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Restaurants close dining rooms across state, curfew in Lexington

By Matthew Breazeale

New developments, guidelines and announcements are made everyday as the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 develops.

Locally, changes have been put in place to minimize person to person contact in efforts to slow the spread of the viral respiratory infection.

Recommendations from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), the

Lexington Board of Aldermen and Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory are for all restaurants in Lexington to close their dining rooms and move to curb side, to-go and pick up orders only.

The recommendations from MSDH do apply state wide for all restaurants.

Lexington officials initially announced preventative measures for restaurants on Wednesday, March 18,

declaring a local state emergency. Measures included increased sanitation practices and seating patrons six feet apart. Since then, MSDH announced its state wide recommendations on March 20.

According to the MSDH, "...all restaurants and bars suspend dine-in service in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19, effective (Continued on page 5.)

UMMC Grenada, Holmes County take steps to speed COVID-19 screening, testing

By UMMC

Across the state, the University of Mississippi Medical Center is working to limit the spread of COVID-19, including at its facilities in Grenada and Lexington.

Physicians and nurses at UMMC Grenada are operating a drive-through clinic

that offers screening and collection of samples for testing for the virus. The clinic is seeing only patients referred by their primary care provider, who discusses their symptoms over the phone. The hospital is located at 960

J.K. Avent Drive.

The goal is to stop the spread of the novel disease, which had killed 205 people and sickened more than 10,000 in the United States as of Friday morning. Globally, the virus has (Continued on page 9.)

HCCSD delivering education, meals in new normal

Press Release

Last week, Governor Tate Reeves announced his decision to close schools throughout the state through April 17, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of our communities and state.

In accordance with the announcement, Holmes County Consolidated Schools will be closed through April 17th, at a minimum, and will continue efforts to provide supports to students and their families to ensure learning continues.

District staff continue to work according to the Governor's executive order. This means some are working

from home and some are working in uncrowded or near-isolated office settings. Large meetings, when there is a need, are held as video conferences.

Despite the state-wide closing of schools, Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) is continuing to educate its students and feed those who want a grab-n-go breakfast and lunch.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. James L. Henderson said, "We are committed to providing a quality education to our students despite the circumstances that are seemingly ever-changing. If there is a silver lining to the safety measures enacted as a result

of the coronavirus pandemic, it is that education will never be the same in Holmes County. We are committed to ensuring that every student continues to have access to instruction and moves forward with learning so that no one falls behind or misses out being prepared to succeed in the global economy. We have the will and means to get this done."

"We also have the assurance from our state leaders. Governor Reeves declared that districts will continue to receive state funding to operate, and that employees will be paid during this time of school closure. Our district leaders, while (Continued on page 4.)

Officials seeking missing Tchula man



MISSING PERSON

HELP BRING ANTHONY LEE TAYLOR HOME!

LAST SEEN Wednesday MARCH 18, 2020 at Telfair Apartments in Tchula, MS.
LAST SEEN WEARING A RED & BLACK JACKET WITH MARRON SHORTS PANTS
and Nike slide in (Sanders) flipflops.

AGE 35 / BROWN EYES / BLACK HAIR / 5'5" / 160 POUNDS

FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP US FIND ANTHONY TAYLOR,
PLEASE CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS (662) 834-0099

#HELPBRINGANTHONYTAYLORHOME

The Holmes County Sheriff's Department is assisting the Tchula Police Department in locating Anthony Lee Taylor, a 35-year-old black male, and is seeking the public's help. He was last seen on 03/18/2020 at Telfair Apartment in Tchula. If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Anthony Lee Taylor, you are encouraged to call the Holmes County Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099 or the Holmes County Sheriff's Department at 662-834-1511.

(Courtesy Photo)

Congressional district runoff reset for June 23

Staff Report

On Friday, March 20, Governor Tate Reeves announced that the Republican primary runoff election for the 2nd Congressional District is rescheduled for June 23, 2020 to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Working closely with Dr. Thomas Dobbs to further ramp up efforts and coordinating with Secretary Michael Watson and state election officials, Governor Reeves determined the need to reschedule the primary runoff election originally set for March 31, 2020.

"We face an unprecedented health crisis. Conducting an election during this outbreak would force poll workers

and voters to place themselves in unnecessary risk. It's important that we exercise our rights as Americans to a free and fair election, but so is ensuring the health and safety of all Mississippians," said Governor Tate Reeves.

In Holmes County, the runoff election is set between Thomas L. Carey and Brian Flowers.

The Governor continues to (Continued on page 4.)

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Sunny
86/63
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10 %



Friday
Partly Cloudy
85/68
Precip. Chance
10%



Saturday
P.M. Thunderstorms
80/51
Precip. Chance
80%



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
71/52
Precip. Chance
10%



Monday
Showers
67/52
Precip. Chance
40%



Tuesday
A.M. Showers
68/49
Precip. Chance
40%



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
71/51
Precip. Chance
20%

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