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New headmaster/athletic director to start at Central Holmes' 2020-21 school year

By Matthew Breazeale

As the new school year draws closer Central Holmes Christian School's new Head of School and Athletic Director Tim Burton is preparing to lead the school in academics and athletics amid evolving challenges.

A native of Greenwood, Burton's journey to Central Holmes has seen him teach and coach throughout the Delta.

Burton is married to Tammie (Morris), and they have three children, Courtney, 28, Brittnie, 28, and Eli, 20. He is the son of Jeanie (Avent) and Ellis Burton with two older sisters, Melinda and Cissy.

After graduating in 1986 from Greenwood High School, Burton attended Mississippi Delta Community College and graduated from Delta State University in 1990 majoring in social sciences education.

A lover of history and social sciences, Burton reveled in the study of people, "To some extent I was trying to figure out myself," Burton quipped.

"I started my teaching and coaching career at Cruger-Tchula Academy," said Burton. "I was there for six years, 1991-1997. I went from there to Pillow Academy. I was there from 1998 to last year. I was a coach and teacher, then moved to secondary principal at Pillow around 2011."

Burton coached football, baseball and track, but he said football is his favorite sport.

"I love baseball, but it feels like you're more involved in the game coaching football," Burton said. "There's more decisions to be made.



TIM BURTON

In baseball, most of the coaching is done before the game ever starts. That's why football is more enjoyable to coach, because of those end-game decisions."

Burton said his favorite NFL team growing up was Pittsburgh Steelers. These days he roots for his favorite maroon and white college team, Mississippi State University. Burton's twenty-year-old son Eli, will be a junior this year at the Starkville campus, majoring in computer engineering.

Burton's first official day was June 1 at the school although he had been transitioning as headmaster and athletic director since April with former Head of School Tony Banks.

Burton plans to relocate around the Seven Pines and

Blackhawk area. "My wife works in Greenwood at St. John's United Methodist Church. We want to find somewhere that is about half way for both of us."

School administration as headmaster and athletic director is the next challenge in Burton's career. Now with the global pandemic of COVID-19, Burton says he'll strive for normalcy for his faculty, staff and students.

"You think about keeping (faculty, staff and students) safe from dangers, but you don't think an invisible danger would be one you'd have to face. It's been stressful figuring out what all we can do to keep everyone as safe as possible," said Burton.

Those tactics for the upcoming school year are still (Continued on page 2.)

Farmers market sees increased foot traffic at new location



A rainbow of produce was ready for sale Friday morning, July 10, at the Lexington Farmers Market. This year the market is located on the Lexington Court Square garnering more visibility and foot traffic, according to Market Manager Algenia Adams. Vendors at set up every Friday morning on the corner of Tchula and Boulevard Streets, across from BankPlus. The market's new location was prompted by the ongoing food box give away held every Friday at the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building, where the market was held in years past. Pictured above (from right), Vendors Mary Keys and Sarah Bailey, both with Tucker Farms in Vaiden, speak with Adams (wearing red) while Delores Anderson selects blueberries for a pie she was planning to bake.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)




Purple Hull Peas was a favorite buy among market goers as seen above, Carolyn Matthews (center) and her husband Dwight (at left), purchase some from Junior Meeky of Acona. Market Manager Algenia Adams says cash, check or WIC vouchers can be used at the market.

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