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Lexington to host area growers at outdoor market this year

By Matthew Breazeale
Lovers of fresh, local summer produce will soon be able to take advantage of this spring's harvest. The Lexington Farmer's Market will take on a new format of distributing fruits and vegetables starting Friday, June 26. According to Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory the market this year will be set up outdoors at the corner of Tchula Street and the Lexington Court Square. The former Crown Gas

Station will host area vendors to sell to the public. The property is owned by the county. McCrory said the move was prompted by the continued efforts of the COVID-19 food give-away being held every Friday at the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building. The market is usually hosted at the multi-purpose building every Friday starting at 8 a.m. "We will be practicing vendor social distancing, and customers too, provide

hand sanitizer, and vendors will bag the produce themselves," McCrory said. It's still a little early for corn and watermelons which are usually harvested in July. Other summer favorites like squash, zucchini, rattlesnake snap beans, okra, plums, blackberries and green tomatoes should be available. The "Fresh Friday" market will be open starting this Friday through the growing season 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday. (Continued on page 6.)



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 2017, shows vendor Sarah Bailey (at right), from Vaiden, holding one of her five dollar cabbages for sale, with vendor Mary Keys looking on. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

HC Consolidated School 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 counties in the United States, the tragedy of COVID-19 has

made this small rural community stronger, resilient and more united than ever before. COVID-19 revealed the best. When the Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) closed its doors in March because of the pandemic, Superintendent Dr. James L. Henderson, knew he had to do something. "I knew our students, and our community at large, needed us like never before," Henderson said. "We had to

lead." Henderson, his student leadership committee, cafeteria and transportation staff and anyone else that he could find, galvanized around the community and immediately began serving breakfast and lunch meals daily, to more than 3000 students. He bought additional computer devices for each household and provided access to the internet so that every student in the district (Continued on page 12.)

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 would further divide the state. "I don't believe it would satisfy either side of this debate, 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, and monuments are being toppled in some states. Mississippi has the only state



In this April 25, 2020 photograph, a small Mississippi state flag is held by a participant during a drive-by "re-open 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 Civil War-era Confederate battle flag, that has been the center of a long-simmering debate about its removal or replacement. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

flag that includes the Confederate battle emblem, a red field topped by a blue X with 13 white stars. White supremacist Mississippi lawmakers set the flag design in 1894 during the backlash to political power that African Americans gained during Reconstruction. People who voted in

a 2001 statewide election chose to keep the flag, but the rebel symbol has remained divisive in a state with a 38% Black population. Mississippi legislators have the power to change the flag, just as they have changed other state symbols. Several years ago when (Continued on page 4.)

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