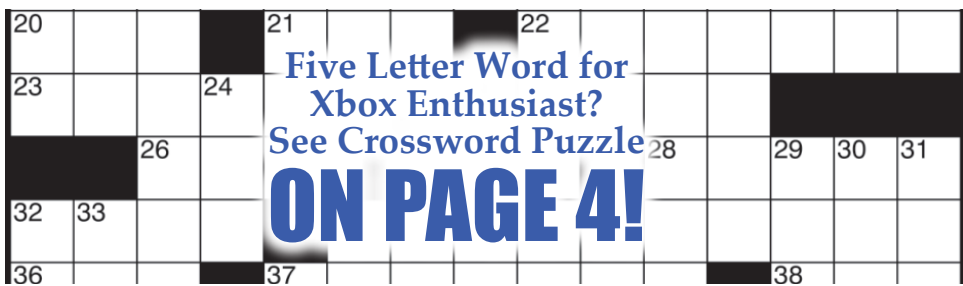




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Bunnie Thompson, from Kosciusko, is a registered nurse working in the COVID Unit at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Holmes County emergency room. Thompson, who has worked the past 20 years at the former Holmes County/Lexington Hospital, is focused on calming fears in patients that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and their families as well. Vital signs, respiratory issues, compromising health issues are all part of the assessments Thompson administers to see how sick a patient is. She helps them weigh their options for treatment, encourages patients to take their medications and therapies as prescribed. She lets them know help is available in Holmes County and people can always come back if needed.

Taylor Bethany, of Lexington, is a registered nurse at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. She soothes both hearts and minds as she works in the cardiovascular nursing unit. Patients recovering from heart related procedures are currently not allowed to have family or visitors with them, making it a lonely recovery process. Bethany ensures patients can reach out to their loved ones by phone, internet or Facetime. Bethany is taking on a more empathetic approach by spending extra time with each patient, giving assurance and being a go-between for patients and their families. In face of continued increased stringency, Bethany adheres to constant hand washing and strict sanitation practices. "I love being a nurse even through a crisis," said Bethany.

Amanda Rogers, of Coxburg, is a respiratory therapist at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Holmes County. Her role is essential with the global pandemic of COVID-19 being an viral respiratory infection. Rogers has been at her post since 1998, evaluating cardiac stats, breathing and heart functions in patients. Teamwork is required with doctors, nurses and other health care workers to reassure patients of their health concerns. "We want them not to feel like they're alone," said Rogers. Concerns of Rogers own family, her elderly mother and grandbaby, drive her to encourage others in practicing social distancing, increased sanitation practices, wearing face masks in public and staying at home if possible for public health.

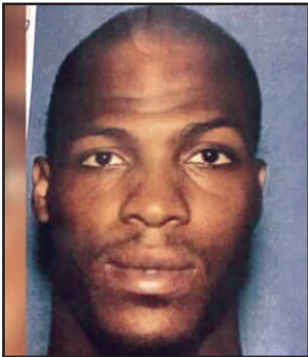
Escapee, robbery suspect captured

Staff Report

An escaped inmate from the Holmes-Humphreys Regional Correctional Facility was recovered over the weekend, according to the Holmes County Sheriff's Department.

Ronnie Madison was apprehended, May 2, with the

assistance of cooperating law enforcement agencies, U.S. Marshall Task Force, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Neshoba County Sheriff Eric Clark and Neshoba County Sheriff's Department. Madison escaped the Holmes County Jail on April 20.



RONNIE MADISON

Madison is facing charges on two counts of aggravated assault and armed robbery.

Audit of DHS reveals millions wasted

Auditor's office questions over \$90 million in spending of welfare grants and other funds

Press Release

Millions of dollars of grants from the Mississippi Department of Human Services (DHS) were misspent, converted to personal use, spent on family members and friends of staffers and grantees, or wasted, according to an audit released on

May 4 by State Auditor Shad White.

"This completed audit of DHS for the previous year shows the most egregious misspending my staff have seen in their careers at the Office of the State Auditor," said White. "When you read this one-hundred-plus page

audit, you will see that, if there was a way to misspend money, it seems DHS leadership or their grantees thought of it and tried it."

The audit of DHS came as a part of the Office of the State Auditor's yearly Single Audit of federal money (Continued on page 4.)

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Partly Cloudy
73/57
Precip. Chance
10 %



Friday
Thunderstorms
66/45
Precip. Chance
80%



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
67/43
Precip. Chance
0%



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
74/49
Precip. Chance
10%



Monday
Sunny
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Precip. Chance
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Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
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