 3. Deadline for Calendar of Events and legals is August 29 by 5 p.m. The advertising deadline is August 30 by 12 p.m.

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