

## Lexington to host area growers HC Consolidated School at outdoor market this year

By Matthew Breazeale mer produce will soon be property is owned by the selves," McCrory said. able to take advantage of this county. spring's harvest.

The Lexington Farmer's was prompted by the contin-Market will take on a new ued efforts of the COVID-19 day, June 26.

up outdoors at the corner of 8 a.m. Tchula Street and the Lex- "We will be practicing ington Court Square.

format of distributing fruits food give-away being held squash, zucchini, rattlesnake and vegetables starting Fri- every Friday at the Lexing-

ton Multi-Purpose Building. According to Lexington The market is usually hosted Mayor Robin McCrory the at the multi-purpose buildmarket this year will be set ing every Friday starting at ket will be open starting this

vendor social distancing, The former Crown Gas and customers too, provide

Station will host area ven- hand sanitizer, and vendors Lovers of fresh, local sum- dors to sell to the public. The will bag the produce them-

> It's still a little early for McCrory said the move corn and watermelons which are usually harvested in July. Other summer favorites like snap beans, okra, plums, blackberries and green tomatoes should be available.

> > The "Fresh Friday" mar-Friday through the growing season 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday.

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# **District establishes Food** Pantry and Clothes Closet

#### **Press Release**

Love and service; the gift that keeps on giving. This season of COVID-19 has been difficult for most to deal with, from economic depression, social distancing, distance learning and even death for some. It has been hard to see the light at the end of this devastating tunnel.

However, in Holmes County, one of the poorest coun-

made this small rural com- lead." munity stronger, resilient and more united than ever leadership committee, cafbefore. COVID-19 revealed eteria and transportation the best

Consolidated School District around the community and (HCCSD) closed its doors in immediately began serving March because of the pan- breakfast and lunch meals demic, Superintendent Dr. daily, to more than 3000 stu-James L. Henderson, knew dents. He bought additional he had to do something.

our community at large, cess to the internet so that ties in the United States, the needed us like never before," tragedy of COVID-19 has Henderson said. "We had to

Henderson, his student staff and anyone else that When the Holmes County he could find, galvanized computer devices for each "I knew our students, and household and provided acevery student in the district

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### **Mississippi gov rejects** 'separate but equal' 2-flag plan

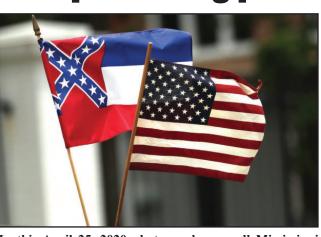
#### **Associated Press**

Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday that he's against having two state flags — the current banner with the Confederate battle emblem that critics see as racist, and a yet-to-be-determined design that would erase Confederate images.

"Over the weekend there has been a proposal floating amongst some in the Legislature to create a second Mississippi flag. Let's call it the 'Separate but Equal' flag option," Reeves said Monday on social media.

He said having two flags state.

"I don't believe it would replacement.



In this April 25, 2020 photograph, a small Mississippi state flag is held by a participant during a drive-by "reopen Mississippi" protest past the Governor's Mansion, in the background, in Jackson, Miss. This current flag has in the canton portion of the banner the design of the would further divide the Civil War-era Confederate battle flag, that has been the center of a long-simmering debate about its removal or (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)



The Lexington Farmers' Market will open on Fridays every day at 8 a.m. at the former Crown Gas Station at the corner of Tchula Street and the Lexington Court Square. The market, which is usually held at the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building, has a new location to accommodate the ongoing COVID-19 food distribution efforts to need citizens. Pictured above, this photo from and monuments are being 2017, shows vendor Sarah Bailey (at right), from Vaiden, holding one of her five dollar cabbages toppled in some states. Misfor sale, with vendor Mary Keys looking on. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale) sissippi has the only state

satisfy either side of this de

bate, and I don't think it is a viable alternative," Reeves said.

Confederate symbols have come under increased scrutiny in recent weeks amid protests against racial injustice across the United States,

flag that includes the Con- a 2001 statewide election federate battle emblem, a red chose to keep the flag, but the field topped by a blue X with rebel symbol has remained 13 white stars.

White supremacist Mississippi lawmakers set the flag tion. People who voted in

divisive in a state with a 38% Black population.

legislators Mississippi design in 1894 during the have the power to change backlash to political pow- the flag, just as they have er that African Americans changed other state symgained during Reconstruc- bols. Several years ago when (Continued on page 4.)

