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Uncommon COVID-19 Heroes

Photos and cutlines by Matthew Breazeale



PHARMACIST



Dayle Diffey knows the concerns and worries of Holmes County’s sick and ailing residents. She hears their fears of not having prescribed medications when they need them. She is on the front lines of providing comfort, assurance and service during a time of “shelter in place.” Diffey says she and her coworkers at People’s Drug Store in Lexington are adapting during social distancing. They are being more accessible over the phone, handling transactions through their business’ front door and remain an anchor in their community. “We’re giving people peace of mind, they know we’re here,” said Diffey. “It’s a stressful time for both patients and us. We are working to keep everyone healthy.”



ELDER MASCOT



Macy the dog (pictured above with her handler Toni Lawshe) is a sweetheart, a pal, a friend, a comforter, and also a live-in resident at Lexington Manor. Veteran citizens at the facility remain on lock-down, meaning no visitors, no family, no outside traffic is allowed through the facility amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. All this to protect some of Lexington’s most vulnerable. Cue Macy, a furry companion that makes her rounds everyday going from room to room seeing all her extended family. Macy doesn’t even need a leash to perform her duties. Arriving as a stray at the end of 2009, Macy was adopted by all staff, residents and visiting family. Macy is a hero by simply being a friend.



GROCER



Mike McBride is managing more than just groceries at Sunflower in Lexington. Operating an “essential” business, while many others are closed in the county, McBride and his team are in the spotlight for supplying many in Holmes County. Adapting to social distancing practices has prompted new service practices like curbside grocery pick-up and increased sanitizing efforts. A 26 year veteran with Potter and Sims Foods, McBride said keeping the store stocked for his community is priority. “I haven’t seen a situation like we’re in now other than during Hurricane Katrina, a sustained long-term situation,” said McBride. Adapting and meeting needs of many people is just another day’s work.

Holmes County April/May Circuit Court terms set

Staff Report

The April and May 2020 terms of Holmes County Circuit Court will open on Monday, April 27, with criminal motions along with status conference with district attorney and defense attorneys. On Tuesday, April 28, there will be civil motions/riats.

On Wednesday, April 29, cases to heard are: case #19-0041, Lloyd Meeks, Ct. I uttering, Ct. II receiving stolen property habitual offender; case #17-0048 Kemechie Coffey, burglary-breaking and entering of occupied dwelling (bw); case #17-0045, Antwon M. Hogan, au-

to-burglary (bw); case #18-0052, Kenny Pepper, auto burglary habitual offender (bw); case #19-0052, Billy Barton, Ct. I armed robbery, Ct. II attempted armed robbery, Ct. III & IV aggravated assault, Ct. V conspiracy, Ct. VI & VII kidnapping, Ct. VIII burglary of dwelling;

case #19-0052, Ronnie Madison, Jr., Ct. I armed robbery, Ct. II attempted armed robbery, Ct. III & IV aggravated assault, Ct. V conspiracy, Ct. VI & VII kidnapping, Ct. VIII burglary of dwelling, Ct. IX possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; case #20-0021, Curtis Williams, malicious mischief.

On Thursday, April 30, cases to be heard are: case #19-0040, Donnie Turnage, Jr., aggravated assault; case

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Changes made to Lexington municipal court proceedings

Press Release

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus), the city of Lexington Municipal Court has cancelled all court proceedings scheduled for April 23, 2020.

If you had a matter scheduled for Municipal Court on March 26, 2020 or April 23,

2020, you will be contacted by mail for information regarding the re-scheduling of your court date.

Please contact a deputy clerk at the police department if your address or contact information has changed.

In an effort to comply with current social distancing guidelines, if you have been cited for a traffic citation, and you wish to pay your fine to avoid appearing in court, you may do so. Cash payments

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Thursday
A.M. Thunderstorms
76/56
Precip. Chance
80 %



Friday
Mostly Sunny
80/58
Precip. Chance
20%



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
74/51
Precip. Chance
20%



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
71/49
Precip. Chance
0%



Monday
Mostly Sunny
75/55
Precip. Chance
10%



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
80/61
Precip. Chance
20%



Wednesday
Scattered T'Storms
77/56
Precip. Chance
40%

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