

Health officials remind parents not to wait for back to school immunizations

While it seems that the school year just ended, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents not to wait until the last minute for back-to-school immunizations. Mississippi state law requires children to be immunized against childhood diseases to enter public or private school, Head Start or daycare.

More than 99 percent of all students entering kindergarten in Mississippi are up to date on their immunizations, protecting them – and others who cannot be vaccinated – against potentially deadly diseases.

“There are many options for where to get your vaccinations now, including private medical providers, retail pharmacies and county health departments,” said

MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. “Regardless of where you have your child vaccinated, it’s incredibly important to make sure they are up to date on their immunizations. It is the best protection for your child and those around them.”

There are required vaccinations for first-time school entry in Mississippi as well as a requirement for 7th grade entry.

“A Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster vaccination is required for those entering seventh grade. To make sure your adolescent is completely protected, we also recommend they get the HPV (human papillomavirus) and meningococcal vaccinations at the same time,” said Dr. Byers.

Parents must provide the school with a Certificate of

MFC provides management of forested Public School Trust Land

In Mississippi, local school districts have jurisdiction over Public Trust Land, commonly known as 16th Section Land. The school districts manage these lands and use funds generated from the land for any educational purpose authorized by state law.

The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) is charged with the management of forested 16th Section School Trust Land, and associated lieu lands, in 67

Immunization Compliance (Form 121) from their immunization provider prior to school entry.

You may check with your physician or county health department if you have questions about which immunizations your child will need. Childhood immunizations are available at county health departments by appointment.

For more information on immunization requirements or medical exemptions for school entry, visit www.HealthyMS.com/immunizations.

counties across the state. “The MFC manages approximately 480,000 acres of 16th Section Land,” said Russell Bozeman, MFC State Forester. “Timber sale revenue from these forested acres directly benefits students attending nearby schools.”

Funds from timber sales are reinvested into the school districts where they are earned at the discretion of the local school board and in accordance with state law.

Last fiscal year, the combined revenue from timber sales on 16th Section and other public lands totaled approximately \$10.3 million.

In addition to timber production, management considerations include wildlife conservation, soil and water quality and aesthetics.

“The MFC ensures that 16th Section Land is sustainably managed and that best management practices are employed throughout the management process,” Bozeman said. Mississippi’s forested

Meat Masters



North State 4-H Beef Cookout Contest was held in Coffeeville, June 25. 4-H youth from 25 counties in north Mississippi competed to present the best tasting beef steaks, hamburgers and shish-ka-bobs. Hanna Hood won the less expensive steak category with her grilled round steak; Jordan Brooks came in third in the same division. Pictured (from left) are Jordan Brooks and Hanna Hood after taking top honors at the contest.

(Photo by Betsy Padgett)

Lexington Public Library celebrates reading with “Take Me To Your Readers!”

Press Release

On Thursday, July 25th, at 3:00 p.m., Lexington Public Library is planning to add a little MAGIC to the fun that you can always find at your library.

The “Take Me To Your Readers” show, featuring magic, puppets, fun and storytelling is an interactive program for children presented by award winning performer, Dorian LaChance.

Dorian, his sidekick Cheddar, a hilarious monkey puppet named Charlie, and the kids at the library will have out of this world fun during this close encounter! Come

see this amazing show that encourages kids to read and promotes the library’s summer theme, A Universe of Stories!

Dorian LaChance is an educator, comedian, magician, puppeteer and storyteller who travels all over the southeast performing programs that encourage kids to read. He has won numerous awards including the Parents and Kids Magazine Family Favorite award.

Throughout his shows he stresses that good readers can learn to do all kinds of things, have all kinds of adventures and meet all kinds of people.

“I believe that reading opens the door to learning about everything else in life. That’s why all my school and library shows encourage reading,” says LaChance, who has been a professional performer for over a decade. An avid reader himself, LaChance performs about 250 shows each year in schools and libraries all over the Southeast.

Don’t miss this hilarious and inspiring show that young and old will enjoy free of charge. Call Laura or Marsha at 662-834-2571 or check our website at www.mmrls.lib.ms.us for more information.



BALDWIN CHAPEL
Baldwin Chapel M.B. Church in Cruger will host its Annual Usher Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM M.B.C
Bethlehem M.B. Church in Goodman will host Revival Services from Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19 ay 7:30 nightly.
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SWEET CANAAN
Sweet Canaan C.O.G.I.C. in Lexington will host its Homecoming Celebration for 110 years of worship. The program will be on Sunday, July 14 at 2:30 p.m.
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LEBANON M.B.C
Lebanon M.B. Church will celebrate its 150th church Anniversary through Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 nightly.
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ST. JAMES
St. James Community M.B.C. in Lexington will host revival services July 17-

18 at 7:00 nightly, July 19 at 5 p.m., and July 21 at 3 p.m. Call 662-739-3267 or 662-834-0276 for more info.
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LEXINGTON LIBRARY
July 11- The Singing Starman, Stormin’ Bob Swanson, will present a children’s program at 3 p.m. as part of summer library programs. The free program is sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library. Weekly programs are geared to children ages 6-12. Children under nine years of age must be accompanied by a parent/responsible care giver and the caregiver must be at least 12 years old or older. For more information call 662-834-2571.
July 25 - Children’s entertainer Dorain LaChance will be at the library at 3 p.m. with magic, puppets and storytelling.
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ABLES REUNION
Descendants of Phil and Mamie Ables will have a family reunion on Sunday, July 21 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Coxburg Community Center.
7-11

All family and friends are invited to attend. This event is free and open to the public.
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TEACHER WORKSHOP
MSEDU Educational Services will host a free substitute teacher workshop on Friday, July 12 at the CMI building in Lexington next to the Win Job Center at noon. Refreshments will be served. For more info email to msedufirm@gmail.com
7-11

WEST GROVE M.B.C.
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Annual Revival Services from Monday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 nightly.
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UNION A.M.E. CHURCH
Union A.M.E. Church in Lexington will host its Family and Friends Day on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m.
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DOTCC
Do All Things Children’s Circle will host its 4th An-

nual End of Summer Performance on Friday, July 19 at William Dean Elementary School at 6 p.m.
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tainably managed for future generations. For more information about forested 16th Section land visit www.mfc.ms.gov, and like and follow @MS-ForestryComm on Facebook and Twitter.

OBITUARY

MCKAYLA DARNELL WINSTON AND BABY KENNEDI DARNELL WINSTON
McKayla Darnell Winston, 21, and Baby Kennedi Darnell Winston will be laid to rest on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Funeral services will be held at Goodman-Pickens Elementary School at 11:00 a.m., with burial immediately following at Hillcrest Cemetery. Funeral services are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.



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