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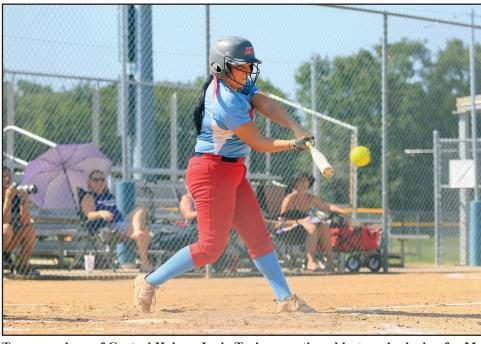
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### **Ball**, meet bat...



Team members of Central Holmes Lady Trojans continued last week playing for Motion 18U coached by Jerry Polk and Dodd Lindsay and competed at the Fastpitch American Softball Association World Series Tournament in Branson, MO, taking 2nd out of 13 teams. Scores from last week: Wednesday, July 17 - Motion 18U defeated the Lakers 8-6, the St. Louis Crushers 4-3 and the Fusion 11-1; Thursday, July 18 - Motion defeated the Prospects with a score of 10-0 in the third inning; Friday, July 19 - Southern Cal Athletics fell to Motion 13-0 in the 2nd inning; and Saturday, July 20 - Motion fell to the Arkansas Dingers 3-1 in game one, shut out the Fusion with a score of 8-0 in game two but suffered their final loss to the Arkansas Dingers in the championship with a score of 6-3. Pictured above, incoming Lady Trojan junior, McKaylee Polk drives the ball up the middle for a base hit. See more photos on page 7.

(Photo by Amy Lindsay)

#### State tax free holiday set for July 26 and 27

**Staff Reports** 

Shoppers and deal hunters

The Mississippi Departitems are eligible. Beginning new this year, school supplies are now included in the tax free weekend.

All clothing, footwear and school supplies under \$100 can be purchased minus the 7% state sales tax.

Sen. Chuck Younger coauthored the bill that passed last year and said it's long

Younger says if there's will be on the prowl for bar- a tax-exempt holiday for gains ahead of this month's firearms, then there should sales tax holiday on Friday, be one to help parents and July 26 and Saturday, July teachers with school supplies.

School supplies are dement of Revenue (MDR) fined as "items that are compurchases two shirts at \$50 has announced this year's monly used by a student in a each, a pair of slacks at \$75 guidelines on tax free goods course of study," according and a pair of shoes at \$110. across the state and what to MDR. Some items listed No sales tax is due on the are backpacks, binders, crayons, glue, lunch boxes, notebooks, loose-leaf ruled notebook paper, pencils, rulers, sheet music and textbooks.

Under Mississippi Code 27-65-111(bb) sales tax holiday is held in the state, a temporary period when sales taxes are not collected or paid on purchases

of specific products and/or

Passed by state legislators in 2009, the seven percent state sales tax is not due on that sale of articles of clothing or footwear if the sales price of a single item is less than \$100, regardless of how many items total are sold at that time, according to the state guidelines.

"For example, a customer sale of the two shirts and the pair of slacks at a cost of \$175.00, even though the combined cost exceeds the one hundred dollar (\$100) threshold. However, Sales Tax is due on the entire \$110.00 for the shoes since they exceed the one hundred dollar (\$100) threshold," (Continued on page 11.)

#### **Dept. of Human Services fails to verify eligibility of SNAP recipients, other infractions in state auditor report**

Office of the State Auditor

Several Mississippi state agencies failed to meet legal requirements to spend public money and do not have adequate safeguards to prevent fraud according to a report released Monday, July 22, by State Auditor Shad White.

These findings came from the auditor's newly released FY 2018 Single Audit Re-

of federal dollars spent by said Auditor White. "This is Mississippi's state agencies. a critical yearly report that, The report also includes an unfortunately, shows there audit of the internal con- are serious issues in some of trols—the rules and systems our state agencies." to prevent fraud—and opera- The Department of Hutions of selected state agen- man Services (DHS) was the

months of difficult but imporport notes that DHS: tant work by my finance and

port, which includes an audit compliance audit division,'

subject of several significant "These audits represent findings in the report. The re-

(Continued on page 9.)

## Rain, rain go away



A partially eroded road was the scene Monday morning, July 22, for Lexington city workers attempting to access the city's sewage lagoon off Brozville Road. Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory said the road crosses over a creek and that the damages are being assessed. Lexington saw extensive rain amounts Saturday, July 20, and increasingly Sunday morning, July 21, leading to flash flooding reportedly in several areas in Lexington. The north side of Depot Street in Lexington between Church's Chicken and Life Help suffered flooding the majority of Sunday. According to the National Weather Service analysis data, Lexington received up to five inches of rain on Sunday.

(Courtesy Photo)

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**Thursday** Sunny 87/64 Precip. Chance Precip. Chance

**Friday Mostly Sunny** 90/67

10%

Saturday **Partly Cloudy** 89/69 Precip. Chance 20%





20%





**Tuesday** 

Precip. Chance



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