

Gov. Tate Reeves proclaims Feb. 14 Mississippi Arbor Day

Press Release

By a proclamation from Gov. Tate Reeves, Mississippi will recognize Arbor Day on Friday, February 14. "Nationally, Arbor Day is recognized in April," said Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) state forest-

er, Russell Bozeman. "However, we celebrate Arbor Day in Mississippi on the second Friday in February each year because late winter is the best time to plant new trees. This gives the young trees time to take root before the spring green-up begins."

Mississippi has been celebrating Arbor Day since 1926 as a special day to recognize the statewide contributions of trees and forests. The benefits of forestry to Mississippi include an approximately \$12.8 billion contribution to the state's

economy, more than 70,000 jobs and an average of \$10.4 million toward education through Public School Trust (16th Section) Land timber sale revenue.

Additionally, Gov. Reeves has proclaimed February 14-21 as Tree Planting Week across the state. During this week, community partners, families and friends will join together to celebrate the benefits of trees and community forests to recognize the

unique beauty and diversity of Mississippi's native trees. Leading up to Mississippi Arbor Day, many counties will host events and give away trees, or sale them at a reduced price. A list of these tree giveaways and sales can be found at www.mfc.ms.gov.

"On behalf of the Mississippi Forestry Commission and all of our forestry partners, I want to thank Gov. Reeves for this proclama-

tion," Bozeman said. "I also want to encourage all Mississippians to take advantage of the tree giveaways and sales in their communities to help spread the importance of trees for future generations. Healthy trees lead to healthy lives."

For more information about the MFC or Mississippi Arbor Day, like and follow @MSForestryComm on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Drue Johnson showed the Champion Chester White in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. (Photo by Julie Ellison)



Lilly Word showed the Champion Yorkshire in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. (Photo by Julie Ellison)



John Hudson Word showed the Champion Percentage Simmental (Bull) and the Supreme Bull in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. Also pictured is Judge David Hindman. (Photo by Julie Ellison)

Speakers highlight care options at health council



The Durant Mayoral Health Council held their Monthly meeting at Durant City Hall on February 3. Candice Hunter, social worker from UMMC Lexington presented information on the Intensive Outpatient Program at UMMC Lexington. Pictured above (from left), Candice Hunter, social worker, Rosalind McChriston-Williams, LPNII, and Chris Williams, CNA. (Photo Submitted)



Pictured above (from left), Johnnie Simmons, Durant Mayoral Health Coordinator, Diane Holmes, Luretha Clark, vice-president, and Rev. Acquanette Johnson, president. (Photo Submitted)

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