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U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst names Miss. school districts to receive almost \$1.5 million to improve school safety *Holmes, Pearl River and Covington County School Districts each awarded almost half million dollars*

Press Release

U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst announced on Friday, September 11, that the Holmes County Consolidated School District, the Pearl River County School District, and the Covington County School District received awards totaling \$1,475,000 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) School Violence Prevention Program

(SVPP). Nationally, the COPS Office SVPP awarded nearly \$50 million in school safety funding. SVPP provides up to 75% funding for school safety measures in and around primary and secondary schools and school grounds.

The COPS Office is the federal component of the Department of Justice responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. Since 1994, the COPS

Office has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 134,000 officers and provide a variety of knowledge resource products including publications, training and technical assistance.

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New flag donated to Durant's Liberty Park

Staff Report

Retired U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant Chamaco Johnson, of Durant, continued his tradition of donating a U.S. Flag to the city of Durant for display in Liberty Memorial Park in memory of 9/11 (Patriot Day).

The formerly used flag was damaged by the last storm that passed through Durant and was replaced on Monday, September 7. Mayor Dr. Henry Robinson Jr. appreciates Johnson for his continued support to Liberty Memorial Park.

The first flag he donated, December 2002, was flown over Afghanistan by American pilots during a combat
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This photo taken Saturday, September 12, shows the American flag donated by Johnson on display at Liberty Park in Durant.
(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

Holmes Central Jaguars 1st conference game set Friday, Sept. 25



Holmes County Central High School Jaguars football team official team photo was released this past week. The Jaguars, currently 1-1 this season, have thirteen seniors, seventeen juniors, five sophomores and seven freshmen players. The Jaguars lost their non conference season opener on September 4 against Olive Branch Conquistadors, 6-13, but won their second game at home against the Columbus Falcons, 8-6, on Friday, September 11. They are set to play their first conference game against the Neshoba Central Rockets on Friday, September 25. Football players pictured above in cardinal red jerseys, are: Khamauri Rogers, Dandreyis Giles, Calvin Head, Jerrell Boyd, C'kobyis Grant, Ricky Fletcher, Quadarion Winters, Levi Wyatt, Joseph Head, Cory Ellington, Kaleb Washington, Tyrell Hodges, Trequan Hodges, Quatez Mcgee, Rotavin Wade, Michael Gipson, Ricky Webster, Derrick Smith, Octavious Pernell, Jeramiah Williams, Alfred Thompkin, Kendarious Brown, Shon Mason, Corleon Pate, De'Trayvious Frizell, Tyler Haynes, James Wells, Martavise Hogan, Lewis Washington, Octavious Huston, Reggie Thomas, Steven Marshall, Hunter Burns, Theo Hudson, Keyidric Dixon, Daekwon Stewart, Montrell Boyd, Marlique Fleming, Cordarren Woodson, Christopher Rogers, John Burns and Martavious Johnson. Coaching staff pictured above are (back row standing, wearing grey shirts, from left): starting with third from left, Malik Dear, Willie Jones, Richard Whigham, Head Coach Marcus Rogers, D.L. Canada, Alan Washington, Robert "Juice" Hogan and Darius Brown. Also pictured are the 2020-2021 Holmes County Central High School Cheerleaders and coach. Pictured above at the ends of each row are: first row (from left), Roslyn King, Diamond Dubose, Mariah Lewis, and Curaya Washington; Second row, from left, Tyneishia Wilder, Keandra Riley, Kaitlin Kimbrough and Tishawnah Rule; Third row, from left, Rayniya Pate, Kenyasha Bailey, Beyonce Vance and Viashondra Jefferson; and fourth row, from left, Jamiah Williams, Dorothy Head, Derica Junior and Alkira Wade. Cheer Coach Marissa Bulter is pictured above at top left.
(Photo Submitted)

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