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Prayer walk highlights community's desire for unity, safe streets



A gathering of Holmes County citizens met in front of the Lexington City Hall on Saturday morning, June 15, to pray for their community, public safety and youth among other petitions. Organized by the Women of Worship Community Outreach Ministry (WOWCOM) and the Lexington town leaders, the early morning event rallied area pastors, community leaders and residents to pray amid recent concerns of growing crime in the county. Prayer leaders included Pam Hooker, Sam O'Neal, Rev. Walter Eskridge, Jr., Rev. Danny Johnson, Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory, Minister Willie Brown, Rev. Jack Wooten, Nancy Barrett, Katheryn Barrett Riley, Janey Kirklin, president of WOWCOM, Vicar Jud Meaders and Joey Head. Attendees were also encouraged to walk around the Lexington Court Square to cap off the event praying for the community also (pictured below, right). Willie Mae Forrest sang *God Bless America* and Carla Russell sang *Star Spangled Banner*. (Photos submitted)

Political signs illegal on state rights-of-way

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds political candidates that campaign signs are not permitted on state highway right-of-way.

To maintain traffic safety, the following rules govern the placement of signs:

- According to Section 63-3-317 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, it is illegal to place signs within the right-of-

way on state highways.

- The width of highway right-of-way varies by location and includes the driving lanes, shoulders and mowed areas; the right-of-way can potentially reach distances of 300 feet or more from the centerline of driving lanes.

- Keeping the right-of-way clear prevents safety hazards and interference with the traveling public along roadways.

Signs with steel or wooden posts pose potential hazards that may cause harm to roadside workers, may damage roadside equipment and may become projectiles if hit by mowers.

- Signs are not permitted within areas necessary for clear vision at intersections; signs must not interfere with the sight

distance of a driver.

- No signs are allowed in limited access right-of-way.

- Typically, the right-of-way is larger near roadway intersections.

- Any illegally placed signs will be removed.

- Signs removed by MDOT crews will be kept for two weeks at a local MDOT maintenance facility before being discarded.

- Candidates may retrieve signs from MDOT without penalty.

- Illegally placed campaign signs contribute to our state's \$3.2 million litter problem that spoils Mississippi's natural beauty.

- For information about right-of-way distances in specific areas along a state-maintained highway, call your local MDOT maintenance facility.

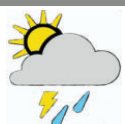
For more information, call 601-359-7074 or visit GoMDOT.com.



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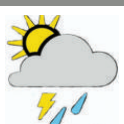
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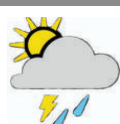
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Sunday
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Monday
Scattered T-Storms
87/72
Precip. Chance
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Tuesday
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